

civil monetary penalty provided by law within the jurisdiction of the agency, and to publish notice of each such adjustment in the **Federal Register**. An agency adjusts a civil monetary penalty by increasing the maximum amount of such penalty (or the range of minimum and maximum amounts, as applicable) by the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the month of October preceding the date of adjustment (in this case, October 2024) exceeds the CPI-U for the October one year prior to the October immediately preceding the date of the adjustment (in this case, October 2023), then rounding each amount to the nearest dollar.

NEH administers two civil monetary penalties subject to adjustment pursuant to the Inflation Adjustment Act: A civil monetary penalty that NEH may impose for violation of its New Restrictions on Lobbying regulation (the Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty)<sup>2</sup> and a civil monetary penalty that NEH may impose under its Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act Regulations (the PFCRA Civil Monetary Penalty).<sup>3</sup> NEH made the initial “catch-up” adjustments to the Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty for years 2016–2020 when it amended its New Restrictions on Lobbying regulation on April 21, 2020,<sup>4</sup> and to the PFCRA Civil Monetary Penalty for years 2016–2021 when it adopted its Program Fraud Civil Monetary Penalties Act regulations on August 13, 2021.<sup>5</sup> NEH then adjusted the amount of those civil monetary penalties accordingly when it codified the statutory formula for inflation adjustments in NEH’s New Restrictions on Lobbying and Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act regulations on March 30, 2023.<sup>6</sup> Each regulation provides for subsequent annual adjustment of its respective civil monetary penalty by notice in the **Federal Register**.<sup>7</sup>

## 2. 2025 Adjustments for Inflation

OMB has issued guidance on implementing and calculating the 2025 adjustment under the Inflation Adjustment Act.<sup>8</sup> Per this guidance, the CPI-U adjustment multiplier for this annual adjustment is 1.02598.<sup>9</sup> The post-adjustment penalty or range is obtained by multiplying the pre-adjustment penalty or range by the

percent change in the CPI-U over the relevant time period and rounding to the nearest dollar. Between October 2023 and October 2024, the CPI-U increased by a multiplier of 102.598%. Therefore, NEH will adjust each civil monetary penalty amount by multiplying it by 1.02598 and rounding to the nearest dollar.

### A. 2025 Adjustment to Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty

For 2024, the Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty had a minimum amount of \$24,496 and a maximum amount of \$244,958. Therefore, the adjusted minimum Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty for 2025 is \$25,132 (\$24,496 multiplied by 1.02598) and the adjusted maximum Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty for 2025 is \$251,322 (\$244,958 multiplied by 1.02598).

Thus, the Lobbying Civil Monetary Penalty, following the 2025 adjustment, has a minimum amount of \$25,132 and a maximum amount of \$251,322.

### B. 2025 Adjustment to PFCRA Civil Monetary Penalty

For 2024, the PFCRA Civil Monetary Penalty had a maximum amount of \$13,946. Therefore, the new, post-adjustment maximum penalty for 2025 under NEH’s PFCRA regulation is \$14,308 (\$13,946 multiplied by 1.02598).

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Open to the Public Meetings of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program

**AGENCY:** Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) National Coordination Office (NCO), National Science Foundation.  
**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The NITRD Joint Engineering Team (JET) and Middleware And Grid Interagency Coordination (MAGIC) Communities of Practice (COPs) hold meetings that are open to the public to attend. The JET and MAGIC COPs provide an opportunity for the public to engage and participate in information sharing with federal agencies. The JET and MAGIC COPs report to the NITRD Large Scale Networking Interagency Working Group.

**DATES:** January 2025–December 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Love for the JET COP and Mallory Hinks for the MAGIC COP at [ncn@nitrd.gov](mailto:ncn@nitrd.gov) or (202) 459–9674. *Mail:* Attn: Paul Love or Mallory Hinks, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, USA.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except for U.S. Federal Government holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Joint Engineering Team (JET) COP, established in 1997, provides an opportunity for information sharing among Federal agencies and non-Federal participants who have an interest in high-performance research and engineering or research and education networking (REN) and networking to support science applications.

The MAGIC COP, established in 2002, provides an opportunity for information sharing among Federal agencies and non-Federal participants involved in middleware, grid, and cloud research and infrastructure; implementing or operating grids and clouds; or the use of grids, clouds, and middleware.

