

Information collection	Respondents	Frequency	Responses	Time	Total hours
Work Statements .....	55	1	55	1-2 hr. ....	55-110
BIF (LMI 1A, 1B) .....	55	1	55	1-6 hr. ....	55-330
Quarterly Automated Financial Reports .....	48	4	192	10-50 min. ..	32-160
Monthly Automated Financial Reports .....	48	*8	384	5-25 min. ....	32-160
BLS Cooperative Statistics Financial Report (LMI 2A) .....	7	12	84	1-5 hr. ....	84-420
Quarterly Status Report (LMI 2B) .....	1-30	4	4-120	1 hr. ....	4-120
Budget Variance Request Form .....	1-55	1	1-55	5-25 min. ....	0-23
<b>Total</b> .....	1-55	.....	775-945	.....	262-1323
<b>Average Totals</b> .....	55	.....	860	.....	793

\* Reports are not received for end-of-quarter months, i.e., December, March, June, September.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of January 2006.

**Cathy Kazanowski**

Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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development issues related to MCA-eligible countries; and certain administrative matters. The agenda items are expected to involve the consideration of classified information and will be closed to the public.

Dated: January 24, 2006.

**Jon A. Dyck,**

Vice President and General Counsel, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

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of those needs, subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFO:** Jean Ellen, (202) 434-9950 / (202) 708-9300 for TDD Relay / 1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

**Jean H. Ellen,**

Chief Docket Clerk.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request establishment and clearance 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 action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by March 27, 2006 to be

**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION**

[MCC FR 06-01]

**Notice of the February 8, 2006 Millennium Challenge Corporation Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Millennium Challenge Corporation.

**TIME AND DATE:** 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

**PLACE:** Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information on the meeting may be obtained from Joyce B. Lanham via e-mail at *Board@mcc.gov* or by telephone at (202) 521-3600.

**STATUS:** Meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") will hold a meeting to discuss and consider Threshold Country Program submissions of two countries that are eligible for FY 2006 Millennium Challenge Account ("MCA") assistance under section 616 of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (the "Act"); an MCC Operations update; Compact

**FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act, Meetings**

January 17, 2006.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., Thursday, January 26, 2006.

**PLACE:** The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Commission will hear oral argument on the matter *Secretary of Labor v. Sedgman*, Docket Nos. SE 2002-11, SE 2003-69, and SE 2003-189. (Issues include whether the Administrative Law Judge properly concluded that Sedgman violated 39 CFR 77.200; whether the judge properly held that the Secretary of Labor did not abuse her discretion in citing Sedgman for violations of 30 CFR 77.200 and 77.1710(g); whether the judge properly followed the statutory penalty criteria set forth at 30 U.S.C. 820(i) in setting a penalty for the section 77.200 violation; and whether the judge was correct in deciding to vacate the penalty he assessed for the section 77.200 violation because there was an unreasonable delay by the Secretary in proposing the penalty.)

Any person attending this oral argument who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance

assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Request for Clearance for Program Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program.

*Title of Collection:* Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145-(NEW).

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Abstract:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests a three-year clearance for research, evaluation and data collection (e.g., surveys and interviews) from actual and potential applicants to and other stakeholders in the Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER). CAREER stakeholders typically are limited to PhD scientists and engineers and faculty and administrators from universities and not-for-profit institutions (e.g., museums, non-degree granting educational or research institutions), and former NSF employees and intergovernmental personnel act (IPA) appointees. A preliminary, predecessor study to this new evaluation research was approved through September 2001 as an external (third-party) program evaluation under the EHR Generic Clearance (OMB 345-0136). The earlier CAREER study was conducted by Abt Associates, Inc., Cambridge, MA, and it examined only the first three years that NSF provided CAREER grants to eligible institutions in Fiscal Years (FY) 1995 through 1997. A copy of Abt's final report to NSF entitled Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program: *External Evaluation Summary Report* (NSF 01-134) was posted in August 2001 on NSF's Web site and remains available at: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2001/nsf01134/pdf>. The new CAREER

program evaluation is estimated to cover from FY 1995 through FY 2005.

NSF established the CAREER Program to support career-development for beginning teacher-scholars in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), within the context of the mission of their employing organization. CAREER typically awards a grant to support the research and educational activities conducted by individual scientists and engineers with PhDs (or the equivalent). For specific details and the most updated information regarding CAREER program operations, please visit the NSF Web site at: [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5262&from-fund](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5262&from-fund).

NSF has contracted a new program evaluation of CAREER, to be conducted by Abt Associates Inc. Through this new evaluation of the CAREER Program NSF aims to identify, measure and document:

- (1) The longer-term impacts of this program on the research activities, educational activities and career advancement of CAREER awardees;
- (2) the program's impacts on the integration of research and education by individual STEM faculty;
- (3) the impacts of the CAREER program on the institutions (including at the department or other sub-institutional level) that administer the NSF funding to a CAREER scientist or engineer; and
- (4) changes within NSF that may be attributed to the CAREER program's operations, benefiting scientists and engineers, and other CAREER stakeholders.

The primary methods of data collection will include meta-data collection from open sources and from records at NSF and grantee institutions; surveys, institutional site visits, and in-person and telephone interviews. There is a bounded (or limited) number of respondents within the general public who will be affected by this research, including current and former CAREER awardees, scientists and engineers currently or once eligible to apply to CAREER, other scientists and engineers and the STEM research and education committees. NSF will use the CAREER program evaluation data and analyses to respond to requests from Committees of Visitors (COV), Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, particularly as related to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the Program Effectiveness Rating Tool (PART). NSF will also use the program evaluation to improve communication with CAREER stakeholders and to share the broader

impacts of the CAREER program with the general public.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Business or other for profit, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

*Burden on the Public:* 2,000 hours.

Dated: January 20, 2006.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**  
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Discount Rates for Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Federal Programs

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Revisions to Appendix C of OMB Circular A-94.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget revised Circular A-94 in 1992. The revised Circular specified certain discount rates to be updated annually when the interest rate and inflation assumptions used to prepare the budget of the United States Government were changed. These discount rates are found in Appendix C of the revised Circular. The updated discount rates are shown below. The discount rates in Appendix C are to be used for cost-effectiveness analysis, including lease-purchase analysis, as specified in the revised Circular. They do not apply to regulatory analysis.

**DATES:** The revised discount rates are effective immediately and will be in effect through January 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert B. Anderson, Office of Economic Policy, Office of Management and Budget, (202) 395-3381.

**James D. Foster,**

Associate Director for Economic Policy, Office of Management and Budget.

### Appendix C—Discount Rates for Cost-Effectiveness, Lease Purchase, and Related Analyses

Revised January 2006.

*Effective Dates.* This appendix is updated annually around the time of the President's budget submission to Congress. This version of the appendix is valid through the end of January 2007. A copy of the updated appendix can be obtained in electronic form through the OMB home page at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a094/>