

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Board of Scientific Advisors on June 22–23, 1998 in Conference Room 10, Building 31C, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland.

This meeting will be open on June 22 from 8 a.m. to recess and on June 23 from 8 a.m. to adjournment. Agenda items will include the following: NCI Director's Report; Deputy Director of Extramural Science's Reports; Legislative Update; Scientific Presentation(s); Concept Reviews; program review updates and reports, and discussions pertaining to new and ongoing Board business. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations and additional information pertaining to the meeting should contact Dr. Paulette S. Gray, Executive Secretary, NCI Board of Scientific Advisors, 6130 Executive Blvd., EPN, Rm. 600C, Bethesda, MD 20892 (301–496–4218).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C.,

as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant, applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: June 30, 1998.

Time: 7:30 AM to 5 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Richard S. Fisher, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDCD/NIH, 6210 Executive Blvd., Room 400C, MSC–7180, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–496–8683.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease Meeting: Congressionally-Directed Diabetes Research Working Group

The Congressionally-Directed Diabetes Research Working Group is seeking public comment on future directions for diabetes and diabetes-related research funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In report language accompanying the fiscal year 1998 appropriations for the NIH and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), both the House of Representatives and the Senate urged the NIH Director, in collaboration with the Director of the NIDDK, to establish an external Diabetes Research Working Group. Further, the Congress charged the Working Group with developing a comprehensive plan for NIH-funded diabetes research that would include recommendations for future diabetes research initiatives and directions. The plan is to be submitted to the Congress in November 1998.

Notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Congressionally-Directed Diabetes

Research Working Group to take place on July 9, 1998. The meeting will run approximately from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room D of the William H. Natcher Building, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. A two-hour portion of this open meeting—from approximately 10:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 p.m., will be reserved for the Working Group to hear public comment from private citizens and from individuals representing voluntary health, research, and professional organizations, and other organizations concerned about diabetes will be made in the order in which requests are made to the Working Group and shall not exceed five minutes in length. Written statements of unspecified length may also be submitted to the Working Group.

Persons and organizations having an interest in making a statement during the open session of the Working Group meeting, and/or in submitting a written statement to the Working Group, should contact Ms. Carol Feld, Executive Secretary, Diabetes Research Working Group, at 301–496–6623 this is not a toll-free number) on or before July 1.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

Ms. Carol Feld,

Executive Secretary of the Congressionally-Directed Diabetes Research Working Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC): Public Review of the "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions"

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

Note: This announcement extends the deadline for comment stated in an announcement published June 4, 1998, until September 5, 1998.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is sponsoring a public review of the draft "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions".

The FGDC recognizes that standards must meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views. The FGDC invites the community to review, test, and evaluate the proposed standard. Comments are encouraged about the content, completeness, applicability, and usability of the proposed standard.

The FGDC anticipates that the proposed standard will be adopted as Federal Geographic Data Committee standard after updating or revision. The standard may be forwarded to voluntary standards bodies for adoption if interest warrants such actions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 5, 1998.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: Requests for written copies of the standard should be addressed to "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions", FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox), U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192; telephone 703-648-5514; facsimile 703-648-5755; or Internet at gdc@usgs.gov. The standard may be downloaded from this Internet address: ftp://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Standards/SDTS_Pt5/.

Reviewer's comments may be sent to the FGDC via Internet mail to: gdc-sdtsras@www.fgdc.gov.

Reviewer comments may also be sent to the FGDC Secretariat at the above address. Please send one hardcopy version of the comments and a soft copy version, preferably on a 3.5×3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS) defines a general mechanism for the transfer of geographically referenced spatial data and its supporting metadata, i.e., attributes, data quality reports, coordinate reference systems, security information, etc. The overriding principle that SDTS promotes is that the spatial data transfer should be self-documenting. The data set in SDTS should contain all of the information that is needed to assess and (or) use the data for any appropriate GIS application. The SDTS base specification (Parts 1, 2 and 3) is implemented via profiles of SDTS. A SDTS profile, in general terms, may be defined as a limited subset of the standard, designed for use with a specific type of data model, i.e., topological vector, point, grid, image, etc. Specific choices are made for encoding possibilities not addressed, left optional, or left with numerous choices within the SDTS base specification. A profile may also specify extensions to the base standard to address changing technologies, and to take advantage of other industry standards. For raster image data, there are numerous standards, with various properties, restrictions, and degrees of implementation. The SDTS Raster Profile and Extensions (SRPE) permits the use of two common industry

standards for image data: Basic Image Interchange Format (BIIF) and Tagged Image File Format (TIFF). The BIIF defines a general mechanism for the transfer of image data and any supporting data, i.e. image parameters, visualization parameters, compression parameters, text annotations, symbols, etc. BIIF is an ANSI/ISO standard and is in wide use in the commercial military community (formerly NITF). TIFF is a general purpose image file format that is used widely for simple image applications.

For answers to questions related to the content of the standard please contact the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Subcommittee on Base Cartographic Data, attn. Mark DeMulder, U.S. Geological Survey, 511 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U. S. C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection for the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the documents contained in the information collection request may be obtained by contacting Larry Blair, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street NW., MS-4603-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-2479.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to Larry Blair, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4603-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-2479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Form, OMB No. 1076-(new)

information collection complies with the requirements of 25 CFR Part 23, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and as required by Pub. L. 95-608, the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, and Pub. L. 99-570, the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986. The collection is also required by Pub. L. 101-630, the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. The information is collected from tribes and BIA agencies and consolidated at the area office for the purpose for gathering data to determine the number of child abuse and neglect cases and types of assistance provided. The data is used to determine the number of cases involving alcohol and substance abuse, involving recurring episodes, and those involving minor siblings. The data is used to track the number of cases reported to appropriate authorities and to gather information pertaining to treatment and prevention of family violence. The data is also used by the administering agency or tribe to review program implementation, to benchmark program service population and to identify areas in need of additional services. The headquarters office uses the data to prepare the annual program budget justification.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

II. Request for Comments

We specifically request your comments concerning:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information: U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Form.