

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments via any of the following methods:

E-mail: [anne.marrelli@mspb.gov](mailto:anne.marrelli@mspb.gov). Please Include "Employee Surveys" in the subject line of the message. Fax: (202) 653-7211. Mail: Dr. Anne Marrelli, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Room 515, 1615 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20419.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the survey questions, contact Anne Marrelli by phone on 202-653-6772, ext. 1341, by FAX on 202-653-7211, or by e-mail [anne.marrelli@mspb.gov](mailto:anne.marrelli@mspb.gov). You may contact Dr. Marrelli via V/TDD at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Proposed Project: "Merit Principles Survey"**

As part of its purpose, MSPB is responsible for conducting studies of the Federal civil service to ensure that all Federal government agencies follow merit systems practices and avoid prohibited personnel practices. To support this research agenda, MSPB periodically conducts surveys of samples of Federal employees. To obtain insight into employees' current perspectives, MSPB requests approval to conduct additional surveys over the next three years.

The surveys will ask employees to share their perceptions of the implementation of the merit system in the workplace including topics such as agency and work unit performance, job satisfaction, compensation and rewards, fair treatment, performance management, training and development, and leadership.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per respondent.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Participants are selected via stratified random sampling to facilitate a representative sample of Federal employees.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 80,000.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 40,000.

Dated: November 20, 2006.

**Bentley M. Roberts, Jr.,**

*Clerk of the Board.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883) meeting:

**Date and Time:** December 19, 2006 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. EST.

**Place:** Teleconference. National Science Foundation, Room 1020, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230.

**Type of Meeting:** Open.

**Contact Person:** Dr. G. Wayne Van Citters, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-4908.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

**Agencies:** To discuss the Report of the National Science Foundation Division of Astronomical Sciences Senior Review Committee.

Dated: November 21, 2006.

**Susanne E. Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**National Science Foundation, National Science Board and Its Subdivisions Sunshine Act Meetings Notice**

**DATE AND TIME:** November 29-30, 2006.

**Wednesday November 29, 2006, 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.**

7:30-7:45 Open  
7:45-8 Closed  
8-8:45 Open  
8:45-9:30 Open  
9:30-10 Open  
10-11:30 Open  
11:30-12 Closed  
12:45-2:15 Open  
2:15-3:45 Open  
3:45-5:15 Closed

**Thursday November 30, 2006, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

8-8:45 Open  
8:45-9:30 Open

9:30-10 Closed  
10-12 Open  
1:15-1:30 Closed  
1:30-1:45 Closed  
1:45-3 Open

**PLACE:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

**PUBLIC MEETING ATTENDANCE:** All visitors must report to the NSF's visitor's desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please refer to the National Science Board Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) for any schedule updates. **NSB Office:** Dr. Robert Webber, (703) 292-7000.

**STATUS:** Part of this meeting will be closed to the public; Part of this meeting will be open to the public.

**Matters To Be Considered**

*Wednesday, November 29, 2006*

Open

Executive Committee

(7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Updates or New Business from Committee Members

CPP Task Force on Transformative Research (8 a.m.-8:45 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks
- Review of Draft Report, "Enhancing Support of Transformative Research at the National Science Foundation" and Recommendations

CPP Subcommittee on International Science (8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks
- Discussion of the September 25 Roundtable Discussion Summary Notes
- Information Item: Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)
- Discussion of Future Task Force Activities

CPP Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering (9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Task Force Co-Chairmen's Remarks
- Discussion of the Draft NSB Report, Hurricane Warning: Critical Need for a National Hurricane Research Initiative
- Future Activities of the Task Force Committee on Audit and Oversight (10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)
- Approval of Minutes of September, 2006 Meeting
- Committee Chairman's Remarks