

(2) the accuracy of MSPB's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate and other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the paperwork burden should be addressed to Mr. Bruce Mayor, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20419 or by calling (202) 653-8900.

Robert E. Taylor,

Clerk of the Board.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

August 6, 1999.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 18, 1999.

PLACE: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Closed [Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(10)].

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: This Commission meeting is a continuation of the Commission meeting held on August 6, 1999, to discuss in closed session the pending application for a prosecutor in *Disciplinary Matter*, Docket No. D-99-1.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFO: Jean Ellen, (202) 653-5629/(202) 708-9300 for TDD Relay/1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

Jean H. Ellen,

Chief Docket Clerk.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99-104]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Space Science Advisory Committee (SScAC), Astronomical Search for Origins and Planetary Systems (Origins); Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Space Science Advisory Committee, Origins Subcommittee.

DATES: Wednesday, September 1, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, September 2, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Conference Room 6H46, 300 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harley Thronson, Code SR, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-0369.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Astronomical Search for Origins and Planetary Systems "roadmap" and Office of Space Science Strategic Plan
- Meeting with the Associate Administrator
- Restructuring of the Research and Analysis Program
- Status of the Theme and the Astronomical Search for Origins and Planetary Systems Missions
- Wide-Field Camera 3
- The Astrobiology Laboratory/Institute

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

Matthew M. Crouch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 29, 1999.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1955 [P.L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35]. Copies of this ICR,

with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the National Endowment for the Arts, Civil Rights Office, Angelia C. Richardson, Director (202) 682-5454. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 682-5695 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 [(202) 395-7316], within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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 submissions of responses.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Endowment requests the review of its Civil Rights Checklist. This entry is issued by the Endowment and contains the following information: (1) the title of the form; (2) how often the required information must be reported; (3) who will be required or asked to report; (4) what the form will be used for; (5) an estimate of the number of responses; (6) the average burden hours per response; (7) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the form. This entry is not subject to 44 U.S.C. § 3504 (h).

Agency: National Endowment for the Arts.

Title: Civil Rights Checklist.

OMB Number: 3135-0112.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Nonprofit organizations, state and local arts agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,062.

Estimated Time Per Respondents: 1.
Total Burden Hours: 1,062.
Total Annualized Capital/Startup Cost: 0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Service): 0.

Description: The National Endowment for the Arts is mandated by law to ensure that its grantees are in compliance with its nondiscrimination regulations—Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Age Discrimination Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Department of Justice's Coordination of Enforcement of Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs—through compliance reviews. The Compliance Review checklists are returned and analyzed by the Endowment to ensure that our recipients' programs, activities and facilities are in compliance with the laws/regulations that govern receipt of federal funds and that the rights of all people are protected without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion and disability.

ADDRESSES: Angelia C. Richardson, Director, Civil Rights Office, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 812, Washington, D.C. 20506-001, telephone (202) 682-5454 (this is not a toll free number), fax (202) 682-5553.

Murray Welsh,

Director, Administrative Services, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Cooperative Agreement for a Feasibility Study for Increased Private Support for the Folk and Traditional Arts

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, NFAH.

ACTION: Notification of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts is requesting proposals leading to the award of a Cooperative Agreement to conduct a national feasibility study of the potential for increasing private funding for the folk and traditional arts. It is expected that the study will include: a quantitative and descriptive analysis of non-federal and non-state funding for the folk and traditional arts in the United States, including the perspectives of

representatives of a variety of funders and folk arts organizers/producers; the identification and analysis of obstacles and opportunities for increased financial support inherent both in the folk and traditional arts field and in the non-federal, non-state arenas; and the feasibility of new structures to assist in increasing financial support for the folk and traditional arts. Available funding is \$100,000. There is an expectation that, during the course of the work, additional funds for the study may be raised. Those interested in receiving the solicitation package should reference Program Solicitation PS 99-05 in their written request and include two (2) self-addressed labels. Verbal requests for the Solicitation will not be honored.

DATES: Program Solicitation PS 99-05 is scheduled for release approximately August 30, 1999 with proposals due on September 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the Solicitation should be addressed to the National Endowment for the Arts, Grants & Contracts Office, Room 618, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Hummel, Grants & Contracts Office, National Endowment for the Arts, Room 618, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20506 (202/682-5482).

William I. Hummel,

Coordinator, Cooperative Agreements and Contracts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation, Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation (#1194).

Date and Time: September 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, and 30, 1999 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day.

Place: Rooms 340, 360, 370 and 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Joseph Hennessey, Program Manager, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs, Room 590, Division of Design, Manufacture, and Industrial

Innovation, National Science Foundation, 4210 Wilson Boulevard, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 306-1330.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 USC 552(b) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (#1756).

Date and Time: September 17, 1999, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 770, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas Spence, Senior Associate for Science Program and Coordination, Room 705, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1502.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Methods and Models of Integrated Assessment Panel (MMIA) as part of the selection process of awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed included information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b) (c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: August 5, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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