

This meeting will be open to the public. However, due to space limitations and access procedures, the names and telephone numbers of individuals planning to attend must be submitted to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) no later than September 5, 1997. ISOO will provide additional instructions for gaining access to the location of the meeting.

For Further Information Contact: Steven Garfinkel, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives Building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 100, Washington, DC 20408, telephone (202) 219-5250.

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Mary Ann Hadyka,

Policy and Communications Staff.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee Management; Notice of Establishment

The Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation and the Chairman of the National Science Board have determined that the establishment of the NSB Public Service Award Committee is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 et seq. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration and the Office of Management and Budget.

Name of Committee: NSB Public Service Award Committee.

Purpose: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Board on the selection of the NSB Public Service Award recipient. The NSB Public Service Award is a nonmonetary annual award designed to recognize individuals, a company, corporation, or organization, for their contribution in increasing the public's understanding of science.

Balanced Membership Plans. The Committee will be balanced with eight members, six appointed and two ex officio, selected from the academic, scientific, and the private sectors who are knowledgeable about the public's view and understanding of science and technology and its importance in today's society. The two ex officio members are the Director, National Science Foundation; and Chairman, National Science Board.

Responsible NSF Official: Susan Fannoney, Executive Secretary of the Public Service Award Committee, National Science Board, Room 1225, National Science Foundation, 4301

Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22300, telephone (703) 306-2000.

Dated: August 12, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Earth Sciences Proposal Review Panel; 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: Earth Sciences Proposal Review Panel (1569).

Date: September 10, 11, & 12, 1997.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.

Place: Rooms 310, 340, 360, 380, & 390, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Alan M. Gaines, Section Head, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, (703) 306-1553.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate earth sciences 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 proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: August 12, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Engineering; 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 Engineering (1170).

Date and Time: September 4-5, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Rm. 530, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. George A. Hazelrigg, Program Director, Division of Design and Integration Engineering Program, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1330.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

Agenda: To provide oversight review of the Design and Integration Engineering Program.

Reason for Closing: The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is 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.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental Programs To Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR); 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 Experimental Programs to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) #1198.

Date & Time: September 8, 1997, 11:30 am-6:00 pm; September 9, 1997, 8:00 am-12:00 noon.

Place: Crystal City Hyatt, 2799 South Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, PHONE (703) 418-1234, FAX (703) 418-1233.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Richard J. Anderson, Head, Office of Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 875, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1683.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate science and technology infrastructure improvement proposals from states participating in the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Proposals request support for 36 month non-renewable EPSCoR Cooperative Agreements and are submitted in response to NSF solicitation 95-141.

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 Geosciences; 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 Geosciences (1756).

Date and Time: September 3-4, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Richard A. Behnke, Section Head, Upper Atmosphere Research Section, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, telephone (703) 306-1518.

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 Foundation in response to the Polar Cap Observatory project solicitation 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 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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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., August 21, 1997.

PLACE: Commission Conference Room, 1333 H Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED. (1) Docket MC97-3—consideration of proposed settlement, and (2) Docket MC97-4—consideration of proposed settlement.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel,

Postal Rate Commission, 1333 H Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001, (202) 789-6820.

Dated: August 13, 1997.

Cyril J. Pittack,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-38921; International Series Release No. IS-1096; File No. SR-AMEX-97-26]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Adoption of Foreign Examination Modules

August 11, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 28, 1997, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The American Stock Exchange, Inc. proposes to adopt certain foreign examination modules of the General Securities Registered Representative Examination ("Series 7"), which were developed by the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), for use by registered representatives from the United Kingdom ("U.K."), Canada and Japan seeking to qualify as general securities registered representatives in the United States.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(1) Purpose

Pursuant to Commentary .03 to Exchange Rule 341, natural persons seeking to become registered representatives must pass a qualifying examination. The Exchange currently requires that all such persons, including those qualified in foreign countries, including the U.K., Canada and Japan, pass the Series 7 examination. In order to reduce redundant qualification requirements, the NYSE developed foreign examination modules for the U.K. (Series 17), Canada (Series 37/38) and Japan (Series 47). By successfully completing these modified examinations rather than the full Series 7 examination, persons in good standing with the securities regulators of their respective countries may perform all of the functions permitted of a person who holds a Series 7 registration, with the exception of selling municipal securities. These examination modules are currently in use by the NYSE, National Association of Securities Dealers ("NASD") and the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE").³

The Series 17 version, the Limited Registered Representative Examination, is for U.K. registrants who have successfully completed the basic exam of the U.K. and who are in good standing with securities regulators in the U.K. It deletes those substantive sections of the standard Series 7 which overlap with the U.K. examination. The Series 17 is a ninety question

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 27967 (May 1, 1990), 55 FR 19124 (May 8, 1990) (approving File No. SR-NYSE-89-22, Series 17); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36629, International Series Release No. 909 (Dec. 21, 1995), 60 FR 67385, corrected, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36629A, International Series Release No. 909A (Jan. 4, 1996), 61 FR 744 (Jan. 10, 1996) (approving File No. SR-NYSE-95-29, Series 37 and Series 38); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36708, International Series Release No. 915 (Jan. 11, 1996), 61 FR 1808 (Jan. 23, 1996) (approving File No. SR-NYSE-95-36, Series 47); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 36825 (Feb. 9, 1996), 61 FR 6052 (approving File No. SR-NASD-96-04, Series 37 and 38); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37112 (April 12, 1996), 61 FR 17339 (approving File No. SR-NASD-96-13); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 38274 (February 12, 1997), 62 FR 7485 (File No. SR-CBOE-97-04).