

## 2005 Current Fiscal Year Report: Regional Advisory Committees

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Education		2005	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Regional Advisory Committees		24849	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
Yes	10/26/2004	10/26/2006	05/01/2005
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes			05/01/2005
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>		<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No		Enacted
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
20 UCS 9605	12/29/2003	Ad hoc	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Other Committee			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b> 10			
<b>16b. Report Date</b>	<b>Report Title</b>		
03/31/2005	Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the Pacific Region [Region 10]		
03/31/2005	Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the Southeast Region [Region 1]		
03/31/2005	Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the Southwest Region [Region 2]		

03/31/2005 Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the West Region	[Region 3]
03/31/2005 Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs for the Appalachian Region	[Region 4]
03/31/2005 Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the Northeast Region	[Region 5]
03/31/2005 Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the Mid Atlantic	[Region 6]
03/31/2005 Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the Midcontinent Region	[Region 7]
03/31/2005 Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs of the Northcentral Region	[Region 8]
03/31/2005 Educational Challenges and Technical Assistance Needs for the Northwest Region	[Region 9]

**Number of Committee Reports Listed: 10**

**17a.** 40 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 40  
**Open**

**Meetings and Dates**

Purpose	Start	End
[Region 10] Regional Advisory Committee Orientation Meeting	12/02/2004	12/03/2004
[Region 10] Pacific Region Public Meeting #1	01/05/2005	01/05/2005
[Region 10] Pacific Region Public Meeting #2	02/09/2005	02/09/2005
[Region 10] Pacific RAC drafts final report.	03/10/2005	03/11/2005
[Region 1] Orientation	12/02/2004	12/03/2004
[Region 1] Southeast Region Public Meeting 1	01/07/2005	01/07/2005
[Region 1] Southeast Region Public Meeting 2	02/08/2005	02/08/2005
[Region 1] Southeast Region Meeting to draft final report	03/10/2005	03/11/2005
[Region 2] RAC Orientation Meeting	12/02/2004	12/03/2004

[Region 2]	Southwest Public Meeting I	01/05/2005 - 01/05/2005
[Region 2]	Southwest Public Meeting II	02/10/2005 - 02/10/2005
[Region 2]	Public Meeting III Draft final report for the Southwest RAC.	03/10/2005 - 03/11/2005
[Region 3]	Regional Advisory Committee Orientation	12/02/2004 - 12/03/2004
[Region 3]	First Public Meeting of the West Region	01/05/2005 - 01/05/2005
[Region 3]	Second Public Meeting of the West Region	02/11/2005 - 02/11/2005
[Region 3]	Third Public Meeting of the West Region - Draft final report	03/10/2005 - 03/11/2005
[Region 4]	Regional Advisory Committee Orientation	12/02/2004 - 12/03/2004
[Region 4]	Appalachian Region Public Meeting #1 to discuss regional challenges	01/07/2005 - 01/07/2005
[Region 4]	Appalachian Region Public Meeting #2 to discuss regional technical assistance	02/09/2005 - 02/09/2005
[Region 4]	Appalachian Region Public Meeting #3 to draft final report	03/10/2005 - 03/11/2005
[Region 5]	Regional Advisory Committee Orientation Meeting	12/02/2004 - 12/03/2004
[Region 5]	Northeast Region Public Meeting #1	01/04/2005 - 01/04/2005
[Region 5]	Northeast Region Public Meeting #2	02/10/2005 - 02/10/2005
[Region 5]	Northeast Region Public Meeting #3 to draft final report.	03/10/2005 - 03/11/2005
[Region 6]	Regional Advisory Committee Orientation	12/02/2004 - 12/03/2004
[Region 6]	Mid Atlantic Public Meeting, Number 1	01/04/2005 - 01/04/2005
[Region 6]	Mid Atlantic Regional Public Meeting Number 2 to identify technical assistance needs.	02/08/2005 - 02/08/2005
[Region 6]	Mid Atlantic Regional Public Meeting Number 3 to draft the final report.	03/10/2005 - 03/11/2005
[Region 7]	Regional Advisory Committee Orientation	12/02/2004 - 12/03/2004
[Region 7]	Midcontinent Region Public Meeting 1 to discuss regional challenges	01/04/2005 - 01/04/2005
[Region 7]	Midcontinent Region Public Meeting 2 to discuss regional technical assistance	02/10/2005 - 02/10/2005
[Region 7]	Midcontinent Region Public Meeting 3 to draft final report	03/10/2005 - 03/11/2005
[Region 8]	Regional Advisory Committee Orientation Meeting	12/02/2004 - 12/03/2004
[Region 8]	Northcentral Region Public Meeting #1 -- To identify and discuss educational challenges in the region.	01/05/2005 - 01/05/2005

Northcentral Region Public Meeting  
 [Region #2 -- To identify and discuss technical 02/08/2005 - 02/08/2005  
 8] assistance needs of the region.

