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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 & Time:* November 12, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 770, 920, 970, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*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 703-306-1816.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Condensed Matter Physics CAREER proposals as part of the selection process of 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 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

### Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; 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 Neuroscience (1158).

*Date and Time:* November 13-14, 1997; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 680, 4201 Wilson Boulevard., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Christopher Platt, Program Director, Sensory Systems, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience,

Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1424.

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

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

*Agenda:* Open Session: November 14; 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. Closed Session: November 13; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; November 14, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To review and evaluate Sensory Systems 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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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; 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 Polar Programs (1209).

*Date and Time:* November 24-25, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

*Place:* Room 770, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Micheal Ledbetter, Program Director, Arctic System Science, Office of Polar Programs, Room 740, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1029.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Arctic System Science 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. 552(b)(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

Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0138

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides for payment of annuities to qualified employees and their spouses. In order to receive an age and service annuity, Section 2(e)(3) states that an applicant must stop all railroad work and give up any rights to return to such work. A disability applicant must give up all railroad work, but does not have to relinquish rights to return to railroad work until he or she attains age 65, or, if earlier, a spouse annuity or supplemental annuity becomes payable. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, an applicant is no longer required to stop work for a "Last Pre-Retirement Nonrailroad Employer" (LPE). LPE is the last person, company or institution with whom an employee or spouse applicant's last railroad employment and before their annuity beginning date. However, section 2(f)(6) of the RRA requires that a portion of the employee's Tier II benefit and supplemental annuity be deducted for earnings from a "LPE" employer.

The RRB utilizes Form AA-4, *Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire* to obtain information needed to determine if the applicant's work is LPE, railroad service or self-employment. If the work is self-employment, the questionnaire