

implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on March 24, 1997 will be as follows:

Committee Meetings

(Open to the Public)

Policy Discussion

9:00–10:30 a.m.

Research/Education Programs—Room M07

Public Programs—Room 420

Challenge Grants and Preservation and Access—Room 415

(Closed to the Public)

10:30 a.m. until Adjourned—Discussion of specific grant applications before the Council

12:30–2:00 p.m.—Jefferson Lecture Committee—Room 430

2:00–3:00 p.m.—Conversation with Stephen Toulmin, 1997 Jefferson Lecturer—Room M-09

Council Discussion Groups

(Portions Open to the Public)

3:00–5:00 p.m.

External Affairs—Room 527

Strategic Plans/Enterprise—Room 503

Federal/State Partnership—Room 507

The morning session on March 25, 1997 will convene at 10:30 a.m. in the 1st Floor Council Room, M-09. The session will be open to the public as set forth below:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Introductory Remarks

Reports

A. Staff Report

b. Budget Report

C. Legislative Report

D. Reports on Policy & General Matters

1. Overview

2. Research and Education Programs

3. Challenge Grants and Preservation and Access

4. Public Programs/Enterprise

5. Jefferson Lecture

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be closed to the public for the reasons stated above. Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Michael S. Shapiro, Advisory Committee Management Officer, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call area code (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282. Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

Michael S. Shapiro,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Graduate Education 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 Graduate Education (57).

Date and Time: March 20 and 21, 1997, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Sonia Ortega, Division of Graduate Education, NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs, Room 907N, National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, 703/306-1630.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (NATO).

Agenda: To review and evaluate NSF-NATO proposals.

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. 552(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Reason for Late Notice: Complications with meeting logistics.

Dated: March 6, 1997.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD

[SGA 97-02]

Voluntary Partnership Planning and Phase I Implementation Grants

AGENCY: National Skill Standards Board.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications.

SUMMARY: The National Skill Standards Board (NSSB), under the National Skill Standards Act of 1994 (the Act), announces the availability of funds for initiating Voluntary Partnership activity through combined Planning and Phase I

Implementation grants. A grant will be made to the organization or coalition of organizations best positioned and capable of convening key stakeholder representatives from across a cluster as defined by the National Skill Standards Board. It is the Board's intent that one grant will be made in each of the three clusters.

It is anticipated that three awards will be made in the range of \$80,000 to \$160,000, depending on the statement of work proposed by the participant. The period of performance will vary, but will not exceed nine months. Awardees of this grant will be eligible to receive a non-competitive grant for long-term Voluntary Partnership activities.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications shall be April 10, 1997, at 4:45 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Applications shall be made to the Division of Contract Administration and Grant Management, Attention: Lisa Harvey, U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Office, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5416, Washington, D.C. 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions/clarifications regarding information contained in this announcement, contact Lisa Harvey at (202) 219-9355. (This is not a toll free number). Telephonic or faxed requests for the SGA will not be honored.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Skill Standards Board is soliciting proposals on a competitive basis for the conduct of activities to convene key stakeholder representatives of the clusters as defined by the National Skill Standards Board. The purpose of the grant is to initiate the implementation of the Voluntary Partnerships activities through the nine month Voluntary Partnership Planning and Phase I Implementation Grants. Applicants successfully completing the Planning and Phase I Implementation will be qualified to apply for NSSB recognition as a Voluntary Partnership. As such, they will be eligible to receive a non-competitive grant for long-term Voluntary Partnership activities. The NSSB is an independent agency for which the U.S. Department of Labor serves as fiscal agent. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Administration (OASAM) within the U.S. Department of Labor will administer the grant process on behalf of the National Skill Standards Board. All inquiries related to the grants should be directed to OASAM.

This announcement consists of three parts. Part I discusses the procedures for eligible applicants who wish to apply