



# FEDERAL REGISTER

## SUMMARY

July 16-31 2009

**Funding Notices** - These funding initiatives warrant your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Nonprofits or other entities must submit applications by a specific deadline and meet program criteria to be eligible for the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	
7/17/09	ED  Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)	<p><b>FYI: Request for applications under the Technical Assistance and Dissemination To Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities Program—National Center on Postsecondary Outcomes for Students with Disabilities.</b></p> <p><b>Estimated funding: \$800,000</b></p> <p><b>Application deadline: 8/17/09</b></p> <p>Based on provisions contained in the <i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i> (IDEA), the purpose of this program is to establish and fund a National Center on Postsecondary Outcomes for Students with Disabilities (center). In its 2003 study, the General Accountability Office (GAO) stressed the need for more information to assess postsecondary outcomes for students with disabilities. So, the department will fund a center that will provide technical assistance and information to the states on various outcome data. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-17126.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-17126.htm</a>.</p>
7/23/09	ED  Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)	<p><b>FYI: Request for applications under the Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities Program.</b></p> <p><b>Estimated funding: \$1,000,000</b></p> <p><b>Application deadline: 8/24/09</b></p> <p>Based on provisions contained in the <i>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</i> and the <i>Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965</i>, as amended, OSERS will fund a Center on Accessible and Supported Electronic Text to Improve Mathematics Achievement for Students with Disabilities. OSERS is looking to “close the performance gap” between students with disabilities and students without disabilities and to “find new approaches for including students with disabilities in challenging curriculum reforms in mathematics.” See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-17552.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-17552.htm</a>.</p>

**Other Notices** – Requests for Comments/Nominations that require a response by a specific date and/or corrections to previously published notices, guidance information, or adjusted federal funding for states (i.e. The Developmental Disabilities Act), along with other interesting funding information. Please take note of the following:

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7/16/09	Homeland Security	<b>Finalized “National Disaster Housing Strategy” (NDHS). Effective date: 1/16/09</b> As requested by the U.S. Congress in the <i>Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006</i> , FEMA has finalized the NDHS. The NDHS has two purposes: 1) It details emergency housing as it is currently provided; and 2) It details a new direction to take to provide disaster housing to better assist victims. The document “is intended to begin a long-term effort to build on current strengths and encourage all involved to work collaboratively and seek innovative housing solutions.” See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-16769.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-16769.htm</a> .
7/29/09	ED Education reform under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program.	<b>Request for comments on proposed requirements, definitions, and approval criteria for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program. Comment deadline: 8/28/09</b> Based on provisions provided in the <i>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009</i> (ARRA), the Secretary has proposed requirements, definitions, and approval criteria for the Stabilization program that requires states receiving funding for education reform to provide “assurances” in four areas that address teacher distribution, data use and collection, standards and assessments, and schools in difficulty. The program provides approximately \$48.6 billion in formula grants to states to “minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential services, in exchange for a State’s commitment to advance essential education reform in key areas.” See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-17906.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-17906.htm</a> .

**Proposed Rules** – Requests for comments that require a response by a specific date. Please take note of the following:

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None

**Final Rules** – Comments have been received, processed and program implementation policies have been finalized or withdrawn. Please take note of the following:

Date                      Dept.

None

**Meeting Notices** – Important information about upcoming federal agency meetings, audio conferences, and web casts. If you are unable to attend a meeting, most panels, committees, etc. will provide a transcript or other documents upon request. Use the contact information provided to request materials. Please take note of the following:

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7/17/09	SSA  Future Systems Technology Advisory Panel (FSTAP)	<p><b>Meeting Dates: 8/12/09 at 10:00 a.m. and 8/13/09 at 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Meeting Place: The Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA</b>            FSTAP provides advice and recommendations to the Commissioner of SSA on the agency's five to ten year future related to systems technology and electronic services. On the agenda are experts who may address areas of interest. A full agenda can be found at <a href="http://www.ssa.gov/fstap/index.htm">http://www.ssa.gov/fstap/index.htm</a> one week prior to the meeting. A public comment period has been scheduled for 8/12. For more information about FSTAP, use the link listed above. For more information about the meeting, contact Panel Staff at: <a href="mailto:FSTAP@ssa.gov">FSTAP@ssa.gov</a>. or at 410-966-4150.</p>
7/23/09	CCR  U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	<p><b>Meeting Date: 7/31/09 at 1:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)</b>  <b>Meeting Place: via teleconference – dial 1-800-597-7623 then enter conference ID#21390687.</b>            CCR investigates complaints of civil rights violations based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. In addition, CCR writes reports and makes recommendations on civil rights issues to the President and the U.S. Congress. On the agenda, among other things, is an update on the planning for a National Civil Rights Conference. For more information about CCR, go to: <a href="http://www.usccr.gov/">www.usccr.gov/</a>. For more information about the meeting, contact Lenore Ostrowsky at 202-376-8591 (voice) or at 202-376-8116 (TDD).</p>
7/23/09	EAC  U.S. Election Assistance Commission	<p><b>Meeting Dates: 8/6 and 8/7/09 at 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Meeting Place: Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, 340 North Third Street, Phoenix, AZ.</b>            EAC serves as a clearinghouse on federal election administration and oversees voting system guidelines. On the agenda is an update on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. For more information on EAC, go to: <a href="http://www.eac.gov/">www.eac.gov/</a>. For more information about the meeting, contact Bryan Whitener at 202-566-3100.</p>
7/23/09	TREA.  Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Earned Income Tax Credit Issue Committee	<p><b>Meeting Date: 8/12/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)</b>  <b>Meeting Place: via telephone conference call. Contact Audrey Y. Jenkins at 1-888-912-1227, 718-488-2085, or at <a href="http://www.improveirs.org">www.improveirs.org</a> for information on how to participate in the call.</b>            The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a federal income tax credit for low to moderate income working individuals and families. EITC is also one of the most difficult tax credits to navigate. On the agenda are “various IRS issues.” The public is invited to make oral or written comments. For more information about EITC, go to: <a href="http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96406,00.html">http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96406,00.html</a>. For more information about the meeting, contact Audrey Y. Jenkins using the information given above.</p>

