

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

Title of Proposed Collection: NSF Surveys to Measure Customer Service Satisfaction.

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. This material is being submitted for OMB review with no changes. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the NSF Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1125 x2010.

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 Project: On September 11, 1993, President Clinton issued Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards," which calls for Federal agencies to provide service that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. Section 1(b) of that order requires agencies to "survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services." The National Science Foundation (NSF) has an ongoing need to collect information from its customer community (primarily individuals and organizations engaged in science and engineering research and education) about the quality and kind of services it provides and use that information to help improve agency operations and services.

Burden on the Public: The burden on the public will change according to the needs of each individual customer satisfaction survey, however, each survey is estimated to take approximately 30 minutes per response.

Send comments to Gail A. McHenry, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 245, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Written comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

Dated: April 17, 1997.

Herman G. Fleming,

Reports Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (No. 1189).

Date and Time: May 9, 1997; 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1150, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Edward H. Bryan, Ph.D., Environmental Engineering Program, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 17, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences, Code 1754.

Date and Time: May 14-16, 1997.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 380, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Charles O'Kelly, Division of Environmental Biology, Room 635, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1479.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Partnerships for Enhancing Expertise in Taxonomy (PEET) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education.

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 13, 1997.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 830, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Gerhard Salinger, Program Director, Division of Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1614.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals for the Advance Technological Education Program submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Grants: Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) #1198.

Date: May 12, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; May 12, 1997.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 365, Arlington, Virginia 22230, 703-306-1683 FAX 703-306-0456.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact: Dr. Richard J. Anderson, Head, Office of Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), National Science Foundation, Suite 875, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1683.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning year-5 renewal of EPSCoR Cooperative Agreements for the states of Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, and West Virginia.

Agenda: To review and evaluate year 5 renewal requests from five (5) states participating in the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Proposals request support for the final 12 months of 60-month EPSCoR Cooperative Agreements and are submitted in response to NSF solicitation 95-141.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

Date and Time: Sunday, May 11-Friday, May 16, 1997; 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

Place: Rooms 310, 320, 330, 340, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Michael R. Reeve, Section Head, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1582.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Ocean Sciences Research Section (OSRS) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason For Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in The Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Information, Robotics and Intelligent Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Information, Robotics and Intelligent Systems (1200).

Date and Time: May 5-6, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: St. James Hotel, 950 24th Street, NW., Washington, DC 22037.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Maria Zemankova, Deputy Division Director, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1929.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Database and Expert Systems Program proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Networking & Communications Research & Infrastructure; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Networking and Communications Research & Infrastructure (#1207).

Date and Time: May 15 and 16, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1175 Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of meeting: Closed.

Contact person(s): Tatsuya Suda, Program director, CISE/NCRI, Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1950.

Purpose of meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review & evaluate proposals submitted for the Networking and Communications Program.

Reason for closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b.(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (1209).

Date and Time: May 9, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 950, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.