The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations by March 7, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Ms. Sue Bement, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Bureau of Indian Education, Division of Performance and Accountability, 1011 Indian School Road NW, Suite 332, Albuquerque, NM 87104, Telephone (505) 563–5274, or Fax to (505) 563–5281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Ms. Sue Bement, DFO, at the above listed address and telephone number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Board was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463. The following provides information about the Committee, the membership and the nomination process.

1. **Objective and Duties**

   (a) Members of the Advisory Board will provide guidance, advice and recommendations with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in BIE-funded schools in accordance with the requirements of IDEA;

   (b) The Advisory Board will:

      (1) Provide advice and recommendations for the coordination of services within the BIE and with other local, State and Federal agencies;

      (2) Provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues dealing with the provision of educational services to American Indian children with disabilities;

      (3) Serve as advocates for American Indian students with special education needs by providing advice and recommendations regarding best practices, effective program coordination strategies, and recommendations for improved educational programming;

      (4) Provide advice and recommendations for the preparation of information required to be submitted to the Secretary of Education under 20 U.S.C. 1411 (h)(2);

      (5) Provide advice and recommend policies concerning effective inter/intra-agency collaboration, including modifications to regulations, and the elimination of barriers to inter- and intra-agency programs and activities; and

      (6) Will report and direct all correspondence to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs through the Director, BIE with a courtesy copy to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).
2. Membership
   (a) Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(6), the Advisory Board will be composed of
each of the following interests: Indians with
teachers of children with disabilities; Indian parents or guardians
countering councils (for states having
representatives or tribal organization
members representing the various divisions and
obligations to which a member may be
(h) Nominees should have expertise
and interagency
tribal
of children with disabilities; service
Indian reservations); tribal
representatives; and other members
the various divisions and
entities of the BIE.
(b) The Assistant Secretary—Indian
Affairs may provide the Secretary of the
interest recommendations for the
chairperson; however, the chairperson
and other Advisory Board members will
be appointed by the Secretary of the
Interior. Advisory Board members shall
serve staggered terms of two years or
three years from the date of their
appointment.
3. Miscellaneous
   (a) Members of the Advisory Board
will not receive compensation, but will
be reimbursed for travel, including
subsistence, and other necessary
expenses incurred in the performance
of their duties in the same manner as
persons employed intermittently in
(b) A member may not participate in
matters that will directly affect, or
appear to affect, the financial interests
of the member or the member’s spouse
or minor children, unless authorized by
the appropriate ethics official.
Compensation from employment does
not constitute a financial interest of the
member so long as the matter before the
committee will not have a special or
distinct effect on the member or the
member’s employer, other than as part of
a class. The provisions of this
paragraph do not affect any other
provisions for public comment via
Electronic Filing System.
(c) The Advisory Board meets at least
twice a year, budget permitting, but
additional meetings may be held as
deemed necessary by the Assistant
Secretary—Indian Affairs or the DFO.
(d) All Advisory Board meetings are
open to the public in accordance with
the Federal Advisory Committee Act
regulations.

4. Nomination Information
   (a) Nominations are requested from
individuals, organizations, and federally
recognized tribes, as well as from State
Directors of Special Education (within
the 23 states in which BIE-funded
schools are located) concerned with the
education of Indian children with
disabilities as described above.
(b) Nominees should have expertise
and knowledge of the issues and/or
needs of American Indian children with
disabilities. Such knowledge and
expertise are needed to provide advice
and recommendations to the BIE
regarding the needs of American Indian
children with disabilities.
(c) A summary of the candidates’
qualifications (résumé or curriculum
vitae) must be included with the
nomination application, which can be
found on the Bureau of Indian
Education Web site. Nominees must
have the ability to attend Advisory
Board meetings, carry out Advisory
Board assignments, participate in
teleconference calls, and work in
groups.
(d) The Department of the Interior is
committed to providing equal
opportunities in the workplace and seeks
diverse Committee membership,
which is bound by Indian Preference
5. Basis for Nominations
   If you wish to nominate someone for
appointment to the Advisory Board,
person has agreed to have his or her
name submitted to the BIE for this
purpose.
6. Nomination Application
   Please fill out the application form
completely and include a copy of the
nominee’s résumé or curriculum vitae.
The membership nomination form can
be found on the BIE Web site at
http://www.bie.edu/Programs/
SpecialEd/AdvisoryBoard/index.htm.
7. Information Collection
   This collection of information is
authorized by OMB Control Number
1076—0179, “Solicitation of
Nominations for the Advisory Board for
Exceptional Children.”
   Dated: January 11, 2016.
Lawrence S. Roberts,
Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Advisory Board for Exceptional
Children
AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.
SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian
Education (BIE) is announcing that the
Advisory Board for Exceptional
Children (Advisory Board) will hold its
next meeting in Albuquerque, New
Mexico. The purpose of the meeting is
to meet the mandates of the Individuals
with Disabilities Education Act of 2004
(IDEA) for Indian children with
disabilities.
DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on
Thursday, March 17, 2016, from 8:30
a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, March 18,
2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Local
Time.
ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at
the Manual Lujan, Jr. Building, Room
234, 1011 Indian School Road NW.,
Albuquerque, NM 87104.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.
Sue Bement, Designated Federal Officer,
Bureau of Indian Education,
Albuquerque Service Center, Division of
Performance and Accountability, 1011
Indian School Road NW., Suite 332,
Albuquerque, NM 87104; telephone number (505) 563–5274.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Federal Advisory
Committee Act, BIE is announcing that
the Advisory Board will hold its next
meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
The Advisory Board was established
under the Individuals with Disabilities
Education Act of 2004 (20 U.S.C. 1400
et seq.) to advise the Secretary of the
Interior, through the Assistant
Secretary-Indian Affairs, on the needs of
Indian children with disabilities. The
meetings are open to the public.
The following items will be on the
agenda:
• Introduction of Advisory Board members
• Report from Gloria Yeka, Supervisory
Education Specialist, BIE, Division of
Performance and Accountability
• Report from BIE Director’s Office
• Board work on Priority’s for 2016
• Public Comment (via conference call,
March 18, 2016 meeting only*)
• BIE Advisory Board-Advice and
Recommendations
* During the March 18, 2016, meeting, time
has been set aside for public comment via
conference call from 1:30—2:00 p.m. Eastern
Standard Time. The call-in information is:

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