[Region Northcentral Region Public Meeting 03/10/2005 - 03/11/2005  
 8] #3 -- To draft final report.

[Region Regional Advisory Committee 12/02/2004 - 12/03/2004  
 9] Orientation

[Region Northwest Reigon Public Meeting 1 to 01/04/2005 - 01/04/2005  
 9] discuss regional challenges

[Region Northwest Region Public Meeting 2 to 02/09/2005 - 02/09/2005  
 9] discuss regional technical assistance

[Region Northwest Region Public Meeting 3 to 03/10/2005 - 03/11/2005  
 9] draft final report

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 40**

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$125,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$222,491.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$1,668,533.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$2,024,024.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	1.25	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Regional Advisory Committees To help inform the Secretary's priorities for the Comprehensive Centers, the Secretary (in accordance with Section 206 of the TA Act) established ten regional advisory committees (RACs) charged with conducting education needs assessments within the geographical regions served by the current regional educational laboratories. In October 2004, the Secretary appointed 155 individuals to serve on the 10 RACs. The membership of each RAC consisted of individuals from the States in the region representing parents, practicing educators, higher education representatives, business representatives, researchers, and a representative from each State educational agency in the region. The RACs conducted their needs assessments between December 2004 and March 2005 by soliciting input from a broad constituency within each region through web-based and face-to-face interviews, focus groups, public hearings, written reports, and public comment on the following three questions: · What are the challenges and needs for assistance as schools, districts, and States strive to improve student achievement and implement the requirements of NCLB?· How can/should these needs be addressed through technical assistance?· How might Federal technical assistance providers help to address these technical assistance needs? The RACs submitted their regional assessment reports for the Secretary's consideration on March 31, 2005. The RACs identified several education challenges across the 10 regional reports, including for example: · Use of scientifically based research. Many educators have had little or no exposure to scientifically based research. The RACs urged that the new centers play a role in helping decision-makers and practitioners understand how

to identify and apply high-quality research to the specific circumstances and student populations within schools and classrooms. • Building State capacity to provide assistance to districts and schools. Under NCLB, States play a major role in creating and sustaining a statewide infrastructure that provides technical assistance to schools in need of improvement. Technical assistance is needed to strengthen the organizational capacity of States and local school districts to support and assist these schools. • Developing and using assessment and accountability systems. States need assistance with putting in place large-scale assessment and accountability systems to meet the requirements of NCLB and training policymakers, administrators, and teachers to use assessment and accountability data and information to assess needs, plan instruction, allocate resources, and monitor and evaluate school improvements efforts. • Addressing diversity and special-needs students. Related to efforts to close the achievement gap at the school and classroom levels, RAC members cited the need for proven instructional strategies for raising achievement in the core content areas, especially for limited English proficient and other students with special needs, as well as proven practices for preparing teachers to address the diverse needs of students. The RACs also cited the special circumstances and challenges faced by both urban and rural districts. • Teacher quality and preparedness. Improving teacher quality emerged as a key challenge identified by each of the RACs. Associated issues included instituting effective programs and strategies for the recruitment, induction, and retention of qualified teachers and identifying effective training models to enhance the knowledge and skills of existing teachers to enable them to meet the “highly qualified teacher”

