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Special Areas for Review

NSF request special review and comments in the following areas:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Foundation'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 those who are to respond.

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Mary Lou Higgs,

Acting NSF Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research; 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 Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research #1185).

Date and Time: October 19, 1998, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Place: William Marsh Rice University, 6100 Main Street, Duncan Hall, Room 1035, Houston, TX 77005.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Charles H. Koebel, Program Director, Advanced Computational Research Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1962.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals in the Advanced Computational Research Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of 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.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function; 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 Panel for Biomolecular Structure and Function—(1134) (Panel B).

Date and Time: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 26-28, 1998—8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Kamal Shukla & Dr. Pien-Chien Huang, Program Directors for Molecular Biophysics, Room 655, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703/306-1444)

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Molecular Biophysics Program 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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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Elementary, Secondary and Information Education, Notice of Meetings

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

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure and Research (1185).

Dates & Times:

October 28—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 3—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 6—8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1150, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Charles Koebel, Program Director, Advanced Computational Infrastructure and Research Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22230, Tel: (703) 306-1962.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals in the Advanced Computational Research Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for closing: The proposals being reviewed includes 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 within exemptions (4) and (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for 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 and Committee Code: Advisory Committee for Engineering (#1170).

Date and Time: October 28, 1998/8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. October 29, 1998/8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Place: Room 1235 (National Science Board Meeting Room), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Elbert L. Marsh, Deputy Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation, Suite 505, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 306-1301. For easier building access, individuals planning to attend should contact Maxine Byrd at 703-306-1300 or at mbyrd@nsf.gov so that your name can be added to the building access list.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to Engineering programs and activities.

Agenda: Discussion on issues, opportunities, and future directions for the Engineering Directorate; in particular, the

Advisory Committee will focus on the NSF Performance Plan in response to the Government Performance and Results Act requirements.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; 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 Materials Research (1203).

Date and Time: October 30, 1998; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Rooms, 330, 340, 360; National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. H. Hollis Wickman, Program Director, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1816.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Condensed Matter Physics Program 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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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Physics (1208).

Date: October 27-29, 1998.

Place: LIGO site, Hanford, Washington.

Type of meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. David Berley, Program Manager, Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory, Physics Division, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1892.

Purpose of meeting: To review the technical aspects and management of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) project.

Agenda: An overview of the project. Detailed examination of the technical aspects of the project and the management of the technical systems.

Reason for Closing: The Project plans being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. 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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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Request for a Collection of Information Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Customer Satisfaction Survey

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget approve a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this information collection, which will be conducted through customer satisfaction surveys, is to help the agency assess the efficiency and effectiveness with which it serves participants in pension plans it becomes trustee of, and to design actions to address identified problems.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted to OMB at the address below within 30 days after October 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All written comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. The request for approval and copies of the proposed collection of information will be available for public inspection at the PBGC Communications and Public

Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marc L. Jordan, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC is requesting OMB approval of a collection of information consisting of customer satisfaction surveys. The collection is in furtherance of the goals described in Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, which states that, in order to carry out the principles of the National Performance Review, the Federal Government must be customer-driven. The Executive Order directs all executive departments and agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to provide those services in a manner that seeks to meet the customer service standards established in the Executive Order.

The customer satisfaction survey information collection will be accomplished by mailing questionnaires to a random sample of participants and beneficiaries who have had recent contact with the PBGC.

This voluntary collection of information will put a slight burden on a very small percentage of the public. The PBGC will collect information annually from 1,280 participants and beneficiaries in pension plans insured by the PBGC. The PBGC estimates that the total annual burden will be 106.66 hours.

On July 24, 1998, the PBGC published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intention to request OMB approval of this collection. No comments were received in response to the notice.

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Stuart Sirkin,

Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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