

claim with any of these states under the Combined-Wage Claim program. Your wages will be combined and the amount of your benefits will be determined under the law of the one state where you establish your combined-wage claim. You should know that state unemployment laws, weekly benefit amounts, and eligibility requirements vary between the states. Can you tell me where you have worked, the dates of such work and the states in which you worked? (Follow your state's procedures on verifying identity.) Thank you. Based on what you have provided to me, you could establish a claim with any of these states. Have you contacted any of these states to obtain information about potential eligibility? (Individual answers yes.) And, do you know which state you wish to establish a claim with? (Claimant answers yes and indicates s/he wants to file a claim with State A, which does not accept interstate claims by phone or Internet.) I will be happy to take your claim against State A for you. Please keep in mind that I am acting as their agent in taking your claim. You will receive detailed information about the amount of benefits for which you qualify and continuing filing instructions from that state. The exact amount of your entitlement will not become final until your claim is established and your wages are transferred to the paying state. I have a few more questions so let's get started."

Signed at Washington, DC, this 26th day of January, 2009.

**Douglas F. Small,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE); Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (1173).

*Dates/Time:* February 19, 2009, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; February 20, 2009, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

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

To help facilitate your access into the building, please contact the individual listed

below prior to the meeting so that a visitors badge may be prepared for you in advance.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Margaret E.M. Tolbert, Senior Advisor and CEOSE Executive Liaison, Office of Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Telephone Numbers:* (703) 292-4216, (703) 292-8040, [mtolbert@nsf.gov](mailto:mtolbert@nsf.gov).

*Minutes:* Minutes may be obtained from the Executive Liaison at the above address or the Web site at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/activities/ceose/index.jsp>.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To study NSF programs and policies and provide advice and recommendations concerning broadening participation in science and engineering.

#### Agenda

*Thursday, February 19, 2009*

Opening Statement by the CEOSE Chair  
Presentations and Discussions:

- ✓ Communicating Science Broadly
- ✓ *Discussion of Recommendations from the October 29, 2008 Mini-Symposium on Native Americans*

- ✓ Conversation with the NSF Director
- ✓ Presentation on the Policy White paper on Women of Color in STEM

Roundtable Discussion by NSF  
Assistant Directors and Office Directors:  
Diversity Issues & Recent Broadening Participation Activities

- ✓ Concurrent Meetings of CEOSE *Ad Hoc* Subcommittees
- ✓ Reports of CEOSE *Ad Hoc* Subcommittees, Including the Status of the Preparation of the Biennial Report to Congress and Comments by Federal Agency Liaisons

*Friday, February 20, 2009*

Opening Statement by the CEOSE Chair  
Presentations and Discussions:

- ✓ A Science of Broadening Participation
- ✓ Discussion: The CEOSE Path Forward
- ✓ Reports by CEOSE Liaisons to Advisory Committees of the National Science Foundation

- ✓ Completion of Unfinished Business

Dated: January 27, 2009.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Site Visit review of the Partnership for Research and Education in Materials (PREM) at Jackson State University, Jackson MS (DMR) #1203.

*Dates & Times:* Monday, March 9, 2009; 7:45 a.m.–9 p.m.; Tuesday, March 10, 2009; 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

*Place:* Jackson State University, Jackson MS.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. William Brittain, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-5039.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning further support of the Partnership for Research and Education in Materials (PREM) at Jackson State University, Jackson MS.

*Agenda:*

**Monday, March 9, 2009**

7:45 a.m.–9 a.m. Closed—Executive Session  
9 a.m.–4 p.m. Open—Review of the Jackson State PREM

4 p.m.–6 p.m. Closed—Executive Session  
6 p.m.–9 p.m. Open—Poster Session and Dinner

**Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

8 a.m.–9 a.m. Closed—Executive Session  
9 a.m.–10 a.m. Open—Review of the Brown MRSEC

10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Closed—Executive Session, Draft and Review Report

*Reason For Closing:* The work being reviewed may include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 27, 2009.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Site Visit review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC) at California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Pasadena, CA (DMR) #1203.

*Dates & Times:* Thursday, February 26, 2009, 2008; 7:45 a.m.–9 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2009; 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

*Place:* Caltech, Pasadena, CA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Rama Bansil, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National

Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-8562.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning further support of the MRSEC at Caltech, Pasadena, CA.

