

of individuals served in the State's programs.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): All respondents are currently operating production-status SPIR reporting systems. Estimated average marginal costs to implement changes described in this Notice: \$7,500.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): All respondents maintain management information systems required to operate their JTPA programs. Satisfying SPIR reporting requirements is one of a number of functions these systems perform. The costs of operating and maintaining these systems vary widely, ranging from States with only a single Service Delivery Area (e.g., Delaware) to California which has 52 Service Delivery Areas within the State.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 455,940.

Change from Prior Authorization: Increase of 16,575 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

Gerri Fiala,

Director, Office of Policy and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

The "Significant and Substantial" Phrase in Sections 104 (d) and (e) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977; Suspension of Interpretative Bulletin

On February 5, 1998 (63 FR 6012), the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) issued an Interpretative Bulletin which set forth the Agency's interpretation of the statutory phrase "* * * significantly and substantially contribute to the cause and effect of a coal or other mine safety or health hazard * * *" and which announced that MSHA would challenge an interpretation of that language by the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

In response to concerns raised by the mining industry, on February 20, 1998 (63 FR 8692), the Agency announced a 60-day comment period on the implementation and impact of the interpretation of that phrase. During the comment period, the mining industry presented views that the approach set

out in the Interpretative Bulletin would be overly-inclusive, resulting in an application that would classify virtually all violations as S&S. This was not MSHA's intent.

The Agency's purpose was to seek an application of the phrase that would recognize that serious hazards which have a real possibility of causing death or serious injury or illness should properly be classified and addressed as S&S violations.

Upon consideration of the views presented to date, the Agency believes that further dialogue on the application of the statutory phrase "significant and substantial" would better serve all segments of the mining community. By this notice, MSHA is hereby suspending the Interpretative Bulletin and the applicable provisions of the Program Information Bulletin issued on February 5. MSHA will continue to accept written comments on this matter.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

J. Davitt McAteer,

Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health requests nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health. The Committee was established under section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the Act.

Nominations will be accepted by the Secretary of Labor for 8 vacancies occurring in the following categories: two public representatives; two management representatives; two labor representatives and two safety representatives. Four additional members for the Committee will be recommended by the Secretary of Health and Human Services: two occupational health representatives and two public representatives. The terms

for six members will be for one year and the terms for the remaining six members will be for two years. Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership. The category which the candidate would represent should be specified and a resume of the nominee included. In addition, the nomination should state that the nominee is aware of the nomination and is willing to serve as a committee member for a two year term.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted no later than June 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted to Frank Frodyma, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3641, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of April, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences; 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 Astronomical Sciences (1186).

Date and Time: May 15, 1998, 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Place: Room 1020, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Seth L. Tuttle, Program Manager, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1820.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations on proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the AST/MRI Program.

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 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering & Environmental Systems; 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 Bioengineering & Environmental Systems.

Date & Time: May 12, 1998; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA.

Contact Person: Dr. Edward H. Bryan, Program Director, Environmental Engineering Program, Division of Bioengineering & Environmental Systems, Room 565, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, 703/306-1318.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) proposals 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 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Committee of Visitors; 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: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences.

Date and Time: May 13, 14, and 15, 1998, 8:00 am-5:00 pm each day.

Place: Room 320, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open—(see Agenda, below).

Contact Person: Dr. Scott Collins, Division of Environmental Biology, Room 640, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1483.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access of privileged materials.

Agenda

Closed: May 13 and May 14 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm each day—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of the Ecological Studies Cluster in the Division of Environmental Biology.

Open: May 15 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm—To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Division of Environmental Biology. This shall involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantees outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

Reason for Closing: During the closed session, the Committee will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems; Notice of Meeting

This notice is being published in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended). During the month of May 1998, the Special Emphasis Panel will be holding a Major Research Instrumentation Panel to review and evaluate research proposals. The dates, contact person, and types of proposals are as follows:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems

Date and Time: May 12, 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1371.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact: Dr. Raul Miranda, Program Director, Division of Chemical and Transport Systems (CTS), Room 525 (703) 306-1371.

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 Division 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 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems; Notice of Meeting

This notice is being published in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended). During the month of May 1998, the Special Emphasis Panel will be holding a Major Research Instrumentation Panel to review and evaluate research proposals. The dates, contact person, and types of proposals are as follows:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems.

Date and Time: May 11, 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1371.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact: Dr. Ashley Emery, Program Director, Division of Chemical and Transport Systems (CTS), Room 525 (703) 306-1371.

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 Division 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 from 56 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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