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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, ED.

ACTION: Notice of a New System of Records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Education (ED) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled "Teacher Quality Recruitment Scholarship System (18-12-06)." The system will contain information about the current and former scholarship recipients, scholarship awards, terms of the scholarship, data about the amount and percentage of teaching time, certification and employing information about the employing school and school district. The Department seeks comment on this new system of records described in this notice, in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

DATES: We must receive your comments on the proposed routine uses for the system of records included in this notice on or before November 9, 2000. The Department filed a report describing the new system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Chair of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on October 4, 2000. The changes made in this notice will become effective after the 30-day period for OMB review of the system expires on November 3, 2000, unless OMB gives specific notice within the 30 days that the changes are not approved for implementation or requests an additional 10 days for its review. The routine uses become effective November 9, 2000 unless they need to be changed

as a result of public comment or OMB review. The Department will publish any changes to the routine uses.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about the proposed routine uses to John Tressler, Office of Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4082 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-4580. Telephone: (202) 708-8900. If you prefer to send comments through the Internet, use the following address: Comments@ed.gov.

You must include the term "SOR Teacher Quality" in the subject line of the electronic message.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all comments about this notice in room 4082 ROB-3, Seventh and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request, we supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, you may call (202) 205-8113 or (202) 260-9895. If you use a TDD, you may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Crowe, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6150, Washington, DC 20202-8525. Telephone: 202-502-7762. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Introduction

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) (Privacy Act) requires the Department to publish in the **Federal Register** this notice of a new system of records managed by the Department. The Department's regulations implementing the Act are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 34 CFR Part 5b.

The Privacy Act applies to information about individuals that

contain individually identifiable information and that may be retrieved by a unique identifier associated with each individual, such as a name or social security number. The information about each individual is called a "record" and the system, whether manual or computer-based, is called a "system of records." The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish notices of systems of records in the **Federal Register** and to prepare reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) whenever the agency publishes a new system of records.

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Dated: October 4, 2000.

A. Lee Fritschler,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

The Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education publishes a notice of a new system of records to read as follows:

18-12-06

SYSTEM NAME:

Teacher Quality Recruitment Scholarship System.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program, Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6151, Washington, DC 20006-8525.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

This system contains records on individuals who have been awarded

scholarships with funds provided under Title II of the Higher Education Act by States or partnerships to prepare to become kindergarten through twelfth-grade teachers.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

This system consists of information about scholarship recipients, including the amount and period of their scholarships and the institution that awarded them; information about former recipients, including data about the amount and percentage of time the teacher spends teaching; information about the awarding entity; information about the terms of the scholarship; the amount of the scholarship and information about the employing school and the school district, including a certification by the employing school or school district that it meets the regulatory definition of high-need.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Title II, Section 204(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the 1998 Higher Education Amendments, and 31 U.S.C. Chapter 37.

PURPOSE(S):

The information in this system will be used to ensure that recipients of scholarships provided with funds under Title II of the Higher Education Act who complete teacher education programs subsequently (1) teach in a high-need school of a high-need local educational agency for a period of time equivalent to the period for which the recipient received scholarship assistance; or (2) repay the amount of the scholarship. The information, therefore, is a tracking mechanism that will be used to carry out the statutory requirement found in Title II, Section 204(e). In addition the system information will be used to determine the success of the Teacher Recruitment component of the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant Programs in preparing new teachers for employment in high-need schools and school districts.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:

The Department of Education (the Department) may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records under the routine uses listed in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. These disclosures may be made on a case-by-case basis or, if the Department has complied with the computer matching requirements of the

Act, under a computer matching agreement.

(1) *Disclosure for Use by Other Law Enforcement Agencies.* The Department may disclose information to any Federal, State, local, or foreign agency or other public authority responsible for enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting violations of administrative, civil, or criminal law or regulation if that information is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative, or prosecutive responsibility within the receiving entity's jurisdiction.

(2) *Enforcement Disclosure.* In the event that information in this system of records indicates, either on its face or in connection with other information, a violation or potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, or order of a competent authority, the Department may disclose the relevant records to the appropriate agency, whether foreign, Federal, State, Tribal, or local, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting that violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, Executive order, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto.

(3) *Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Disclosures.*

(a) *Introduction.* In the event that one of the parties listed below is involved in litigation or ADR, or has an interest in litigation or ADR, the Department may disclose certain records to the parties described in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this routine use under the conditions specified in those paragraphs:

- (i) The Department of Education, or any component of the Department; or
- (ii) Any Department employee in his or her official capacity; or
- (iii) Any Department employee in his or her individual capacity if the Department of Justice (DOJ) has agreed to provide or arrange for representation for the employee;
- (iv) Any Department employee in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee; or
- (v) The United States where the Department determines that the litigation is likely to affect the Department or any of its components.

(b) *Disclosure to the DOJ.* If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to the DOJ is relevant and necessary to litigation or ADR, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the DOJ.

(c) *Administrative Disclosures.* If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to an adjudicative body before which the Department is authorized to appear, an individual or entity designated by the Department or

otherwise empowered to resolve or mediate disputes is relevant and necessary to the administrative litigation, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the adjudicative body, individual, or entity.

