

confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of February 15, 2012, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: July 14, 2015.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings; National Science Board

The National Science Board's Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB), pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

DATE & TIME: Tuesday July 28, 2015 at 3:00-4:00 p.m. EDT.

SUBJECT MATTER: Discussion of the NSF's FT 2017 budget development.

STATUS: Closed.

This meeting will be held by teleconference. Please refer to the National Science Board Web site for additional information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting), which may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/>. Point of contact for this meeting is Elise Lipkowitz (elipkowi@nsf.gov).

Dated: July 16, 2015.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Establish an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 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.

Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by September 18, 2015, 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 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to 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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Community College Innovation Challenge Information Collection.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection for post-challenge outcome monitoring system.

Abstract

Proposed Project

NSF provides nearly 20 percent of federal funding for basic research to academic institutions.¹ The Office of Legislative and Public Affairs (OLPA) communicates information about the activities, programs, research results and policies of NSF. OLPA employs a wide variety of tools and techniques to engage the general public and selected audiences including Congress, the news media, state and local governments, other Federal agencies, and the research and education communities. To these

ends, OLPA provides support for innovative new initiatives designed to increase public engagement and scientific progress. An important aspect of scientific progress is the education of future scientists. Improvements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) curricula, particularly changes that engage students in the process of research and discovery, have become a focal point for attracting more students into science. Undergraduate research is a significant strategy for improving undergraduate STEM education.

Community colleges prepare technicians who will become an integral part of research efforts and students who will continue their education at four-year institutions. Further, they play a significant role in the preparation of underrepresented groups in science. Community colleges have long recognized the importance of mentoring students and have a history of success in educating underrepresented students for successful careers in STEM. Thus, community colleges play an important role in workforce development in their states and local communities. Industry frequently looks to community colleges to provide an educated and technologically up-to-date workforce. The National Science Foundation's (NSF) thrust of incorporating research into the traditional teaching mission of the community college is a relatively new expansion of its mission. This challenge furthers NSF's mission by enabling students to discover and demonstrate their capacity to use science to make a difference in the world, and to transfer knowledge into action.

The Office of Legislative and Public Affairs (OLPA) requests of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an approval for an information collection intended to monitor outputs, short-term, intermediate and long term outcomes of OLPA's new Community College Innovation Challenge.

The survey questionnaire, individually tailored to measure outputs and outcomes for this initiative, will provide essential information for program monitoring purposes. Data collected by this collection will be used for program planning, management, and evaluation. A summary of monitoring data can be used to respond to queries from Congress, the public, NSF's external merit reviewers who serve as advisors, including Committees of Visitors (COVs), and NSF's Office of the Inspector General. These data are needed for effective administration, program and project monitoring, evaluation, and for measuring

¹ National Science Foundation. (2012). *NSF at a glance*. Retrieved from <http://www.nsf.gov/about/glance.jsp>.