requirements of NCLB. • Leadership for school improvement. Several of the RACs focused on the need to help States recruit, retain and provide professional development for school-level leaders. Part of the leadership challenge is the need for help with rethinking and restructuring education governance, resource management, and infrastructure within districts, intermediate units, and States. • Technology. The RACs identified the need for assistance facilitating the wider use of the Internet for the following: (a) to deliver educational programs to students; (b) to provide professional development and technical assistance to teachers and school administrators; (c) to provide information to parents; and (d) to improve communication between researchers and practitioners around proven practices. In addition to identifying these crosscutting challenges and technical assistance needs, the following themes for Federal technical assistance emerged: • Disseminating up to date information related to NCLB and other Federal programs. The RACs envisioned the new centers as integral to facilitating the dissemination of information about NCLB and other Federal programs, including key NCLB policies and providing technical assistance to support implementation of those policies. • Professional development and training. The RACs saw the centers as helping States with professional development and training, such as training on how to: identify research based practices for students at risk of academic failure, such as, students from economically disadvantaged families and students with limited proficiency in English; translate research into practice; use evaluation and accountability data to inform practice decisions; select and/or develop and use valid assessments; and implement statewide strategies for recruiting, training, and

retaining qualified teachers. • Online clearinghouses. Several of the RACs envisioned the centers as purveyors of knowledge that could be available to States and districts via the Internet, particularly around: effective teaching methods for special populations such as students with limited proficiency in English and students from economically disadvantaged families; effective teacher training models; effective leadership models; models for turning around low achieving schools; and models for improving parental involvement and choice. The Department expects that the new centers will address these and other existing challenges and emerging technical assistance needs by improving the quality, coordination, and focus of ongoing State and local NCLB implementation. Applicants for the centers were encouraged to consider the specific priorities and recommendations contained in the RAC reports in preparing their applications.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership includes representatives from 10 regional locations throughout the United States, and members were nominated by educational organizations and university-based research sources.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

These 10 regional advisory committees held 4 meetings each.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The assessment is required by the No Child Left Behind Act, to seek input from stakeholders on how the administration can meet the needs of the

regional laboratories and assist IES in that development. The legislation mandated the establishment and set forth the criteria for recruitment of the membership.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

No meetings were closed to the public.

**21. Remarks**

These committees submitted their individual reports to the Secretary, therefore completing their mission. The 10 regional committees were terminated on May 1, 2005. Ten regional advisory committees were established under one charter. Each committee submitted their annual report under the subcommittee category in this over all report.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Enid Simmons Project Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Kekualike Sing, David [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Professor, University of Hawaii at Hilo School Assessment	Representative Member
Mann, Monica [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Support Specialist, Hawaii DOE School Assessment	Representative Member
Mann, Monica [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Support Specialist, Hawaii DOE Director for	Representative Member
Poumele, Claire [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Instructional Services, DOE, American Samoa Director for	Representative Member
Poumele, Claire [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Instructional Services, DOE, American Samoa	Representative Member

Sablan, Rita [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Associate Commissioner for Instructional Services	Representative Member
Sablan, Rita [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Associate Commissioner for Instructional Services	Representative Member
Seielstad, Carol [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Special Education Teacher, Hanalei Elementary School	Representative Member
Seielstad, Carol [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Special Education Teacher, Hanalei Elementary School	Representative Member
Shishido, Jan [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Parent	Representative Member
Shishido, Jan [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Parent	Representative Member
Thielen, Laura [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Member, Hawaii Board of Education	Representative Member
Thielen, Laura [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Member, Hawaii Board of Education	Representative Member
Tkel-Sbal, Debbie [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Chief, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, Ministry of Education, Palau	Representative Member
Tkel-Sbal, Debbie [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Chief, Division of Curriculum & Instruction, Ministry of Education, Palau	Representative Member
Tuitele, Malaetele [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director, DOE	Representative Member
Tuitele, Malaetele [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director, DOE	Representative Member
Wolcott, Louise [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Complex Area Superintendent, Windward District	Representative Member
Wolcott, Louise [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Complex Area Superintendent, Windward District	Representative Member
Wong, Caroline [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Moanalua Intermediate School	Representative Member
Wong, Caroline [Region 10]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Moanalua Intermediate School	Representative Member

