

**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

- OIG Semiannual Report
  - Management Response to OIG Semiannual Report
  - 2006 Financial Statement Audit
  - Chief Information Officer's Update
  - Chief Financial Officer's Update, including Performance and Accountability Report/2006 Financial Statement Audit (available at [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf0701](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf0701))
  - Initiative on Interim Progress Reports (Research Business Models Subcommittee of the Committee on Science)
- EHR Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators (12:45 p.m.–2:15 p.m.)
- Approval of September Minutes
  - Subcommittee Chairman's Remarks
  - Brief discussion of Revised Chapter Outlines
  - Review of Science and Engineering Indicators Draft Chapters
  - NSB Review—Matrix for Chapter Reviewers and Lead Reviewers
  - External Expert Review
  - Discussion of Possible Topics for Board Companion Piece
  - Parallel Discussion of Science and Engineering Indicators 2010
  - Data Gaps
  - Meeting with State Representatives
  - Meeting with Industry Representatives
  - Web Presentation and Electronic Dissemination of Indicators
  - Chairman's Summary
- Committee on Programs and Plans (2:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m.)
- Approval of Minutes
  - Committee Chairman's Remarks
  - Status Reports:
    - Task Force on International Science
    - Subcommittee on Polar Issues
    - Task Force on Transformative Research
    - Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering
  - FY 2007 Schedule of Actions and Information Items for NSB Review
  - NSB Policy on Recompetition of NSF Awards
  - NSB Information Item: Division of Astronomical Sciences Senior Review
  - NSB Information Item: National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO) and National Solar Observatory (NSO)—Management Review of the 5-year Cooperative Agreement with the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc. (AURA)

Closed

- Executive Committee (7:45 a.m.–8 a.m.)
- Director's Items

- Specific Personnel Matters
  - Future Budgets
- Committee on Audit and Oversight (11:30 a.m.–12 noon)
- Pending Investigations: OIG Staff
- Committee on Programs and Plans (3:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m.)
- NSB Action Item: Request for Proposals and Award of a Contract for the Conduct of the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR)
  - NSB Action Item: Continuity and Change in American Economic and Social Life: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) for Fiscal Years 2007–2011

Thursday, November 30, 2006

Open

- CPP Subcommittee on Polar Issues (8 a.m.–8:45 a.m.)
- Approval of September Minutes
  - Subcommittee Chairman's Remarks
  - OPP Director's Remarks
  - Polar Icebreakers in a Changing World: An Assessment of U.S. Needs, A Report of The National Academies, September 2006
- Committee on Strategy and Budget (8:45 a.m.–9:30 a.m.)
- Approval of September 28, 2006 CSB Minutes
  - Committee Chairman's Remarks
  - Findings of NSF Working Group on the Impact of Proposal and Award Management Mechanisms (IPAMM) Study of Award Size, Duration and Proposal Success Rates
  - NSF FY 2007 Budget Request
- Committee on Education and Human Resources (10 a.m.–12 p.m.)
- Approval of September 2006 Minutes
  - Chairman's Remarks
  - Evaluation and the Academic Competitiveness Council
  - Update on Education Commission
  - NSF–EHR Directorate Program Evaluations
  - Discussion of Board Response to Congressman Rush Holt Letter
  - Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators
  - Summary of Nov. 7 Engineering Education Workshop
  - NSB Executive Officer's Report

Closed

- Committee on Strategy and Budget (9:30 a.m.–10 a.m.)
- NSF FY 2008 Budget Request
  - Status of NSF FY 2008 Budget Request
  - Potential Impacts of Grants Management Line of Business on Future Budgets

Plenary Sessions of the Board (1:15 p.m.–3 p.m.)

- Plenary Executive Closed (1:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.)
- Approval of September 2006 Minutes
- Plenary Closed (1:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.)
- Approval of September 2006 Minutes
  - Awards and Agreements
  - NSB Action Item: Request for Proposals and Award of a Contract for the Conduct of the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR)
  - NSB Action Item: Continuity and Change in American Economic and Social Life: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) for Fiscal Years 2007–2011
  - Closed Committee Reports
- Plenary Open (1:45 p.m.–3 p.m.)
- Approval of September 2006 Minutes
  - Closed Session Items for February 2007 Meeting
  - Chairman's Report
  - Director's Report
  - Open Committee Reports
  - Presentation: Overview of NSF Outreach Activities

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer and NSB Office Director.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.
2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 171, "Duplication Request."
3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC 171.