

Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or call (202) 395-7316.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- 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;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Hechtman, Ph.D., Social Science Research Analyst, Office of Research and Evaluation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North SW, Suite 4000, Washington DC 20024-2135. Dr. Hechtman can be reached by telephone at 202-653-4724, or by email at [lhechtman@imls.gov](mailto:lhechtman@imls.gov). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing (TTY users) can contact IMLS at 202-207-7858 via 711 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of Federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov).

**Current Actions:** This notice proposes the clearance of information collection instruments that support IMLS's Learning Agenda for Libraries and Museums. The 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2024 (89 FR 45029) (Document Number 2024-11217). IMLS received and responded to one comment requesting a copy of the proposed information collection and expressing interest in providing input. IMLS provided a summary of the research plan, planned activities, and study design.

**Agency:** Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Title:** Studies to Support IMLS's Learning Agendas for Libraries and Museums.

**OMB Control Number:** 3137-NEW.

**Agency Number:** 3137.

**Respondents/Affected Public:**

Museum staff, library staff, IMLS awardees, library community partners.

**Total Number of Annual**

**Respondents:** 234.

**Frequency of Response:** Once per request.

**Average Hours/Minutes per Response:** 59 minutes.

**Total Estimated Annual Burden**

**Hours:** 230.

**Total Annual Cost Burden (dollars):**

\$8,397.19.

**Total Annual Federal Cost (dollars):**

\$202,582.68.

Dated: November 26, 2024.

**Suzanne Mbollo,**

*Grants Management Specialist, Institute of Museum and Library Services.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board's Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F) hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings 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:** The A&F meeting session will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. The open session will be from 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. The closed session will be from 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** The meetings will be held at NSF headquarters, 2145 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314, and by videoconference.

**STATUS:** One session is open, and one session is closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**A&F open session agenda:** Opening Remarks Regarding the Agenda; Discussion and Vote on Provisional Resolution related to Antarctic Science and Engineering Support Contract Update; Information Item: Indigenous Community Engagement.

**A&F closed session agenda:** Opening Remarks; Information Item: Annual Report of the Chief Officer for Research Facilities; Information Item: Briefing on U.S. Extremely Large Telescope Program Report from the External Panel.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Point of contact for this meeting is:

Michelle McCrackin, [mmccrack@nsf.gov](mailto:mmccrack@nsf.gov), (703) 292-7000. Members of the public can observe the public portion of this meeting through a YouTube livestream, which may be found at [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb).

**Ann E. Bushmiller,**

*Senior Legal Counsel to the National Science Board.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference of the National Science Board/National Science Foundation Commission on Merit Review (MRX) for the transaction of National Science Board business pursuant to the NSF Act and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

**TIME AND DATE:** The MRX meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Eastern.

**PLACE:** This meeting will be held at the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The agenda is: Commission Chair's opening remarks about the agenda; Discussion of Final Recommendations and Guidance, Vote for Approval of Final Recommendations and Guidance; and Commission Chair's closing remarks.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Point of contact for this meeting is: Chris Blair, [cblair@nsf.gov](mailto:cblair@nsf.gov), 703/292-7000. Meeting information and updates may be found at [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb).

**Ann E. Bushmiller,**

*Senior Counsel to the National Science Board.*

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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, 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.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by January 31, 2025 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 E6300, 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:**  
*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

*Title of Collection:* 2026 U.S. NSF Integrated Data and Evidence Maturity and Capacity (IDEMC) Assessment.

*OMB Number:* 3145-NEW.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection.

*Abstract:* The "2026 NSF Integrated Data and Evidence Maturity and Capacity (IDEMC) Assessment" encompasses planning, execution, and reporting to evaluate NSF's data and evidence capabilities. Conducted periodically, this assessment supports compliance with the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act (Evidence Act) and promotes continuous improvement in evidence-based decision-making. Building on the 2022 baseline assessment, the 2026 IDEMC Assessment will refine the evaluation framework to align with updated Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance.

The project will assess strengths, gaps, and opportunities across NSF's evidence and data capabilities by:

1. Conducting a review of agency artifacts;

2. Administering a survey to all NSF staff;

3. Organizing focus groups and individual interviews; and

4. Deploying interactive, real-time dashboards for decision-making.

The findings will be summarized in detailed reports and data briefs, offering actionable insights to enhance evidence capacity, maturity of foundational capabilities, and a culture of continuous learning and innovation. Additionally, the project will deliver a repeatable methodology, tools, and templates to support NSF in independently conducting the IDEMC Assessment in future years, if desired.

*Expected Respondents:* A census survey will be distributed to all 1,600 NSF staff, with a response burden of 30 minutes per respondent. Focus groups and interviews will be conducted with representative subsets of the population. Based on NSF's workforce size, approximately 10 focus groups (each with 6-8 participants, totaling ~70 participants) and 30 interviews will be conducted to ensure a range of perspectives and sufficient qualitative data.

*Estimate of Burden:* The overall annualized cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$46,750. The following table shows the estimated burden and costs to respondents:

Collection title	Total number of respondents	Burden hours per respondent	Total hour burden	Average hourly rate	Estimated annual cost
Census Survey .....	1,600	0.5	800	\$50	\$40,000
Focus Groups .....	70	1.5	105	50	5,250
Interviews .....	30	1	30	50	1,500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>46,750</b>

*Justification for \$50/hour Average Rate:* The estimated average hourly rate of \$50 reflects data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Comparable Federal roles, such as "Management Analysts," have an average hourly rate of approximately \$50 (BLS, May 2022 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates). Additionally, General Schedule (GS) rates for GS-12 and GS-13 employees, typical of NSF staff roles, average around \$50/hour when factoring in locality adjustments for the Washington, DC area.

*Use of the Information:* Aggregate findings will inform NSF's strategic planning, management, and evaluation efforts. Reports summarizing the results will support compliance with Evidence Act requirements and enhance NSF's

capacity for evidence-based decision-making.

Dated: November 25, 2024.

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

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

The National Science Board (NSB) hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings 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:** Wednesday, December 3, 2024, from 8:45 a.m.-5:25 p.m. and

Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 9:00 a.m.-2:25 p.m. Eastern.

**PLACE:** These meetings will be held at NSF headquarters, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, and by videoconference. All open sessions of the meeting will be webcast live on the NSB YouTube channel.

December 4, 2024: <https://youtube.com/live/auhWaHXqe9w?feature=share>

December 5, 2024: <https://youtube.com/live/3yUcMZ2hsU0?feature=share>

**STATUS:** Parts of these meetings will be open to the public. The rest of the meetings will be closed to the public. See the full description below.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**