- 7/29/09 CCR **Meeting Date: 8/7/09 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Meeting Place: 624 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Room 540, Washington, D.C.**  
 U.S. Commission on Civil Rights In addition to writing reports and making recommendations on civil rights issues to the President and the U.S. Congress, CCR also investigates complaints of civil rights violations based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. On the agenda are letters that address voter intimidation and racial and gender preferences in proposed health care legislation, just to name a few. For more information about CCR, go to: [www.usccr.gov/](http://www.usccr.gov/). For more information about the meeting, contact Lenore Ostrowsky at 202-376-8591 (voice) or at 202-376-6116 (TDD).
- 7/31/09 HHS **Meeting Date: 8/14/09 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting Place: The Holiday Inn Washington Capitol Hotel, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, D.C.**  
 Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) HIT Policy Committee This committee provides recommendations to the ONC on policy framework for the development and use of nationwide health information technology. On the agenda is a discussion of the definition of "Meaningful Use" and presentations from various workgroups. The public may present information, data, etc., orally or in writing to the committee. For more information about this committee, go to: <http://healthit.hhs.gov>. For more information about the meeting and submitting comments, contact Judy Sparrow at 202-205-4528 or at [judy.sparrow@hhs.gov](mailto:judy.sparrow@hhs.gov).
- 7/31/09 HHS **Meeting Date: 8/20/09 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting Place: The Holiday Inn Washington Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, D.C.**  
 Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) HIT Standards Committee This Committee provides recommendations to the ONC on standards, implementation, and certification criteria for the use of the electronic exchange of health information and coordinates with the HIT Policy Committee. On the agenda are various reports and recommendations from the following workgroups: Clinical Quality, Clinical Operations, and Privacy and Security. The public may make oral or submit written comments about the committee's operations. For more information about this committee, go to: <http://healthit.hhs.gov>. For more information the meeting and submitting comments, contact Judy Sparrow at 202-205-4528 or at [judy.sparrow@hhs.gov](mailto:judy.sparrow@hhs.gov).
- 7/31/09 SSA **Meeting Date: 8/31/09 at 12:00 p.m. (EDT)**  
**Meeting Place: via conference call at 1-866-244-4637. Enter conference ID as 1367805 and Leader/Host as Debra Tidwell-Peters.**  
 Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel Meeting (OIDAP) OIDAP provides advice and recommendations on ways to replace the Dictionary of Occupational Titles used in the disability determination process with an "occupational information System" that specifically addresses the needs of SSA's disability programs. The agenda will be posted at <http://www.ssa.gov/oidap/> one week before the meeting. For more information about OIDAP, use the link given above. For more information about the meeting contact Panel Staff via fax at 410-597-0825 or at [OIDAP@ssa.gov](mailto:OIDAP@ssa.gov).

**Presidential Documents** – These documents are statements, messages, remarks, and other materials released by the White House.

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7/28/09	The White House	<p><b>The President has proclaimed 7/25/09 as the “35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation” (LSC).</b></p> <p>In his remarks, the President pointed out the vital role played by LSC in the lives of individuals and families who are in need of civil legal assistance. LSC, which was established in 1974 by the U.S. Congress, funds 137 legal aid programs with over 900 offices around the nation and is the largest provider of legal services to the poor. See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18085.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18085.htm</a>.</p>
7/29/09	The White House	<p><b>The President has proclaimed 7/26/09 as the “Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act” (ADA).</b></p> <p>On this 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of ADA, the President noted that “this landmark legislation established a clear mandate against discrimination on the basis of disability so that people with disabilities would have an equal opportunity to achieve the American Dream.” See the document at: <a href="http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18280.htm">http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-18280.htm</a>.</p>