

Personnel Management, the heads of executive agencies and, through periodic surveys of individual employees;

d. Periodically analyze acquisition career fields to identify critical competencies, duties, tasks, and related academic prerequisites, skills, and knowledge;

e. Coordinate and assist agencies in identifying and recruiting highly qualified candidates for acquisition fields;

f. Develop instructional material for acquisition personnel in coordination with private and public acquisition colleges and training facilities;

g. Evaluate the effectiveness of training and career development programs for acquisition personnel;

h. Promote the establishment and utilization of academic programs by colleges and universities in acquisition fields;

i. Facilitate, to the extent requested by agencies, interagency intern and training programs; and

j. Perform other career management and research functions as directed by the Administrator.

11. Information Contact

Questions regarding this Policy Letter should be directed to Richard C. Loeb, Executive Secretary, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, 202-395-3254, facsimile, 202-395-5105. The address is Office of Federal Procurement Policy, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

12. Judicial Review

This Policy Letter is not intended to provide a constitutional or statutory interpretation of any kind and it is not intended, and should not be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any persons. It is intended only to provide policy guidance to agencies in the exercise of their discretion concerning Federal contracting. Thus, this Policy Letter is not intended, and should not be construed, to create any substantive or procedural basis on which to challenge any agency action or inaction on the ground that such action or inaction was not in accordance with this Policy Letter.

13. Effective Date

This Policy Letter is effective 30 days after the date of issuance.

Steven Kelman,
Administrator.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Sunshine Act Meeting

TYPE: Quarterly 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: November 3-5, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Sheraton City Centre Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037; 202-775-0800.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark S. Quigley, Public Affairs Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1050, Washington, D.C. 20004-1007; 202-272-2004 (Voice), 202-272-2074 (TTY), 202-272-2022 (Fax).

AGENCY MISSION: The National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose 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 our room. Smoking is prohibited in the meeting room and surrounding area.

OPEN MEETING: This quarterly meeting of the National Council on Disability will be open to the public.

AGENDA: The proposed agenda includes: Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director
Committee Meetings and Committee Reports
Strategic Planning—Closed Work Session for Members and Staff
Return-to-work Initiative
Disability Date Collection

Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements
Adjournment

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

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 23, 1997.

Ethel D. Briggs,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Anthropological, Geographic Sciences; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following six meetings.

Name: Advisory Panel for Anthropological and Geographic Sciences (#1757).

1. **Date & Time:** October 17, 1997 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard Room 970, Arlington, Va 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. John E. Yellen, Program Director for Archaeology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1759.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Archaeometry proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

2. **Date & Time:** November 9, 1997 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 970, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. John E. Yellen, Program Director for Archaeology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1759

Agenda: To review and evaluate Archaeometry proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

3. **Date & Time:** November 18-19, 1997; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 970, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Dennis O'Rourke, Program Director for Physical Anthropology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1758.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Physical Anthropology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

4. **Date & Time:** November 23-24, 1997; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 970, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Stuart Plattner, Program Director for Cultural Anthropology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1758.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Cultural Anthropology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

5. *Date & Time:* November 18, 1997; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 320, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Stuart Plattner, Program Director for Cultural Anthropology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1758.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Cultural Dissertation proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

6. *Date & Time:* November 17-18, 1997; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Center for Ecological Analysis Synthesis, University of California, Suite 300, 735 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-3351.

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas Leinbach, or Bernard Bauer, Program Directors for Geography, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1754.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Geography proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

7. *Date & Time:* December 8-9, 1997; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 310.

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas Leinbach, or Bernard Bauer, Program Directors for Geography, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1754.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Geography Dissertation proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Time of Meetings: Closed.

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

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: September 22, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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

Date & Time: October 15-17, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 770.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Leonard E. Johnson, Program Director, Continental Dynamics Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 306-1559

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Continental Dynamics 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 in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 22, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering; 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: Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (#1173).

Date & Time: October 14-15, 1997; 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00.

Place: Room 1295, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Sue Kemnitzer, Executive Secretary, Room 585, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22230. Phone: (703) 306-1382.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person at the above address.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on policies and activities of the Foundation to

encourage full participation of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities currently underrepresented in scientific, engineering, professional, and technical; fields and to advise NSF concerning implementation of the provisions of the Science and Engineering Equal Opportunities Act.

Agenda: (Tentative)

Tuesday, October 14, 1997

11:30 Lunch (Sandwiches brought into the room)

Noon Welcome; Introduction of New Members; Minutes

12:30 Description of the charge to CEOSE

1:00 Congressional report and Congressional staff visitor

2:00 Break

2:30 Status of Implementation of the New Merit Review Criteria

3:00 Human Resource Development

Working Group and Task Force Update

3:30 Strategic Planning Follow Up; Other Federal Science Agencies; Persons with Disabilities; Capacity Building within NSF

4:30 Meeting with the Deputy Director (suggested time)

5:00 Adjourn

October 15, 1997

8:00 Science Resource Studies Division Data Briefing; Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities 1998 Report Office of Management and Budget Ethnicity Classification

8:30 Data Needs for 1998 Congressional Report

9:00 Briefing on Science Policy Issues

10:00 Update on new programs (POWRE and IGERT)

10:30 Reports from Advisory Committee Liaisons

11:00 Issues Regarding Persons with Disabilities

Noon Open discussion/Working Lunch

1:00 Linking with Other Federal Agencies

2:00 Capacity Building within NSF

3:00 Meeting with the Director (suggested time)

4:00 Plans for the next meeting

5:00 Adjourn

Dated: September 22, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Networking & Communications Research & Infrastructure; 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 Networking and Communications Research & Infrastructure (# 1207).