

Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems (#1190).  
*Date and Time:* March 4, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1371.  
*Type of Meeting:* Closed.  
*Contact Person:* Dr. Raul Miranda, Program Director, Chemical Reaction Processes, 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 Panel 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: February 10, 1997.  
 Linda Allen-Benton,  
*Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.*  
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**Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; 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 Geosciences (1756).  
*Date and Time:* Monday, March 3-Wednesday March 5, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
*Place:* Room 730, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.  
*Type of Meeting:* Closed.  
*Contact Person:* Dr. Michael R. Reeve, Section Head, Division of Ocean Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 725, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1582.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.  
*Agenda:* To review and evaluate OCE's FY 1997 Faculty Early Career (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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**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 and Time:* March 6-8, 1997, from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.  
*Place:* Room 330, NSF 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.  
*Type of Meeting:* Closed.  
*Contact Person:* Dr. J. W. Lightbody, Program Director for Nuclear Physics, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1806.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Experimental Nuclear Physics proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Statements of Claimed Railroad Service and Earnings, OMB 3220-0025.

To qualify for unemployment or sickness benefits payable under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), a railroad employee must have certain qualifying earnings in the applicable base year. In addition, to qualify for *extended* or *accelerated* benefits under Section 2 of the RUIA, a railroad employee who has exhausted his or her rights to normal benefits must have at least 10 years of railroad service (under certain conditions, military service may be credited as months of railroad service). Accelerated benefits are unemployment or sickness benefits that are payable to a railroad employee before the regular July 1 beginning date of a benefit year if an employee has 10 or more years of service and is *not* qualified for benefits in the current benefit year.

During the RUIA claims review process, the RRB may determine that unemployment or sickness benefits cannot be awarded because RRB records show insufficient qualifying service and/or compensation. When this occurs, the RRB allows the claimant the opportunity to provide additional information if they believe that the RRB service and compensation records are incorrect.

Depending on the circumstances, the RRP provides the following form(s) to obtain information needed to determine if a claimant has sufficient service or compensation to qualify for unemployment or sickness benefits.

| Form No.      | Annual re-sponses | Time (min.) | Burden (hours) |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
| UI-9 .....    | 800               | 10          | 133            |
| UI-23 .....   | 600               | 5           | 50             |
| UI-44 .....   | 150               | 5           | 13             |
| ID-4F .....   | 25                | 5           | 2              |
| ID-4U .....   | 150               | 5           | 13             |
| ID-4X .....   | 100               | 5           | 8              |
| ID-4Y .....   | 25                | 5           | 2              |
| ID-20-1 ..... | 50                | 5           | 4              |
| ID-20-2 ..... | 100               | 5           | 8              |
| ID-20-4 ..... | 10                | 5           | 1              |
| Total ...     | 2,010             | .....       | 234            |