

—Space Station Electrical Power System Briefing

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

Dated: October 29, 1996.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Records Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Records schedules identify records of sufficient value to warrant preservation in the National Archives of the United States. Schedules also authorize agencies after a specified period to dispose of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules that (1) propose the destruction of records not previously authorized for disposal, or (2) reduce the retention period for records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

**DATES:** Request for copies must be received in writing on or before December 19, 1996. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. The requester will be given 30 days to submit comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Address requests for single copies of schedules identified in this notice to the Records Appraisal and Disposition Division (NIR), National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD 20740. Requesters must cite the control number assigned to each schedule when requesting a copy. The control number appears in the parentheses immediately after the name of the requesting agency.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year U.S. Government agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. In order to control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare records schedules specifying when the agency no longer needs the records and what happens to the records after this period. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. These comprehensive schedules provide for the eventual transfer to the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records, and many are updates of previously approved schedules. Such schedules also may include records that are designated for permanent retention.

Destruction of records requires the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted after a thorough study of the records that takes into account their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and historical or other value.

This public notice identifies the Federal agencies and their subdivisions requesting disposition authority, includes the control number assigned to each schedule, and briefly describes the records proposed for disposal. The records schedule contains additional information about the records and their disposition. Further information about the disposition process will be furnished to each requester.

#### Schedules Pending

1. Department of Commerce, Patent and Trademark Office (N1-241-96-4). Updated chapter of a comprehensive schedule, including records of the Patent Assignment and Certification Division, and related program offices.

2. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office (N1-434-96-12). Routine administrative and general facilities records from the Savannah River Site and the Dana Plant.

3. Department of Justice (N1-60-94-9). Litigation case files relating to tax matters arising before the Court of Federal Claims and tax matters involving assessments against the United States.

4. Department of State, All Foreign Service Posts (N1-84-96-4). The Citizen Services System (CSS) maintained by Consular Sections.

5. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Public Debt (N1-53-97-1). Office of Administration records.

6. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (N1-436-96-3). Outputs of the Weapons, Application, and Importation Tracking System (WAITS) and Firearms and Explosives Import System (FEIS). (Master files will be preserved.)

7. Competitiveness Policy Council (N1-220-96-14). Administrative files and records of Subcouncils (exclusive Subcouncil final reports).

8. Federal Housing Finance Board (N1-485-95-1). On-line working data files of the District Banks Information Management System.

9. Panama Canal Commission (N1-185-96-6). Routine informational services and public relations records.

10. Securities and Exchange Commission (N1-266-97-2). One time disposal of computer output microfiche created from data stored in the EDGAR system, which is scheduled for transfer to the National Archives.

Dated: October 24, 1996.

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Administration.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

*Title of Proposed Collection:* National Science Foundation Proposal Evaluation Process.

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. Such a notice was published at Federal Register 29432, dated June 10, 1996. No public comments were received.

The materials are now being sent to OMB for review. Send any written comments to Desk Officer: OMB No. 3145-0100, OIRA, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments should be received by December 1, 1996.

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.

**Proposed Project:** Separately budgeted current fund expenditures on research and development in the sciences and engineering performed by universities and colleges and their affiliated federally funded research and development centers—A mail survey, the Survey of Scientific and Engineering Expenditures at Universities and Colleges, originated in fiscal year (FY) 1954 and has been conducted annually since FY 1972. The survey is the academic expenditure component of the NSF statistical program that seeks to “provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in the United States, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by

other agencies of the Federal government” as mandated in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950. The proposed project will continue the current survey cycle for three to five years. The FY 1996 and FY 1997 will be a statistical sample of approximately 518 institutions and FY 1998 a full survey population of about 700 institutions. The survey is conducted as a full survey population every 5 years and as a statistical sample in each of the 4 intervening years. These institutions account for over 95 percent of the Nation’s academic R&D funds. The survey has provided continuity of statistics on R&D expenditures by source of funds and by science & engineering (S&E) field, with separate data requested on current fund expenditures for research equipment by S&E field. Statistics from the survey are published in NSF’s annual publication

series Academic Science and Engineering R&D Expenditures and are available electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey will be mailed primarily to the administrators at the Institutional Research Offices. To minimize burden, institutions are provided with (in addition to paper copy) an automatic survey questionnaire (ASQ) diskette, pre-loaded with the institutions previous years data and a complete program for editing and trend checking. Respondents are encouraged to submit their response via the ASQ diskette or electronically via internet. Approximately 60% responded via ASQ or electronically to this voluntary survey in FY 1994 and a total response rate of 90.6% was obtained. Burden estimates are as follows:

| Total number of institutions | Doctorate-granting | Masters-granting | Bachelors degree or below |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
|                              | Burden hours       |                  |                           |
| FY 1992—480 .....            | 20.8               | 12.0             | 4.4                       |
| FY 1993—700 .....            | 21.0               | 8.1              | 5.2                       |
| FY 1994—518 .....            | 21.6               | 7.7              | 4.3                       |

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*NSF Clearance Officer.*

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### National Science Board; Nominations for Membership

The National Science Board (NSB) is the policymaking body of the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Board consists of 24 members appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for six-year terms, in addition to the NSF Director *ex officio*. Section 4(c) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, states that: “The persons nominated for appointment as members of the Board (1) shall be eminent in the fields of the basic, medical, or social sciences, engineering, agriculture, education, research management, or public affairs; (2) shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service; and (3) shall be so selected as to provide representation of the views of scientific and engineering leaders in all areas of the Nation.”

All of the members whose terms expire in May 1998 are eligible for reappointment. Current NSB membership is as follows:

Terms Expire May 10, 1998

Dr. F. Albert Cotton, Distinguished Professor, Department of Chemistry, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Dr. Charles E. Hess, Director of International Programs Office, University of California, Davis, CA

Dr. John E. Hopcroft, Joseph Silbert Dean of Engineering, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Dr. Shirley Malcom, HEAD, Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.

Dr. James L. Powell, President and Director, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA

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Dr. Ian M. Ross, President-Emeritus, AT&T Bell Laboratories, Inc., 101 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, NJ

Dr. Richard N. Zare, (Chairman, National Science Board), Marguerite Blake Wilbur Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Terms Expire May 10, 2000

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Dr. Claudia I. Mitchell-Kernan, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Dean, Graduate Division, Office of the Chancellor, University of California, Los Angeles, CA

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Dr. John A. White, Jr., Regents’ Professor and Dean of Engineering, Eugene C. Gwaltney Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA