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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Application for Mediation Services,
NMB-2

I. Background

Section 5, First of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 155, First, provides that both, or either, of the parties to the labor-management dispute may invoke the mediation services of the National Mediation Board. Congress has determined that it is in the nation's best interest to provide for Governmental mediation as the primary dispute resolution mechanism to resolve labor-management disputes in the railroad and airline industries. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of mediation is to be accomplished and the Board has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.1, provides that applications for mediation services be made on printed forms which may be secured from the National Mediation Board. This section of the regulations provides that applications should be submitted in duplicate, show the exact nature of the dispute, the number of employees involved, name of the carrier and name of the labor organization, date of agreement between the parties, date and copy of notice served by the invoking party to the other and date of final conference between the parties. The application should be signed by the highest officer of the carrier who has been designated to handle disputes under the Railway Labor Act or by the chief executive of the labor organization, whichever party files the application.

II. Current Actions

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information provided by the parties is used by the Board to structure a mediation process that will be productive to the parties and result in a settlement without resort to strike or lockout. The Board has been very successful in resolving labor disputes in the railroad and airline industries. Approximately 97 percent of all labor disputes we have handled since 1934 have been resolved without a strike. This success ratio would possibly be reduced if the Board was unable to collect the brief information that it does in the application for mediation services.

Type of Review: Extension of the expiration date of a currently approved collection without any change in the

substance or in the method of collection.

Agency: National Mediation Board.

Title of Form: Application for Mediation Services.

OMB Number: 3140-0001.

Agency Number: NMB-2.

Frequency: Daily.

Affected Public: Carrier and Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

Number of Respondents: 123 annually.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: The burden on the parties is minimal in completing the Application for Mediation Services. There is no improved technological method for obtaining this information.

Total Estimated Cost: \$1040.00.

Total Burden Hours: 43.

B. Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute, NMB-3

I. Background

Section 2, Fourth of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. 152, Fourth, provides that railroad and airline employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing. When a dispute arises among the employees as to who will be their bargaining representative, the National Mediation Board is required by Section 2, Ninth to investigate the dispute, to determine who is the authorized representative, if any, and to certify such representative to the employer. The Board's duties do not arise until its services have been invoked by a party to the dispute. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of a representation dispute is to be accomplished and the Board has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.2 provides that requests to investigate representation disputes may be made on printed forms NMB-3. The application shows the name or description of the craft or class involved, the name of the invoking organization, the name of the organization currently representing the employees, if any, and the estimated number of employees in the craft or class involved. This basic information is essential to the Board in that it provides a short description of the particulars of dispute and the Board can begin determining what resources will be required to conduct an investigation.

II. Current Actions

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information is used by the Board in determining such

matters as how many staff will be required to conduct an investigation and what other resources must be mobilized to complete our statutory responsibilities. Without this information, the Board would have to delay the commencement of the investigation, which is contrary to the intent of the Railway Labor Act.

Type of Review: Extension of the expiration date of a currently approved collection without any change in the substance or in the method of collection.

Agency: National Mediation Board.

Title of Forms: Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute.

OMB Number: 3140-002.

Agency Number: NMB-3.

Frequency: Daily.

Affected Public: Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

Number of Respondents: 68 annually.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: The burden on the parties is minimal in completing the Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute. There is no improved technological method for obtaining this information.

Total Estimated Cost: \$517.00.

Total Burden Hours: 24.50.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request, they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 9, 1995.

Reba Streaker,

Records Officer/Paperwork Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**Special Emphasis Panel in
Astronomical Sciences (1186); Notice
of Meetings**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory committee Act (Pub L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces that the Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186) will be holding panel meetings for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted to the Galactic Astronomy Program in the area of Astronomical Sciences. In order to review the large volume of proposals, panel meetings will be held on December 5-6(3). All meetings will be closed to the public and will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM each day.

Contact Person: Dr. Vernon L. Pankonin, Program Director, Galactic

Astronomy, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, Room 1045, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1826.

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.

Dated: November 13, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Cross Disciplinary Activities; 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 Cross-Disciplinary Activities (#1193).

Date and Time: December 4, 1995 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Room 1150.

Contact Person(s): T.C. Ting & Rita Rodriguez, Program Directors, CISE/OCDA, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Telephone: (703) 306-1980.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate CISE Research Infrastructure 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 13, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Cross Disciplinary Activities; 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 Cross Disciplinary Activities (#1193).

Date and Time: December 5, 1995; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1150 and 1120, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person(s): Harry G. Hedges, Program Director, CISE/CDA, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Telephone: (703) 306-1980.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate CISE Research Experiences for Undergraduates 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 13, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; 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 Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation—#1194.

Date and Time: December 8, 1995, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Rooms 310, 340, 365, 370, 380, and 530, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Warren DeVries and Dr. Kesh Narayanan, Manufacturing Processes and Equipment Program, Dr. Pius Egbelu, Operations Research and Production Systems Program, Dr. George Hazelrigg and Dr. Christina Gabriel, Design and Integration Engineering Program, and Mr. Warren Chernock, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reasons 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.

Dated: November 13, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Geoscience

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 Geoscience.

Date and Time: December 8, 1995, 9:00 a.m.

Place: Room 730, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Richard W. West, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1579.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Shipboard Scientific Support Equipment 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 and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposal. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 13, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development (#1199).

Date and Time: Monday, December 4-Tuesday, December 5, 1995; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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