

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Notice of Meeting for Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Correction**

**ACTION:** Request change in published advisory committee meeting date; Corrected.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) published a document in the **Federal Register** of November 26, 2021, concerning a 1-day, virtual advisory committee meeting for the Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee. The advisory committee meeting will no longer be held on February 22, 2022. Instead, the 1-day virtual session will be taking place on March 4, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Crystal Robinson [crrobin@nsf.gov](mailto:crrobin@nsf.gov) or 703-292-8687.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Correction**

In the **Federal Register** published November 26, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021-25778 (Filed 11-24-21), on page 67501, second column, Date and Time Section, please change the date to March 4, 2022; 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. (VIRTUAL).

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Sunshine Act Meetings**

The National Science Board's (NSB) Committee on External Engagement hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

**TIME AND DATE:** Monday, February 14, 2022, from 5:00–6:00 p.m. EST.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be held by teleconference through the National Science Foundation.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The agenda of the teleconference is: Approval of minutes from the December 2021 meeting; discussion of *Science & Engineering Indicators* engagement; discussion of the February 2022 external panel and ideas for May and August panels relating to the geography of innovation; and revisiting NSB's goals for its honorary awards.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Point of contact for this meeting is: Nadine Lymn, [nlymn@nsf.gov](mailto:nlymn@nsf.gov), 703/292-7000. Meeting information, updates and YouTube link may be found at the National Science Board website at [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb).

**Chris Blair,**

*Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit issued.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-292-8030; email: [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 6, 2022, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on February 7, 2022, to:

**Permit No. 2022-027**

1. Richard Bailey, Deneb US LLC

**Erika N. Davis,**

*Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Vendor Information Form**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to establish this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by April 11, 2022 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:**

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite W18200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email 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, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Vendor Outreach Form.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145-New.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Abstract:* The purpose of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Vendor Information form is to collect vendor contact information (company name, point of contact name, email address, phone number), along with identifiers such as NAICS codes, SAM ID, DUNS#, description of supplies/services, and Socio-economic indicator. This will assist the NSF OSDBU in maintaining a database of small businesses that can provide supplies and/or services for requirements listed on the NSF Acquisition Forecast. Collecting this information supports the mission of the OSDBU, as outlined in section 15k of the Small Business Act, and ensures that small businesses can participate in NSF acquisitions to the maximum extent practicable. In addition, the Biden Administration has made it a priority to ensure equity in federal contracting via Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government*, and implemented in OMB M-22-03, *Advancing Equity in Federal Procurement*. The President directed federal agencies to make Federal contracting and procurement opportunities more readily available to all eligible vendors and charged every agency to assess available tools to increase opportunities for small businesses and underserved entrepreneurs to compete for Federal contracts. This form will allow us to

reach vendors, to a greater extent, through our external website on *NSF.gov* and participation in various conferences and conventions, which ensures NSF complies with these mandates.

*Respondents:* Small and disadvantaged businesses.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 275.

*Burden on the Public:* Estimated 15 minutes to fill out the form, including the collection of data to fill in the fields. This information should be readily available as most companies have capability statements that include this information. The estimated burden time is 69 hours.

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. PI2022-1; Order No. 6101]

### Public Inquiry on Resolving Suspended Post Offices

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is initiating a public inquiry proceeding to identify and address issues impeding the Postal Service's progress in resolving suspended post offices. This document informs the public of this proceeding, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* April 29, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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#### I. Introduction

The Commission establishes this public inquiry proceeding to identify

and address issues impeding the Postal Service's progress in resolving suspended post offices in a timely manner. Specifically, the Commission seeks input from the public regarding suggested procedures or courses of action for how the Postal Service may expeditiously resolve suspended post offices. The Commission welcomes comments with any data analysis related to suspended post offices, including, but not limited to, the spatial analysis of suspended post offices.<sup>1</sup>

#### II. Background

The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA)<sup>2</sup> requires the Postal Service to include in its Annual Compliance Report (ACR) "measures of the quality of service afforded by the Postal Service in connection with [each Market Dominant] product, including . . . the degree of customer satisfaction with the service provided." 39 U.S.C. 3652(a)(2)(B)(ii). As part of its annual reporting concerning customer satisfaction, the Postal Service must report information concerning suspended post offices. *See* 39 CFR 3055.91(a)(4)-0 (6). A suspension occurs when the Postal Service stops operations at a post office due to an emergency or similar situation. *See* 39 CFR 241.3(a)(5)(i)(B). The Postal Service resolves a suspension by either discontinuing or reopening the post office.