Appling, Sheila [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Centennial Place Elementary School, Atlanta	Representative Member
Appling, Sheila [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Centennial Place Elementary School, Atlanta	Representative Member
Bounds, Hank [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Pascagoula School District	Representative Member
Bounds, Hank [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Pascagoula School District	Representative Member
Bynam, Curtis [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director, Title I, North Carolina, DOE	Representative Member
Bynam, Curtis [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director, Title I, North Carolina, DOE	Representative Member
Davis, Tyna [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Manager, Educational Policies & Professional Practice, Alabama DOE	Representative Member
Fickert, Cynda [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Auburn Junior High School	Representative Member
Gassenheimer, Cathy [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	President, A+ Foundation	Representative Member
Hamm, Debra [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Chief Information Officer, Richland School District Two	Representative Member
Hinkle, Theresa [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, John T. Kernodle Middle School, Greensboro, NC	Representative Member
Hovenetz, Christy [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Educational Program Director, Florida DOE	Representative Member
Jackson, Calvin [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Superintendent, Division of District & Comm. Services, South Carolina DOE	Representative Member
Johnson, Henry [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	State Superintendent, Mississippi DOE	Representative Member
Murray, Marjorie [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director of Special Projects, Seminole County Public Schools	Representative Member

O'Neill, Norah [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director, Leadership Initiative, Southern Regional Ed. Board	Representative Member
Pijanowski, Lissa [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director of School of Improvment, Georgia DOE Program Director, NSF	Representative Member
Rose, Neva [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Math/Science Partnership, Atlanta Public Schools	Representative Member
Ruiz-Narcia, Simone [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Parent, Broward County, Florida Member, Cobb County School Board	Representative Member
Searcy, Laura [Region 1]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Parent, Euless, Texas Member,	Representative Member
Adams, Sonja [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	University of Houston Board of Trustees	Representative Member
Garcia, Veronica [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Secretary of Education, New Mexico DOE	Representative Member
Jacobi, Dawn [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Destrehan High School	Representative Member
James, Ken [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	General Education Division, Arkansas DOE	Representative Member
Koss, Cindy [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Assistant Superintendent, Oklahoma DOE	Representative Member
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Littlecreek, Valerie [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Counselor, Okemah Public Schools	Representative Member
Lopez, Roberto [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, George Sanchez Charter High School	Representative Member
Moore, Bob [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Oklahoma City Public Schools	Representative Member
Neeley, Shirley [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Commissionary of Education, Texas Education Agency	Representative Member

Tafoya, Charles [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, El Paso ISD	Representative Member
Tafoya, Charles [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, El Paso ISD	Representative Member
Wallin, Carole [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Superintendent, Louisiana DOE	Representative Member
White, Karen [Region 2]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Gallup-McKinley Count Schools	Representative Member
Awender, Michael [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Arizona State University Director English Language	Representative Member
Escobedo, Jane [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Learner Services, Sonoma Co. Office of Education Teacher, Manuel L. Real	Representative Member
Figurate, Lynn [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Elementary School, Perris, California	Representative Member
Gutierrez Ott, Maria [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Senior Deputy Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District	Representative Member
Hager, James [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Professor, University of Las Vegas, Nevada	Representative Member
Harrington, Patti [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State DOE Director, Teacher Support & Employee	Representative Member
Loughridge, Mary [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Development, Antelope Valley High School District	Representative Member
Nelson, Linda [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Chino Valley Unified School District	Representative Member
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Payne, Gavin [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Superintendent, California DOE	Representative Member

Smith, Rosemarie [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Amelia Earhart Elementary School, Provo, Utah	Representative Member
Solomon, Ruth [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Associate Superintendent for Policy, Arizona DOE	Representative Member
Stutz, D.J. [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	President, Nevada PTA	Representative Member
Turner, Pete [Region 3]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Liberty Elementary School District #25	Representative Member
Brothers, Wilburn [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Board Member, Elizabethtown Independent Schools	Representative Member
Hagans, Gloria [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Title I Coordinator, Norfolk City Public Schools	Representative Member
Innes, Richard [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Researcher, Bluegrass Institute	Representative Member
Johnson, Beth [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Owen County High School	Representative Member
Landers, Betsy [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	President, Tennessee PTA	Representative Member
Marple, Jorea [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Assistant State Superintendent of Schools, Division of School Improvement	Representative Member
McCargar, Julie [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Executive Director, Federal Programs, Tennessee DOE	Representative Member
McLaughlin Grissom, Johnnie [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Associate Commissioner, Kentucky DOE	Representative Member
O'Rourke, Doreen [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher/Reading Specialist	Representative Member
Roach, David [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Cabell County School District	Representative Member
Spencer, Brenda [Region 4]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Title I Coordinator, Virginia DOE	Representative Member