The JET and MAGIC COPs’ meetings are hosted by the NITRD NCO with Zoom participation available for each meeting.

**Public Meetings Website:** The JET and MAGIC COPs’ meetings are scheduled 30 days in advance of the meeting date. Please reference the NITRD Public Meetings web page (<https://www.nitrd.gov/public-meetings/>) for each COP’s upcoming meeting dates and times, in addition to the agendas, minutes, and other meeting materials and information.

**Public Meetings Mailing Lists:** Members of the public may be added to the mailing lists by sending their full name and email address to [jet-signup@nitrd.gov](mailto:jet-signup@nitrd.gov) for JET and [magic-signup@nitrd.gov](mailto:magic-signup@nitrd.gov) for MAGIC, with the subject line: “Add to JET” and/or “Add to MAGIC”, respectively. Meeting notifications and information are shared via the mailing lists.

**Public Comments:** The government seeks individual input; attendees/participants may provide individual advice only. Members of the public are welcome to submit their comments for JET to [jet-comments@nitrd.gov](mailto:jet-comments@nitrd.gov) and for MAGIC to [magic-comments@nitrd.gov](mailto:magic-comments@nitrd.gov). Please note that under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public

<sup>2</sup> 45 CFR 1168.400(a), (b), (e).

<sup>3</sup> 45 CFR 1174.3(a), (b).

<sup>4</sup> 85 FR 22025.

<sup>5</sup> 86 FR 44626.

<sup>6</sup> 88 FR 18998.

<sup>7</sup> 45 CFR 1168.400(g), (h), 1174.3(f), (g).

<sup>8</sup> Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M–25–02 (December 17, 2024).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

documents and may be made available to the public via the JET (<https://www.nitrd.gov/coordination-areas/lsn/jet/>) and MAGIC (<https://www.nitrd.gov/coordination-areas/lsn/magic/>) web pages.

Reference Website: NITRD website at: <https://www.nitrd.gov/>.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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### Notice on Penalty Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing updated penalty inflation adjustments for civil monetary penalties for 2025.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF or Foundation) is providing notice of its adjusted maximum civil monetary penalties, effective January 15, 2025. These adjustments are required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bijan Gilanshah, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: 703.292.5055.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 27, 2016, NSF published an interim final rule amending its regulations to adjust, for inflation, the maximum civil monetary penalties that may be imposed for violations of the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (ACA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*, and the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (PFCRA), 31 U.S.C. 3801, *et seq.* These adjustments are required by the 2015 Act. The 2015 Act also requires agencies to make subsequent annual adjustments for inflation. Pursuant to OMB guidance dated December 17, 2024, the cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for 2025 is 1.02598. Accordingly, the 2025 annual inflation adjustments for the maximum penalties under the ACA are \$21,568 (\$21,022 × 1.02598) for violations and \$36,498

(\$35,574 × 1.02598) for knowing violations of the ACA. Finally, the 2025 annual inflation adjustment for the maximum penalty for violations under PFCRA is \$14,308 (\$13,946 × 1.02598).

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Annual and Final Report Template

**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 an 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 February 28, 2025 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room E6447, 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:* Grantee Reporting Requirements for the NSF Accelerating Research through International Network-to-Network Collaboration (AccelNet) Program.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145-New.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Abstract:* We are proposing a modified annual/final report template specific to the Accelerating Research through International Network-to-Network Collaborations program (AccelNet, as described in the following program solicitations: NSF 19-501, NSF

21-511, and NSF 23-619). Briefly, the program funds planning and implementation awards to investigators forming international networks of networks that will work collaboratively to create a research agenda that will advance science in a way not possible with a concerted international cooperative effort. More information on the current solicitation can be found on the program website: <https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/accelerating-research-through-international>. While NSF requires awardees to submit annual reports each year of the award and a final report at the end of the award period, the template is focused on research outcomes at the national scale whereas our program is focused on networking activities and workforce development at the international scale. The NSF standard report template does not include prompts that are meaningful to the scope of work awarded and does not provide program directors useful information about achievements and international activities.

*Respondents:* Awardees.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 70.

*Burden on the Public:* 8 hours or 1 workday per award.

Dated: December 20, 2024.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of 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 that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than three years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by February 28, 2025 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science