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**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by May 6, 2008 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (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:** *Title of Collection:* 2008 National Survey of Recent College Graduates.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0077.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* February 28, 2009.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to reinstate an information collection for three years.

### 1. Abstract

The National Survey of Recent College Graduates (NSRCG) has been conducted biennially since 1974. The 2008 NSRCG will consist of a sample of individuals who have completed bachelor's and master's degrees in science, engineering and health from U.S. institutions during the academic years 2006 and 2007. The purpose of this study is to provide national estimates on the new entrants into the science and engineering workforce and to provide estimates on the characteristics of recent bachelor's and master's graduates with science, engineering and health degrees. The

study is one of three components of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to " \* \* provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government." The NSRCG is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's recent bachelor's and master's level scientists and engineers. Collected data will be used to produce estimates of the characteristics of these individuals. They will also provide necessary input into the SESTAT data system, which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the country's science and engineering population.

The Foundation uses this information to prepare congressionally-mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering and Science and Engineering Indicators*. NSF publishes statistics from the survey in many reports, but primarily in the biennial series, *Characteristics of Recent Science and Engineering Graduates in the United States*. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, also is expected to be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. will conduct the study for NSF. Data will be obtained by mail questionnaire, computer-assisted telephone interviews and web survey beginning in October 2008. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

### 2. Expected Respondents

A statistical sample of approximately 18,000 bachelor's and master's degree recipients in science, engineering, and health will be contacted in 2008. The total response rate in 2006 was 69%.

### 3. Estimate of Burden

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. We estimate that the total annual burden will be 7,500 hours during the 2008 survey cycle.

Dated: March 4, 2008.

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

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

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**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. The National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of the proposed projects.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* 2008 National Survey of College Graduates.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0141.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* February 28, 2009.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

**1. Abstract**

The National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), formerly called the National Survey of Natural and Social Scientists and Engineers, has been conducted biennially since the 1970's. The 2008 NSCG will consist of a sample of 2006 NSCG respondents under age 76 with at least one bachelor's, master's degree, or foreign doctorate in science, engineering or health field, and/or work in science and engineering or related occupations. The purpose of this longitudinal panel study is to provide national estimates on the science and engineering workforce and changes in employment, education and demographic characteristics. The study is one of three components of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “\* \* \* provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The NSCG is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of the nation's scientists and engineers. Collected data will be used to produce estimates of the characteristics of these individuals. They will also provide necessary input into the SESTAT labor force data system, which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the country's science and engineering population.

The Foundation uses this information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering and Science and*

*Engineering Indicators*. A public release file of the SESTAT data (which includes the NSCG data) designed to protect respondent confidentiality will be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

The Bureau of the Census, as in the past, will conduct the study for NSF. Data will be obtained by mail questionnaire and computer-assisted telephone interviews beginning in October 2008. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002, and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF and Bureau of the Census will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

**2. Expected Respondents**

A statistical sample of approximately 60,000 persons, identified as having at least a bachelor's degree and having a degree and/or occupation in science, engineering, or health, will be contacted.

**3. Burden on the Public**

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. NSF estimates that the total annual burden will be 25,000 hours during the 2008 survey cycle.

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**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Notice of Meeting**

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

*Name:* Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee (66).

*Date/Time:* April 3, 2008, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.; April 4, 2008, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 1235.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Morris L. Aizenman, Senior Science Associate,

Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Room 1005, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8807.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning NSF science and education activities within the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

*Agenda:* Update on current status of Directorate, Report of Division of Astronomical Sciences Committee of Visitors, Report of Division of Materials Research Committee of Visitors, Meeting of MPSAC with Divisions within MPS Directorate, Discussion of MPS Long-term Planning Activities.

*Summary Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Dated: March 4, 2008.

**Susanne E. Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 030-34325]

**Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Amendment of a Materials Permit in Accordance With Byproduct Materials License No. 03-23853-01VA, for Unrestricted Release of a Department of Veterans Affairs Facility in East Orange, NJ**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William Snell, Senior Health Physicist, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region III, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2443 Warrenton Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532; telephone: (630) 829-9871; fax number: (630) 515-1259; or by e-mail at *wgs@nrc.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend a materials permit held under Byproduct Materials License No. 03-23853-01VA. The permit is held by the Department of Veterans Affairs (the Licensee), for its VA New Jersey Health Care System facilities, located at 385 Tremont Avenue, East Orange, New