

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Bion Task Force.

**DATES:** July 1, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., MIC 6 A & B, Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dr. Frank Sulzman, Code UL, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-0200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room and public comment will be allowed during designated discussion periods. The agenda for the meeting is:

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Charge to Committee
- Bion Overview
- Discussion
- Science Integrity Presentations
- Animal Welfare Presentations
- Sub-group Splinter Sessions
- Sub-group Reports
- Discussion

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

Dated: June 5, 1996.

Leslie M. Nolan,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration.*

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**NASA Advisory Council, Minority Business Resource Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Minority Business Resource Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** June 27, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Headquarters Room 9H40 (9th Floor Program Review Center), 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ralph C. Thomas, III, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Room 9K70, 300 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2088.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Call to Order
- Reading of Minutes
- Update on NASA SDB Program
- Report from the Chairman
- Public Comment
- Proposed MBRAC Recommendations
- Subcommittee Reports
- New Business
- Adjourn

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: June 5, 1996.

Leslie M. Nolan,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration.*

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Council on Disability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 522b(e)(1) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, (P.L. 94-409).

**DATES:** July 24-26, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Training Room, 1331 F Street NW., 3d Floor, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark S. Quigley, Public Affairs Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW., Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20004-1107; (202) 272-2004 (Voice), (202) 272-2074 (TT), (202) 272-2022 (Fax); mquigley@ncd.gov (e-mail).

**AGENCY MISSION:** The National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency led by 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The overall purpose of the National Council

is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature of severity of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Those needing interpreters or other accommodations should notify the National Council on Disability prior to this meeting.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ILLNESS:** People with environmental illness must reduce their exposure to volatile chemical substances in order to attend this meeting. In order to reduce such exposure, we ask that you not wear perfumes or scents at the meeting. We also ask that you smoke only in designated areas and the privacy of your room. Smoking is prohibited in the meeting room and surrounding area.

**OPEN MEETING:** This quarterly meeting of the National Council shall be open to the public.

**AGENDA:** The proposed agenda includes:

- Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director
- Committee Meetings and Committee Reports
- National Disability Policy: A Progress Report Update
- Sixth Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Records shall be kept of all National Council proceedings and shall be available after the meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 5, 1996.

Speed Davis,

*Acting Executive Director.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences; Proposed Collection Available for Public Comment: Comments Requested by August 4, 1996**

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. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the NSF Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1243.

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 to be collected; 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.

**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 99.6% 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 hours .....	12.0 hours .....	4.4 hours.
FY 1993 700 .....	21.0 hours .....	8.1 hours .....	5.2 hours.
FY 1994 518 .....	21.6 hours .....	7.7 hours .....	4.3 hours.

Send comments to Herman Fleming, Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 485, Arlington, VA 22230. Written comments should be received by August 4, 1996.

Dated: June 5, 1996.

Herman G. Fleming,  
NSF Clearance Officer.

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## NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD

### Request for Comments; Notice of Public Hearings

This notice announces the second in a series of public hearings to stimulate public dialogue on key issues relevant to the decision-making of the National Skill Standards Board (NSSB), and notifies the public of the dates, locations, and times of these hearings. The second round of public hearings will solicit the public's views on the nature, scope, and functions of an ideal

national system of workforce development, and to determine how skill standards can enhance that system.

The first series of hearings, held in April 1996, garnered valuable information from employers, vocational educators, parents, professional associations, union leaders, community organizations, state government agencies, teachers, and others. Their views provided a framework for the Board's development of a voluntary system of skill standards. The National Skill Standards Board will continue to develop its policies and approaches by sharing its preliminary thinking with the public before the Board's final adoption of policies.

Those providing testimony at the initial set of public hearings gave a broad range of comments on issues relating to NSSB's mission, skill standards' characteristics and uses, existing models for implementation, the role of voluntary partnerships, the identification of occupational clusters, and high performance/best practice workplaces. There was unanimous support for the mission and efforts of NSSB. There was a general consensus

that the NSSB should: (1) Learn from existing efforts to avoid reinventing the wheel; (2) involve all stakeholders in the process, but employers must lead the effort; (3) establish standards that are portable, flexible, integrated with academic standards and basic employability skills, and that are regularly updated; and (4) create a common lexicon to describe skills and standards. In addition, although there was common agreement on the necessity of clustering tasks or occupations, there was no consensus on the best method of clustering. Finally, there was no consensus on the issue of how the Board's work should relate to the concept of high performance/best practice workplaces or jobs. Many agreed that highly skilled jobs are integral to America's economic health, but they urged the Board to not focus solely on highly skilled jobs but on those that are most important to the economy.

Within future public hearings, the NSSB will solicit public comment on such topics as:

- Voluntary partnerships.