Butterworth, James [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Assistant Commissioner, School Improvement & Community Services, New York State DOE	Representative Member
Daly, Ceronne [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director of TEACH Boston, Boston Public Schools	Representative Member
Donahue, Nicholas [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Commissioner of Education, New Hampshire DOE	Representative Member
Grachelli, Sandy [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Reading Specialist, W.B. Sweeney Elementary School	Representative Member
Holmes, Jaci [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Federal Liaison, Maine DOE	Representative Member
McNally, Peter [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	First Vice President, Council of Supervisors & Administration, AFT	Representative Member
Neale, Elizabeth [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Silvio Conte Community Schools	Representative Member
Pillsbury, Jean [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, North Elementary School	Representative Member
Pinckney, Elaine [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Commissioner, Vermont DOE	Representative Member
Ramos, John [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Commissioner of Education, Connecticut DOE	Representative Member
Richards, Francis [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Policy Support Specialist, Rhode Island Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education Curriculum Coordinator,	Representative Member
Riley, Sally [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Rochester Schools, New Hampshire	Representative Member
Rodriguez Nogue, Ramonita [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director, Teacher Professional Development Institute	Representative Member

Ross Braithewaite, Jewel [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Eulalie Rivera Elementary Schools	Representative Member
Sears, Doug [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Dean, Boston University School of Education	Representative Member
Thomson, Carole [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Associate Commissioner, Massachusetts DOE	Representative Member
Tracy, Lyonel [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Portsmouth School District	Representative Member
Villanova, Robert [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Farmington Public Schools	Representative Member
Weisman, Vivian [Region 5]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Executive Director, Rhode Island Parent Information Network	Representative Member
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Adams, William [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Member, Washington Pennsylvania School Board	Representative Member
Allen, Darlene [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	President, DC PTA	Representative Member
Brittingham, Sharon [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Frankfort Elementary School, DE	Representative Member
Krehbiel, Cheryl [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Broad Acres Elementary School	Representative Member
Krehbiel, Cheryl [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Broad Acres Elementary School	Representative Member
Linn, Dane [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director, Education Policy Studies, National Governors Association	Representative Member
Manno, Bruno [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Annie E. Casey Foundation	Representative Member
Mazzuca, Patricia [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Roberto Clemente Middle School	Representative Member

McCarthy, Mike [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Executive Director, Pennsylvania Business Roundtable	Representative Member
Monillas, Albert [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Regional Assistant Education Coordinator,	Representative Member
Pollack, Jessie [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Measurement & Research, Maryland DOE	Representative Member
Rath, Antoinette [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Mount Laurel Public Schools	Representative Member
Rice, Bob [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	DC Public Schools	Representative Member
Roberts, Carl [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Cecil County Schools	Representative Member
Sheffer, Jim [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Division Chief, Federal Progrmas, Pennsylvania DOE	Representative Member
Webster-O'Dell, Wendi [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Chair, New Jersey Parent & Family Involvement Committee	Representative Member
Wilson, Nancy [Region 6]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Associate Secretary of Education, Delaware DOE	Representative Member
Aguirre-Mayer, Sandy [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Member, Hispanic Council for Reform & Educational Options	Representative Member
Blankenship, Trent [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Wyoming DOE	Representative Member
Bluestone, Marc [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Assistant Principal, New Town Public Schools	Representative Member
Boden, Andrea [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	District Coordinator, Gering School District	Representative Member
Devin, Irene [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	State Senator & Parent, Laramie, Wyomine	Representative Member

Feis, Polly [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Commissioner of Education, Nebraska DOE	Representative Member
Gillespie, Kim [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Pioneer Trail Junior High School Missouri	Representative Member
King, D. [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Department of Elementary & Secondary Education	Representative Member
Kulas, Cheryl [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Executive Director, North Dakota Indian Commission, North Dakota DOE	Representative Member
Lawrence, John [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Troy School District	Representative Member
Lukens, Karen [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Sioux Falls Hawthorne Elementary School	Representative Member
Melmer, Rick [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Secretary of Education, South Dakota DOE	Representative Member
O'Brien, Jo [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Assistant to the Commissioner for Learning Results, Colorado DOE	Representative Member
Owen, Keith [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director of Reading, Pueblo School District 60	Representative Member
Posny, Alexa [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Assistant Commissioner, Kansas DOE	Representative Member
Sanders, Vonnice [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	ESL Teacher, Fargo Public Schools	Representative Member
Sawyer, W.L. [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Topeka School District	Representative Member
Scheffel, Deborah [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Professor, Director of Academic Assessment, University of Northern Colorado	Representative Member
Woodford, Rick [Region 7]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director of Special Education, Lincoln County School District II	Representative Member