*Agenda:*

**Thursday, February 26, 2009**

7:45 a.m.–9 a.m. Closed—Executive Session.

9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Open—Review of the Caltech MRSEC.

4:30 p.m.–6 p.m. Closed—Executive Session.

6 p.m.–9 p.m. Open—Poster Session and Dinner.

**Friday February 27, 2009**

8 a.m.–9 a.m. Closed—Executive session.

9 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Open—Review of the Caltech MRSEC.

10:15 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Closed—Executive Session, Draft and Review Report.

*Reason for Closing:* The work being reviewed may include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**Susanne Bolton,**

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Public Meeting and Request for Stakeholder Input**

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is requesting stakeholder input on Section 7033 of the America COMPETES Act, which authorizes the NSF Director to establish a new program to award grants on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to Hispanic-serving institutions to *enhance the quality of undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at such institutions and to increase the retention and graduation rates of students pursuing associate or baccalaureate degrees in STEM.*

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2009, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All comments not presented or submitted for the record at the meeting must be received by close of business Monday, March 23, 2009, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Madison Hotel in Washington, DC, at 1177 15th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20005. You may submit

comments, identified by the title NSF–HSI, using any of the following methods:

*E-mail:* [nsf-hsiinput@lists.nsf.gov](mailto:nsf-hsiinput@lists.nsf.gov). Please include NSF–HSI in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* 703–292–9232. Please address the cover sheet to Dr. Fae Korsmo.

*Mail:* Paper, disk or CD–ROM submissions should be submitted to: Dr. Fae Korsmo, Senior Advisor, Office of the Director, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1205, Arlington, VA 22230.

All comments received will be posted to a publicly available Web page on <http://www.nsf.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Fae Korsmo, (703) 292–8002 (phone), (703) 292–9232 (fax), or [fkorsmo@nsf.gov](mailto:fkorsmo@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Additional Meeting and Comment Procedures**

Persons wishing to present oral comments at the March 1, 2009 meeting are requested to pre-register by e-mail to: [nsf-hsiinput@lists.nsf.gov](mailto:nsf-hsiinput@lists.nsf.gov). Participants may reserve one 5-minute comment period each. More time may be available, depending on the number of people wishing to make oral comments and the time needed for questions following those comments. Reservations will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Written comments may also be submitted for the record at the meeting. All other attendees may register at the meeting. All comments not presented or submitted for the record at the meeting must be received by close of business Monday, March 23, 2009, to be considered. All comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, may be reviewed on the NSF Web page for six months. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Dr. Korsmo as directed above. A Spanish language interpreter will be present.

**Background and Purpose**

Section 7033 of the America Competes Act states the following:

(a) In General.—The Director is authorized to establish a new program to award grants on a competitive, merit-reviewed basis to Hispanic-serving institutions (as defined in section 502 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a)) to enhance the quality of undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education at such institutions and to increase the

retention and graduation rates of students pursuing associate's or baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

(b) Program Components.—Grants awarded under this section shall support—

(1) Activities to improve courses and curriculum in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

(2) Faculty development;

(3) Stipends for undergraduate students participating in research; and

(4) Other activities consistent with subsection (a), as determined by the Director.

(c) Instrumentation.—Funding for instrumentation is an allowed use of grants awarded under this section.

NSF is requesting stakeholder input on promising evidence-based practices that have enhanced the quality of undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at Hispanic-serving institutions and increased the retention and graduation rates of Hispanic students pursuing associate or baccalaureate degrees in STEM. NSF is interested in learning more about successful partnership activities that have contributed to the increased participation and success of Hispanics in undergraduate STEM education. These might involve partnerships that include two-year and four-year institutions, state and local government organizations, K–12 institutions, private-sector firms, community groups, and other organizations involved in the science and technology enterprise. Research findings and experiential information are especially welcome; NSF would like to learn about strategies that have worked to increase Hispanic retention and graduation rates in STEM, as well as those strategies that have not proven effective.

**Implementation Plans**

NSF plans to consider the stakeholder input received at the meeting and in the written comments to develop the agency's programmatic response to Section 7033 of the America Competes Act.

Dated: January 27, 2009.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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