

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
**National Institutes of Health**
**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel, Pathogenesis of Rett Syndrome.

*Date:* April 1, 2008.

*Time:* 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Boulevard, 5B01, Rockville, MD 20852. (Telephone Conference Call)

*Contact Person:* Norman Chang, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Scientific Review, National Institute Of Child Health And Human Development, NIH, 6100 Executive Blvd., Room 5B01, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-1485, [changn@mail.nih.gov](mailto:changn@mail.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Jennifer Spaeth,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

[Docket No. DHS-2008-0026]

**Science and Technology Directorate; Submission for Review; Information Collection Request for the DHS S&T Bio-Knowledge Center Expert Database**

**AGENCY:** Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** 60-day Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) invites the general public to comment on a new data collection form for the Bio-Knowledge Center Expert Database: Subject Matter Expert (SME) Registration Form (DHS Form 10043). The Bio-Knowledge Center Database will collect SME information in order to understand who can provide scientific expertise for peer review of scientific programs, and who can provide expertise in the event of a perceived biothreat. In addition, the directory will make it easier to identify scientific specialty areas for which there is a shortage of SMEs with appropriate security clearances. SME contact information, scientific expertise, and level of education will be collected electronically through a web portal currently being developed by DHS S&T. The SME information will be shared with U.S. Government program managers and other members of the biodefense community who have a legitimate need to identify biological SMEs. Cleared SMEs are necessary to accomplish scientific reviews, attend topical meetings, and to consult in the event of a perceived biothreat.

This notice and request for comments is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 13, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number [DHS-2008-0026], by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* [ken.rogers@dhs.gov](mailto:ken.rogers@dhs.gov). Include docket number [DHS-2008-0026] in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Science and Technology Directorate, ATTN: OCIO/Kenneth D. Rogers, 245 Murray Drive, Bldg. 410, Washington, DC 20528.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth D. Rogers (202) 254-6185 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Counterproliferation Center has identified the need for a comprehensive and readily available list of biological agent SMEs that includes security clearance status. In particular, there is no database that contains security clearance information, biological domain expertise, and contact information. Therefore, the SME Directory is being coordinated at the national level to address this need. If a similar database is identified in the future, we will work with the identified collection agent to ensure a cooperative partnership is developed.

The SME Directory will use electronic (web-based) technology to collect, maintain, and transmit SME information. The SMEs will have access to their own data and will be able to edit and update the information electronically.

DHS is particularly interested in comments that:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Suggest ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Suggest ways to minimize the burden of the data collection on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Bio-Knowledge Center Expert Database.

*Agency Form Number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* DHS Form 10043 (2/08), DHS Science & Technology Directorate.

(3) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Individuals; the data will be gathered from individual SMEs and stored in a central database, accessible through a Web-based portal. The SME information will be shared with U.S. Government program managers and other members of the biodefense