

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NAEP ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) – administers NAEP under the direction of the Institute of Education Sciences, the U.S. Department of Education.

National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) – governs and sets policy for NAEP by guiding the development of NAEP frameworks and determining the content to be assessed, the guidelines for reporting, and the calendar of assessments.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) - is responsible for developing the assessment instruments, overseeing the scoring of student responses, analyzing the data, and reporting the results.

Westat Research - is responsible for selecting school and student samples and managing field operations with the help of their field staff.

American Institute for Research (AIR) - also a subcontractor to ETS, is responsible for developing the background questionnaires, cognitive items, and scoring rubrics; assisting in the scoring and training of scorers; and participating in the review of assessment items.

Pearson Educational Measurement (PEM) - a subcontractor to ETS, is responsible for printing and distributing assessment materials as well as for scanning and scoring student responses.

Government Micro Resources, Incorporated (GMRI) – provides a Web Content Management System for NCES/NAEP that allows designated NAEP contractors to contribute to and manage designated channels of web content.

Hager Sharp – plans and staffs meetings and arranges travel and activities for NAEP-related meetings.

Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO) – assists NCES in identifying any weaknesses or flaws in the NAEP process and makes recommendations to strengthen the NAEP assessment system.

National Education Statistics Service Institute (NESSI) – provides research, development, and operational support to NCES.