

proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Abstract: Evaluation of the Instructional Materials Development Program classroom practice in elementary and secondary schools is closely linked with curriculum and instructional materials. Consequently, those who seek to improve educational opportunities and attainment appropriately include a focus on instructional materials development. The National Science Foundation (NSF) has long recognized the importance of instructional materials through its support for curriculum development. Recent attention to standards-based systemic reform raises new questions about instructional materials, including attention to development, marketing and distribution, adoption and implementation, and impact. The purpose of this study is to provide answers to questions related to these topics by gathering information from developers, marketers, school and district decision makers, and teachers.

Respondents and burden hours;

| | Number of respondents | Number of responses/respondents | Average burden/ responses (in hours) |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Developers | 180 | 1 | 1 |
| Marketers .. | 90 | 1 | 1 |
| Customers | 135 | 1 | 1.5 |
| Teachers ... | 200 | 1 | 2 |

Dated: December 17, 1996.

Herman G. Fleming,

NSF Reports Clearance Officer.

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Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 8, 1996, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of permit applications received. Permits were issued on December 17, 1996 to the following applicants:

Rennis S. Holt, Permit #97-016
Gary D. Miller, Permit #97-017
Steven D. Emslie, Permit #97-018
Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Office.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; 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 Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (No. 1189).

Date and Time: January 7-9, 1997; 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: H. Frederick Bowman, Program Director, Biomedical Engineering and Research to Aid Persons with Disabilities, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate 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.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; 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 Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (No. 1189).

Date and Time: January 9, 1997; 8:30 am—5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Fred G. Heineken, Program Director, Biotechnology Engineering, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate the 1997 CAREER 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.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Research Equipment Grant Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems; Notice of Meetings

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 Chemical and Transport Systems (#1190).

Date and Time: January 13, 1997; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 630, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1371.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Farley Fisher, Program Director, Combustion and Thermal Plasma and Dr. Timothy W. Tong, Program Director, Thermal Transport and Thermal Processing, Division of Chemical and Transport Systems (CTS), Room 525, (703) 306-1371.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations for the FY97 Research Equipment Grant 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.