

policy goals for payment under Medicare fee for service.

Final agendas will be mailed on November 21, 1997 and will be available on the Commission's web sites (WWW.PPRC.GOV and WWW.PROPAC.GOV) at that time.

ADDRESSES: 2120 L Street, N.W.; Suite 200; Washington, D.C. 20037. The telephone number is 202/653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Johnson, Executive Assistant, at 202/653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are not on the Commission mailing list and wish to receive an agenda, please call 202/653-7220 after November 21, 1997.

Lauren LeRoy,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Notice of Publication of Federal Telecommunication Recommendation

AGENCY: National Communications System (NCS).

ACTION: Notice of publication.

SUMMARY: Federal Telecommunications Recommendation (FTR) 1080-1997, "Video Teleconferencing Services at 56 to 1,920 kbit/s" was approved for publication on October 30, 1997. This recommendation defines the specifications for video teleconferencing and video telephony systems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Stephen Perschau at telephone (703) 607-6198 or write to the National Communications System, Attn: N6, 701 South Court House Road, Arlington, VA 22204-2198.

Dennis Bodson,

Chief, Technology and Standards Division.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Panel, Literature Section (Creation & Presentation/Planning & Stabilization Categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on December 3-5, 1997. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on December 3 and

December 4, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 5, in Room M-07 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 5, will be open to the public for a policy discussion of guidelines, planning, field needs and trends, and Leadership Initiatives.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on December 3 and December 4, and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 5, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of March 31, 1997, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Computer and Information 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: Advisory Committee for Computer and Information Science and Engineering—1115.

Date and Time: December 03, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., December 04, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Yvonne Summers, Office of the Assistant Director, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1105, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1900.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs and activities on the CISE community; to provide advice to the Assistant Director/CISE on issues related to long range planning, and to form ad hoc subcommittees to carry out needed studies and tasks.

Agenda

- (1) Review status of Implementation of CISE Reorganization
- (2) Provide assessment of CISE Results and Future Plans in the context of Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- (3) Discuss special activities, e.g., Knowledge Distributed Intelligence (KDI, Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure (PACI), Next Generation Internet, Digital Libraries II, etc.

Dated: November 10, 1997.

Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development; Notice of Meeting

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

Name and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development (#1199).

Date and Time: December 1-2, 1997; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 330, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Alexandra King, Program Director, Human Resource Development Division, Room 815, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1633.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate the Comprehensive Partnerships for Mathematics and Science Achievement 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: November 10, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Subcommittee on Nuclear Physics; 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 Mathematical and Physical Sciences (66).

Date and Time: December 3, 1997, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Place: Rm. 360, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Marvin Goldberg, Program Director for Elementary Particle Physics, Physics Division, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1894.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning experiments involving international collaborations.

Agenda: Discussion of Nuclear Physics collaborations.

Dated: November 10, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Review of An Information Collection Federal Contractor Welfare to Work Success Stories

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this

notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of an information collection. The questions are intended to elicit from Federal contractors descriptions of successes in hiring workers directly off the welfare rolls. The submissions are entirely voluntary.

We estimate that 10,000 responses will be submitted annually, and that each response will take an average of two hours to prepare. The annual estimated burden is 20,000 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or e-mail to jmfarron@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before December 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

Donna Beecher, Director, Office of Contracting and Administrative Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St., NW, Room 1340, Washington, DC 20415,

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION, CONTACT: Kent Bailey, Publications Services Division, (202) 606-2260.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Acting Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-38313; File No. SR-Amex-97-44]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by American Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Institutional Index Options

November 7, 1997.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act" or "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 4, 1997, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission

("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 Amex proposes to increase both position and exercise limits for its Institutional Index Options ("XII"). In addition, the Exchange proposes to increase the firm facilitation exemption for XII. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, Amex and at the Commission.

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 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Amex proposes to increase XII position and exercise limits to 100,000 contracts on the same side of the market. Existing Exchange rules provide for XII position and exercise³ limits of 45,000 contracts of the same side of the market of which no more than 25,000 contracts may be used for purposes of realizing any differential in price between XII and the securities underlying XII. In July of 1992, the Exchange increased position and exercise limits for XII to their current levels.⁴ Since that time, options on XII continue to be traded primarily by institutional and professional investors and member firms, each often needing to hedge large asset quantities. However, institutional use of XII options to hedge large asset quantities has been limited as

³ The exercise limit for XII, which is equal to XII's position limit, is determined under Exchange Rules 905C and 905.

⁴ See Exchange Act Release No. 31330 (Oct. 16, 1992) 57 FR 30516 (Oct. 23, 1992).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.