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**Peter R. Young,**

*NCLIS Executive Director.*

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## **NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**

### **Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice of Change in Subject of Meeting**

The National Credit Union Administration Board determined that agency business requires the deletion of the following items from the previously announced open meeting (Federal Register, Vol. 62, No. 7, Page 18152, April 14, 1997) scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 1997.

1. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Convert to a Community Charter.

2. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Expand its Community Charter.

The Board voted (2-to-1, Vice Chairman Bowné voted against) to delete these items from the open agenda. Agency business requires these changes and no earlier announcement of this was possible.

The previously announced items were:

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Open Meeting.

2. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Convert to a Community Charter.

3. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Expand its Community Charter.

4. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Convert to a Low-Income Community Charter.

5. Charter Application from a Proposed Community Federal Credit Union.

6. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Convert to a Mutual Savings Bank Charter.

7. NCUA Board Policy Statement on Special Actions.

8. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Amendments to Part 792, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Production of Nonpublic Records and Testimony of NCUA Employees in Private Legal Proceedings.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board,  
Telephone (703) 518-6304.

**Becky Baker,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## **NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY**

### **Proposed OMB Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Literacy (NIFL).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces an Information Collection Request (ICR) by the NIFL. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden.

**DATE:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 19, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments concerning these proposed activities should be addressed to Jaleh Behrooz Soroui, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington DC 20006. Comments may also be sent through the Internet to JSoroui@nifl.gov.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jaleh Behrooz Soroui at (202) 632-1506, Fax at (202) 632-1512, or e-mail: JSoroui@nifl.gov

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* NIFL Regional Technology HUB Project.

*Abstract:* The National Literacy Act of 1991 established the National Institute for Literacy and required that the NIFL conduct basic and applied research and demonstrations on literacy; collect and disseminate information to Federal, State and local entities with respect to literacy; and improve and expand the system for delivery of literacy services. This form will be used by organizations to apply for funding to expand LINC regional hubs activities, resources, and services that will enhance technological capacity for electronic exchange across the literacy community. Evaluations to determine successful applicants will be made by a panel of literacy experts using the published criteria. The Institute will use this information to make a minimum of one cooperative agreement award for a period of up to 3 years.

*Burden Statement:* The burden for this collection of information is estimated at 55 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, complete the form, and review the collection of information.

*Respondents:* Statewide Adult Basic Education and Literacy Organizations, Regions II, III and IV.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 210 hours.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time.

Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: Jaleh Behrooz Soroui, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Ave., NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

#### **Request for Comments**

NIFL solicits comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information.

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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**Andrew J. Hartman,**

*Director, NIFL.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

*Title of Proposed Collection:* National Science Foundation Applicant Survey.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this proposed renewal. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB grant renewal of this survey for no longer than 3 years.

To request more information on the proposed project that is described below or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the NSF Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1125 x2010 or email at gmchenry@nsf.gov.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Renewal Project:** The current National Science Foundation Applicant Survey has been in use for 3 years. Data were collected from applicant pools to examine the racial/sexual/disability composition and to determine the source of information about NSF vacancies.

**Use of the information:** Analysis of the applicant pools is necessary to determine if NSF's targeted recruitment efforts are reaching groups that are underrepresented in the Agency's workforce and/or to defend the Foundation's practices in discrimination cases.

**Burden on the public:** The Foundation estimates about 5,000 responses annually at 3 minutes per response; this computes to approximately 250 hours annually.

Please send comments to Gail A. McHenry, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 245, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to gmchenry@nsf.gov. Written comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

**Gail A. McHenry,**  
Reports Clearance Officer.

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## NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD

### Request for Comments; Notice of Public Hearing

The National Skill Standards Board (NSSB) announces a public hearing to stimulate public dialogue on key issues relevant to the decision-making of the NSSB, and notifies the public of the date, location, and time of the hearing. This public hearing will solicit the public's views on the NSSB's proposed criteria necessary to receive NSSB recognition as a Voluntary Partnership, the entity that will develop skill standards systems in accordance with the 1994 National Skill Standards Act. The NSSB's proposed criteria cover: roles and governance of a Voluntary

Partnership' voting leadership; and diversity requirements.

#### DATE AND ADDRESS:

##### *Hearing Date and Address*

Monday, May 12, 1997, Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001, (202) 737-1234.

##### *Comment Date for Public Hearing*

Comments and notices of intent to present oral statements at the hearing must be received 5 business days before the hearing by the NSSB Public Hearing Coordinator at the address below.

Written comments may be submitted through the hearing date, May 12, to the National Skill Standards Board office. The requirements for the comments are set forth in the "Additional Information" section below.

**TO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** NSSB Public Hearing Coordinator, National Skill Standards Board, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9000, Washington, DC 20005-3512, (202)-254-8628 (voice) (202)-254-8646 (fax).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

##### *Form of Public Comment*

The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. To assist the NSSB in scheduling speakers, the written notice of intent to present oral comments should include the following information: 1) the name, address, and telephone number of each person to appear; 2) title and affiliation; and 3) the specific questions, issues or concerns that will be addressed.

Individuals who do not register in advance will be permitted to register and speak, if time permits, in order of registration. Speakers should limit their oral remarks to no more than 10 minutes. Although it is anticipated that all persons desiring to speak will have an opportunity to do so, time limits may not allow this to occur. However, all written statements will be accepted and incorporated into the public record. The proceedings will be audit-taped and transcribed.

##### *Meeting Procedure*

Members of the National Skill Standards Board will comprise the hearing panel. A designated member of the NSSB will preside at the hearing. The Presiding Board Member will:

- (1) Regulate the course of the meeting, including the order of appearance of persons presenting oral statements;
- (2) Dispose of procedural matters; and

- (3) Limit the presentations to matters pertinent to the issues raised in this notice.

##### *Background: National Skill Standards Board*

The National Skill Standards Board was created by The National Skill Standards Act of 1994 (108 Stat 192,20 U.S.C. 5933), signed into law by President Clinton on March 31, 1994. The Board's purpose as stated in the Act is "to serve as a catalyst in stimulating the development and adoption of a voluntary national system of skill standards and of assessment and certification of attainment of skill standards: (1) that will serve as a cornerstone of the national strategy to enhance workforce skills; (2) that will result in increased productivity, economic growth, and American economic competitiveness; and (3) that can be used consistent with civil rights laws" by the stakeholders enumerated in the Act: the nation, industries, employers, labor organizations, workers, students, entry-level workers, training providers, educators and government.

This hearing is one in a series of activities conducted by the NSSB to engage in extensive public consultation as it deliberates the creation of a national voluntary skill standards system. At prior public hearings held in 1996 at numerous locations throughout the country, the Board gathered input from employers, professional associations, trade associations, unions, educators, parents, community organizations, state government agencies, and others. Their views provided a framework for the Board's development of a voluntary system of skill standards. The National Skill Standards Board will continue to develop its policies and approaches by sharing its preliminary thinking with the public before the Board's final adoption of policies.

The Board also published in the December 19, 1996 **Federal Register** its Proposal to Establish a Voluntary National Skill Standard System and requested comments from the public. The Proposal described the grouping of jobs for the purpose of creating skill standards, as required by the National Skill Standards Act, and the framework to guide the establishment of a skill standards system.

##### *Background: Voluntary Partnerships*

To create these skill standards, the enabling legislation charges the NSSB with the encouragement of the establishment of voluntary Partnerships within each cluster. These Voluntary Partnerships will establish the