

Interval Screening, will only be used by individuals who are under the age of 40 and who successfully took and passed a polar examination the previous season or not more than 24 months prior to current deployment date. It allows the otherwise healthy individual to update his or her medical data without having to take a physical examination every year as opposed to those over 40 years of age who must be examined annually.

4. *Form NSF-1465/14525/1455*, Polar Dental Examination- Antarctica/Arctic/ Official Visitors, will be used by the examining dentist to document the status of the individual's teeth and to document when the individual was examined. It will also be used by the contractor's reviewing dentist to document whether or not the individual is dentally cleared to deploy to the polar regions.

5. *Form NSF 1428/1468 Medical Waivers—Antarctic/Arctic*: Any individual who is determined to be not physically qualified for polar deployment may request an administrative waiver of the medical screening criteria. This information includes signing a Request for Waiver that is notarized or otherwise legally acceptable in accordance with penalty of perjury statutes, and obtaining an Employer Statement of Support. Individuals on a case-by-case basis may also be required to submit additional medical documentation and a letter from the individual's physician(s) regarding the individual's medical suitability for Antarctic deployment.

6. *Other information requested*: In addition to the numbered forms and other information mentioned above, the USAP medical screening package includes the following:

- The Medical Risks for NSF-Sponsored Personnel Traveling to Antarctica
- The NSF Privacy Notice
- The NSF Medical Screening for Blood-borne Pathogens/Consent for HIV Testing
- The NSF Authorization for Treatment of Field-Team Member/Participant Under the Age of 18 Years. This should only be sent to the individuals who are under 18 years of age.
- The Dear Doctor and Dear Dentist letters, which provide specific laboratory and x-ray requirements, as well as other instructions.

7. *There are two other, non-medical forms included in the mailing*:

- The Personal Information Form—NSF Form Number 1458 includes a Privacy Act notice. This form is used to collect information on current address and contact numbers, date and place of birth, nationality, citizenship,

emergency point of contact information, travel dates, clothing sizes so that we may properly outfit those individuals who deploy, work-site information and prior deployment history.

- The Participant Notification—Important Notice for Participants—NSF Form 1457 in the United States Antarctic Program. This form provides information on the laws of the nations through which program participants must transit in route to Antarctica, regarding the transport, possession and use of illegal substances and the possibility of criminal prosecution of caught, tried and convicted.

*Estimate of Burden*: Public reporting burden for this collection of information varies according to the overall health of the individual, the amount of time it takes to access the forms online and print them, the amount of research required to complete the forms, the time it takes to make an appointment, take the examination and schedule and complete any follow-up medical, dental or psychological requirements and the completeness of the forms submitted. The estimated time is up to six weeks from the time the individual receives the forms until he or she is notified by the contractor of their final clearance status. An additional period of up to eight weeks may be required for the individual who was disqualified to be notified of the disqualification, to request and receive the waiver packet, to obtain employer support and complete the waiver request, to do any follow-up testing, to return the waiver request to the contractor plus any follow-up information, for the contractor to get the completed packet to the National Science Foundation, and for the NSF to make and promulgate a decision.

*Respondents*: All individuals deploying to the Antarctic under the auspices of the United States Antarctic Program and certain Arctic areas must complete these forms. There are approximately 3,000 submissions per year, with a small percentage (c. 3%) under the age of 40 who provide annual submissions but with less information.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Form*: Responses range from 2 to approximately 238 responses.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents*: 28,728 hours.

*Frequency of Responses*: Individuals must complete the forms annually to be current within 12 months of their anticipated deployment dates. Depending on individual medical status some persons may require additional

laboratory results to be current within two to six-weeks of anticipated deployment.

*Comments*: Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY**: National Science Foundation.

**ACTION**: Notice.

**SUMMARY**: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request reinstatement and approval of this data collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this information collection.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES**: Written comments should be received by July 23, 2007 to be assured of consideration. Comments received

after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail 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 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* FY 2007 and FY 2009 Survey for Science and Engineering Research Facilities.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* April 31, 2006.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to reinstate an information collection for three years.

