The Board of Regents Transparency Task Force will hold public hearings in the Des Moines metro area, Council Bluffs, Muscatine and Dubuque in the coming weeks. The Transparency Task Force is charged with making recommendations to the Board of Regents relating to transparency at the Board of Regents, the three public universities and two special schools.

Individuals are invited to attend the public hearings and offer comments relating to transparency at the Board of Regents and the five institutions. The information from the public hearings will be utilized by the committee as it formulates recommendations.

The first of the four public hearings is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Room 226, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa. Public hearing attendees may participate from the following Iowa Communication Network (ICN) locations.

Transparency Task Force origination site:
Johnston High School, Room 226, 6501 NW 62nd Avenue, Johnston, IA 50131

Other available ICN sites:
Clear Lake High School, ICN Classroom, 125 N. 20th Street, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428
Webster City High School, Room 19, 1001 Lynx Avenue, Webster City, Iowa 50592
Algona Bishop Garrigan High School, ICN Classroom, 1224 N. McCoy Street, Algona, Iowa
Marshalltown High School, Room 173, 1602 S. 2nd Avenue, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158
Newton Senior High School, Room 104, 800 E. 4th Street S, Newton, Iowa 50208
Knoxville High School, ICN Classroom, 1811 W. Madison, Knoxville, Iowa 50138
Osceola-Clarke Community High School, ICN Classroom, 800 N. Jackson, Osceola, Iowa 50213

Persons wishing to speak at the April 17 public hearing may sign up by e-mail using the “Contact Information” link on the Board of Regents Transparency Task Force web page (http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/ttf.htm) or by calling Ann McCarthy at 515-281-3934. Each speaker is asked to provide his or her name and the ICN site where the person plans to attend the public hearing. Speaking time is limited to three minutes per individual.

Individuals preferring to provide comments in writing may do so at any time using the “Contact Information” link provided above or by mailing comments to: Transparency Task Force, c/o Iowa Board of Regents, 11260 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, Iowa 50322.

Dates and ICN locations for the public hearings in Council Bluffs, Muscatine and Dubuque will be announced next week. Additional public hearings may be scheduled as determined by the Transparency Task Force.

For more information about the Transparency Task Force, see the Board of Regents web site at http://www.regents.iowa.gov/TransparencyTaskForce/ttf.htm.