Chester, Mitch [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director of Accountability, Ohio DOE	Representative Member
Christensen, Linda [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director of Instruction, Verona School District	Representative Member
Clapper, Ann [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Researcher, National Center on Education Outcomes	Representative Member
Clark, Brent [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/10/2005	Superintendent, Belleville Township High School District #201	Representative Member
Coles-Chalmers, Patricia [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Assistant Superintendent, Kalamazoo Public Schools	Representative Member
Evert, Thomas [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, School District of Janesville	Representative Member
Flahive, Mary [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Mathematics Department, Cleveland School District	Representative Member
Hollerith, Charlie [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Harlem High School	Representative Member
Jackson, Sharnell [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Chief eLearning Officer, Chicago Public Schools	Representative Member
Jeffrey, Judy [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Interim Director, Iowa DOE	Representative Member
Jones, Marilyn [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	President, Indiana PTA	Representative Member
Land Usher, Phyllis [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Superintendent, Indiana DOE	Representative Member
Messer, Quentin [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Director of Community School Sponsorship, Fordham Foundation	Representative Member
Morrison, Dave [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Prospect High School	Representative Member
Nerad, Dan [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Green Bay School Area Superintendent	Representative Member
Newing, Angela [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Teacher, Forsythe Middle School	Representative Member

Reynolds, Ginger [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning	Representative Member
Sanders, Celestine [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Thomas Gist Academy	Representative Member
Seagren, Alice [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Minnesota DOE	Representative Member
Stoff, Richard [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	President, Ohio Business Roundtable	Representative Member
Thompson, Mike [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Federal Policy Advisor, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	Representative Member
Wolenberg, Carol [Region 8]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Superintendent, Michigan DOE	Representative Member
Barnhardt, Ray [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Professor/Director for Cross Cultural Studies, University of Alaska Fairbanks	Representative Member
Davidson, Marilyn [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Kodiak Island Borough School District	Representative Member
Heuschel, Mary [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Superintendent, Washington DOE	Representative Member
Horman, Wendy [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Parent	Representative Member
Johnson, Karen [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Member, Raymond School Board	Representative Member
Kinney, Patti [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, Talent Middle School	Representative Member
Larson, Rob [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Rderal Liaison, Oregon DOE	Representative Member
McGee, Karen [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Idaho State Board of Education	Representative Member
Rehfeld, Karen [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Early Education & Early Development	Representative Member
Reisig, Douglas [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Superintendent, Hellgate Elementary Public School #4	Representative Member

Rhines, Chris [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Title I Coordinator, Beaverton School District	Representative Member
Williams, Dennis [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Deputy Superintendent, Montana Office of Public Instruction	Representative Member
Williamson, Susan [Region 9]	12/01/2004	05/01/2005	Principal, William Howard Taft Elementary School	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 172**

### **Narrative Description**

In order to assist the Secretary in developing priorities for the Comprehensive Centers, required by law in Section 206 of P.L. 107-279, the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, the Secretary of Education established ten regional advisory committees (RACs) charged with conducting educational needs assessments within the geographical regions served by the current regional educational laboratories. In October 2004, the Secretary appointed 155 members to serve on the 10 RACs. The RACs conducted their needs assessment between December 2004 and March 2005 by soliciting input from a broad constituency within each region through web-based and face-to-face interviews, focus groups, public hearings, written reports, and public comments.

### **What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other ☐

### Outcome Comments

NA

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

NA

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

7

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The RACs identified several education challenges across the 10 regional reports, which included the 7 recommendations mentioned above.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

80%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

20%

## **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

## **Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

## **Agency Feedback Comments**

Based on a review of RAC recommendations, evaluations, and performance reports of the current comprehensive centers; feedback from Department staff focused interviews with technical assistance customers commissioned by the Department and came up with four fundamental principles for the new centers.

## **What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Action Comments**

NA

## **Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

## **Grant Review Comments**

NA

## **How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

NA