*Proposed Project:* The National Science Foundation Survey of Science and Engineering Research Facilities is a Congressionally mandated (Public Law 99-159), biennial survey that has been conducted since 1986. The survey collects data on cyberinfrastructure and on the amount, condition, and costs of the physical facilities used to conduct science and engineering research. It was expected by Congress that this survey would provide the data necessary to describe the status and needs of science and engineering research facilities and to formulate appropriate solutions to documented needs. During the FY 2003 and FY 2005 survey cycles, data were collected from a population of approximately 475 research-performing colleges and universities. This survey population was supplemented with approximately 190 nonprofit biomedical research institutions receiving research support from the National Institutes of Health. Beginning with the FY 2003 cycle, a new section was added to the survey requesting information on the computing and networking capacity at the surveyed institutions, an increasingly important part of the infrastructure for science and engineering research. Other important changes include updating the networking and computing section, based on technological changes that may occur.

*Use of the Information:* Analysis of the Facilities Survey data will provide updated information on the status of

scientific and engineering research faculties and capabilities. The information can be used by Federal policy makers, planners, and budget analysts in making policy decisions, as well as by institutional academic officials, the scientific/engineering establishment, and state agencies and legislatures that fund universities.

*Burden on the Public:* The Facilities Survey will be sent by mail to approximately 475 academic institutions and 190 nonprofit research organizations and hospitals. The completion time per academic institution is expected to average 41 hours and the completion time per research organization/hospitals is expected to average 5 hours. Assuming a 94% response rate, this would result in an estimated burden of 18,307 hours for academic institutions and 895 hours for nonprofit research organizations/hospitals.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### U.S. Chief Financial Officer Council; Grants Policy Committee

**ACTION:** Notice of open stakeholder Webcast meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the third of a series of open stakeholder webcast meetings sponsored by the Grants Policy Committee (GPC) of the U.S. Chief Financial Officers Council.

**DATES:** The GPC will hold a webcast meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 from 2-3:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. The Webcast will be broadcasted live.

**ADDRESSES:** The GPC June 19 Webcast meeting will be broadcasted from and held in Room B-180 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410. Seating is limited—the first 50 people to respond and receive confirmation of the response can be part of the live audience. Both federal and non-federal employees must R.S.V.P. to reserve your seat by contacting Charisse Carney-Nunes at [GPCWebcast@nsf.gov](mailto:GPCWebcast@nsf.gov). All who have reserved seating must arrive at the HUD building fifteen minutes prior to broadcast (arrive on the North side of the building). You must have a photo ID to gain access and will have to go through the security screening. The GPC encourages non-federal organizations

staffs and members to attend the meeting in person or via Webcast.

*Overview:* The subject of this webcast meeting will be grant life cycle changes: data and reporting requirements and impacts on awardee and federal communities, policies, and planning. Specifically, the Webcast goals are to: (1) To raise awareness in the stakeholder community about new legislation concerning transparency and accountability and the effects it will have on stakeholder federal assistance funding cycle, data and reporting requirements, policies and planning; and (2) to share information about the GPC's long-term planning and prioritization efforts and to receive input from stakeholders to inform a draft plan.

*Further Information About the GPC Webcast:* Questions on the Webcast should be directed to Charisse Carney-Nunes, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; e-mail, [GPCWebcast@nsf.gov](mailto:GPCWebcast@nsf.gov). Information and materials that pertain to this webcast meeting, including the call-in telephone number and the agenda will be posted on the Federal Grants Streamlining Initiative (FGSI) Web site at [http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/grants\\_news.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/grants_news.jsp) under "June 19 Meeting Materials." The link to view the Webcast will be posted on this site, along with Webcast instructions. After the meeting, a link to its recording will be posted on the FGSI Web site for at least 90 days.

*Comments Submission Information:* You may submit comments during the Webcast meeting via telephone or e-mail. The call-in telephone number, which may be used only during the live Webcast, is 202-708-0995. The e-mail address for comments, which should be used only during the Webcast is [HUDTV@HUD.GOV](mailto:HUDTV@HUD.GOV). The e-mail address for comments after the Webcast is [GPCWebcast@nsf.gov](mailto:GPCWebcast@nsf.gov). You may submit after Webcast comments via e-mail through close of business Tuesday, July 3, 2007.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Webcast meeting has been made possible by the cooperation of the National Science Foundation, HUD, and the GPC.

*Purpose of the Webcast meeting:* The purpose of the meeting is to raise awareness in the stakeholder community about new legislation. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) was signed into law in September 2006, and requires the full disclosure of entities or organizations receiving federal funds beginning in fiscal year 2007.