(d) *Parties, counsels, representatives and witnesses.* If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to a party, counsel, representative or witness in an administrative proceeding is relevant and necessary to the litigation, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the party, counsel, representative or witness.

(4) *Employment, Benefit, and Contracting Disclosure.*

(a) *For Decisions by the Department.* The Department may disclose a record to a Federal, State, or local agency maintaining civil, criminal, or other relevant enforcement or other pertinent records, or to another public authority or professional organization, if necessary to obtain information relevant to a decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee or other personnel action, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit.

(b) *For Decisions by Other Public Agencies and Professional Organizations.* The Department may disclose a record to a Federal, State, local, or foreign agency or other public authority or professional organization, in connection with the hiring or retention of an employee or other personnel action, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit, to the extent that the record is relevant and necessary to the receiving entity's decision on the matter.

(5) *Employee Grievance, Complaint or Conduct Disclosure.* The Department may disclose a record in this system of records to another agency of the Federal Government if the record is relevant to one of the following proceedings regarding a present or former employee of the Department: complaint, grievance, discipline or competence determination proceedings. The disclosure may only be made during the course of the proceeding.

(6) *Labor Organization Disclosure.* A component of the Department may disclose records to a labor organization if a contract between the component and a labor organization recognized under Title V of the United States Code, Chapter 71, provides that the Department will disclose personal records relevant to the organization's

mission. The disclosures will be made only as authorized by law.

(7) *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advice Disclosure.* The Department may disclose records to the Department of Justice and the Office of Management and Budget if the Department concludes that disclosure is desirable or necessary in determining whether particular records are required to be disclosed under the FOIA.

(8) *Disclosure to the Department of Justice (DOJ).* The Department may disclose records to the DOJ to the extent necessary for obtaining DOJ advice on any matter relevant to an audit, inspection, or other inquiry related to the programs covered by this system.

(9) *Contract Disclosure.* If the Department contracts with an entity for the purposes of performing any function that requires disclosure of records in this system to employees of the contractor, the Department may disclose the records to those employees. Before entering into such a contract, the Department shall require the contractor to maintain Privacy Act safeguards as required under 5 U.S.C. 552a(m) with respect to the records in the system.

(10) *Research Disclosure.* The Department may disclose records to a researcher if an appropriate official of the Department determines that the individual or organization to which the disclosure would be made is qualified to carry out specific research related to functions or purposes of this system of records. The official may disclose records from this system of records to that researcher solely for the purpose of carrying out that research related to the functions or purposes of this system of records. The researcher shall be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to the disclosed records.

(11) *Congressional Member Disclosure.* The Department may disclose records to a member of Congress from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the member made at the written request of that individual. The Member's right to the information is no greater than the right of the individual who requested it.

(12) *Disclosure to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Credit Reform Act (CRA) Support.* The Department may disclose records to OMB as necessary to fulfill CRA requirements.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12): The Department may disclose to a consumer reporting agency

information regarding a claim by the Department which is determined to be valid and overdue as follows: (1) The name, address, taxpayer identification number and other information necessary to establish the identity of the individual responsible for the claim; (2) the amount, status, and history of the claim; and (3) the program under which the claim arose. The Department may disclose the information specified in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12) and the procedures contained in subsection 31 U.S.C. 3711(e). A consumer reporting agency to which these disclosures may be made is defined at 31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM: STORAGE:

The records are maintained in hard copy, filed in standard filing cabinets; on access controlled personal computers; and on personal computer diskettes that are stored in filing cabinets.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Hardcopy files are retrieved by individual names, institutions of higher education and employing school districts. Electronic files may be accessed by using an individual's social security number, individual's name, name of institution of higher education, or name of employing school district.

SAFEGUARDS:

All physical access to the program location where this system of records is maintained is controlled and monitored by security personnel. The computers used by program staff to store any system data offer a high degree of resistance to tampering and circumvention. This security system limits data access to program staff and any contract staff that may be hired in the future. The system is available on a "need to know" basis. Controls are in place on individual's ability to access and alter records within the system. All users of this system are given unique user IDs with personal identifiers. All interactions by individual users with the system are recorded.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Disposition: Destroy five years after audit or ED's determination either that the scholarship recipient fulfills the service obligation or the indebtedness has been repaid or forgiven, whichever is later. (ED/RDS, Part 10, Item 3a)

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Director, Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant Programs, Office of

Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6150, Washington, DC 20006-8525.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

If you wish to determine if you have a record in this system, provide the system manager with your name, date of birth, and social security number. Your request must meet the regulatory requirements of 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

If you wish to gain access to your record in this system, provide the system manager with your name, date of birth, and social security number. Your request must meet the regulatory requirements of 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

If you wish to contest the content of a record, contact the system manager. Your request must meet the regulatory requirements of 34 CFR 5b.7, including proof of identity.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is obtained from individual scholarship recipients, institutions of higher education attended by the recipients, and school districts that have employed the recipients.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Stewardship Workshop, Rocky Flats

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Stewardship Workshop, Rocky Flats. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, October 26 through Friday, October 27, 2000.

TIME: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: Executive Tower Hotel, 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, CO 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, Rocky