The Commission has monitored the Postal Service's progress in resolving suspensions for multiple fiscal years, primarily via its ACR review proceedings. At the end of FY 2016, there were 662 suspended post offices.<sup>3</sup> Of these post offices, 206 remained suspended at the end of FY 2021. *Id.* at 80. In addition, the Postal Service reports in the FY 2021 ACR that it suspended 247 other post offices between FY 2017 and FY 2021,<sup>4</sup> for a total of 453 post offices suspended at the end of 2021.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Spatial analysis is a diverse and comprehensive capability that includes the simple visual analysis of maps and imagery, computational analysis of geographic patterns, finding optimum routes, site selection, and advanced predictive modeling. ESRI, *The Language of Spatial Analysis*, available at <https://www.esri.com/content/dam/esrisites/sitecore-archive/Files/Pdfs/library/books/the-language-of-spatial-analysis.pdf>, at 6.

<sup>2</sup> Public Law 109-435, 120 Stat. 3198 (2006).

<sup>3</sup> Docket No. ACR2021, United States Postal Service FY 2021 *Annual Compliance Report*, December 29, 2021, at 79.

<sup>4</sup> *See* Docket No. ACR2021, Library Reference USPS-FY21-33, December 29, 2021, folder "USPS.FY21.33.Files," Excel file "PostOfficesFY2021.xlsx," tab "Suspension Summary," cell I17.

<sup>5</sup> The numbers in this order reflect the most up-to-date numbers provided by the Postal Service in

In its FY 2016 ACD, the Commission stated that it expected the Postal Service to significantly reduce the number of suspended post offices.<sup>6</sup> In its FY 2020 ACD, the Commission expressed concern regarding the apparent lack of commitment by the Postal Service in addressing and resolving suspended post offices in recent years and announced its intent to initiate a public inquiry docket on the matter.<sup>7</sup> Accordingly, the Commission establishes this proceeding to identify and address issues impeding the Postal Service's progress in resolving suspended post offices in a timely manner.

#### III. Comments

The Commission invites comments on suggested procedures or courses of action that would allow for the Postal Service to expeditiously resolve the 206 suspended post offices remaining from FY 2016, with a special focus on the post offices that have been suspended for more than 5 years.

The Commission also invites comments on how the Postal Service should resolve the post offices suspended after FY 2016. The Commission encourages the commenters to discuss specific issues related to the recent suspension of post offices (after FY 2019). These comments should focus on facilitating the process for resolving the backlog of suspended post offices, as well as prevent such backlogs from recurring.

The scope of this proceeding is limited to the Postal Service's process for resolving suspended post offices as a whole. This proceeding does not cover ancillary issues, including concerns about individual post offices and the Commission's jurisdiction to consider post office closing appeals. The Commission, however, welcomes comments with any data analysis related to the suspended post offices, including, but not limited to, the spatial analysis of the suspended post offices. Comments are due on April 29, 2022. Material filed in this docket—including tables, figures and library references—will be available for review on the Commission's website, <http://www.prc.gov>.

the FY 2021 ACR, FY 2021 post office suspension quarterly reports, and Library Reference USPS-FY21-33. CHRs were issued in Docket No. ACR2021 to reconcile these numbers, and the Commission will provide updated numbers in the upcoming FY 2021 ACD.

<sup>6</sup> Docket No. ACR2016, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Annual Compliance Determination Report Fiscal Year 2016*, March 28, 2017, at 151.

<sup>7</sup> Docket No. ACR2020, Postal Regulatory Commission, *Annual Compliance Determination Report Fiscal Year 2020*, March 29, 2021, at 221.