

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

[F.C.S.C. Meeting Notice No. 4-98]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 504) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

Date and Time:

Friday, February 6, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 9, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 13, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 20, 1998, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Subject Matter: (1) Oral Hearings and Hearings on the Record on Objections to Individual Proposed Decisions on Claims of Holocaust Survivors Against Germany; (2) Issuance of Individual Final Decisions on Claims of Holocaust Survivors Against Germany.

Status: Closed.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6988.

Dated at Washington, DC on January 28, 1998.

Judith H. Lock,

Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Office of Justice Programs**

[OJP (BJA) No. 1090]

Bureau of Justice Assistance; State Criminal Alien Assistance Program

RIN 1121-ZA41

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce that jurisdictions eligible in Fiscal Year 1997 (FY 1997) under the State Criminal

Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), as authorized under 8 U.S.C. § 1251(i), may file application requests for funding through March 4, 1998. Under this authorization states and political subdivisions of states may apply to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for assistance in meeting their expenditures for the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens. This notice announces the availability of FY 1997 funds for an additional thirty day window. This is not an announcement of the availability of FY 1998 funds. Detailed guidance governing the program in this fiscal year, including the application form, is available from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. A copy may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Response Center below.

DATES: The deadline for submitting application materials is March 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Department of Justice Response Center or Linda McKay, SCAAP Coordinator, at 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following supplementary information is provided:

SCAAP provides Federal assistance to states and localities for costs incurred for the imprisonment of undocumented criminal aliens who are convicted of qualifying offenses. Congress appropriated \$500 million under the FY 1997 SCAAP legislation, codified at 8 U.S.C. 1251(i), (see also Fiscal Year 1997 Omnibus Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009 (September 30, 1996)), of which approximately \$492 million dollars is available for distribution (\$500 million minus administrative costs).

The BJA, part of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), is administering SCAAP through a grants mechanism according to the application requirements contained in the guidance and application kit. Jurisdictions that have previously applied need not resubmit; their data will automatically be included in the process for award distribution. To avoid further delays, the new deadline for applications is firm and will not be extended or waived. Applicants must provide information regarding inmate records for all foreign born inmates in their facilities from 7/1/96 through 6/30/97, including names, dates of birth, lengths of stay, and offense code for qualifying convictions. Only those alien inmates who have been convicted of a felony or two misdemeanors may be counted. All applicants that comply with the application requirements will share in the appropriation based on the number

of incarcerated aliens found to be reimbursable, their average length of incarceration, and the costs of inmate upkeep. Data provided by applicants on their potentially eligible incarcerated populations will be verified by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) using a computerized matching technique.

The application, verification, and award processes are fully explained in the guidance document which is available from BJA.

Nancy Gist,

Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**Copyright Office**

[Docket No. 96-6 CARP NCBRA]

Adjustment of the Rates for Noncommercial Educational Broadcasting Compulsory License

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Initiation of arbitration.

SUMMARY: The Librarian of Congress is announcing initiation of the 180-day arbitration period for the adjustment of the rates for the noncommercial educational broadcasting license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All hearings and meetings for the section 118 compulsory license proceeding shall take place in the James Madison Memorial Building, Room 414, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David O. Carson, General Counsel, or William Roberts, Senior Attorney, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone (202) 707-8380. Telefax (202) 707-8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 18, 1996, the Library published a Notice in the **Federal Register** initiating a voluntary negotiation period for adjustment of the royalty rates for the noncommercial educational broadcasting compulsory license, 17 U.S.C. 118, 61 FR 54458 (October 18, 1996). Section 118 creates a compulsory license for the use of certain copyrighted works in connection with noncommercial broadcasting. The Library set a date of April 7, 1997, for initiation of arbitration. 61 FR at 54461 (1996). The parties who filed Notices of Intent to Participate in this proceeding,

however, requested additional time to negotiate voluntary agreements.

The Library has received several negotiated agreements and joint proposals for rates and terms, and has adopted certain proposed rates and terms. See 62 FR 63502 (Dec. 1, 1997). A controversy remains, however, regarding the rates to be paid by the Public Broadcasting Service and National Public Radio for the use of musical works licensed by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and Broadcast Music, Inc. Consequently, it is necessary to commence a Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) proceeding to resolve this controversy. This notice fulfills the requirements of 37 CFR 251.64 and sections 118 and 803(c) of title 17, United States Code.

Selection of Arbitrators

In accordance with § 251.6 of the CARP rules, the arbitrators have been selected for this proceeding. They are:

The Honorable Lewis Hall Griffith
(Chairperson)
The Honorable Jeffrey Gulin
The Honorable Edward Dreyfus

Initiation of Proceeding

Pursuant to § 251.64 of the CARP rules, the Librarian is formally announcing the existence of a controversy as to the establishment of rates and terms for the adjustment of rates for the section 118 compulsory license, and is initiating an arbitration proceeding under chapter 8 of title 17 to resolve the determination. The arbitration proceeding commences on January 30, 1997, and runs for a period of 180 days. The arbitrators shall file their written report with the Librarian by July 28, 1998, the end of the 180-day period, in accordance with § 251.53 of the rules.

A meeting between the participants in the rate adjustment proceeding and the arbitrators shall take place on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. at the Library of Congress, James Madison Building, LM 414, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C., to discuss the hearing schedule, arbitrator billing and payment, and any other procedural matters. The meeting is open to the public. Copies of the hearing schedule, once finalized, will be available at the Copyright Office upon request.

Dated: January 28, 1998.

David Carson,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: NASA will conduct an open forum meeting to solicit questions, views and opinions of interested persons or firms concerning NASA's procurement policies and practices. The purpose of the meeting is to have an open discussion among NASA's Associate Administrator for Procurement, industry, and the public.

DATES: March 4, 1998, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NASA-Ames Research Center in the Space Science Auditorium located on the 2nd floor of Building 245, North Warehouse Road, Moffett Field, CA 94035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Basta, NASA-Ames Research Center, Mail Stop 241-1, Moffett Field, CA 94035, (650) 604-4010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Format

There will be a presentation by the Associate Administrator for Procurement, followed by a question and answer period. Procurement issues will be discussed including NASA policies used in the award and administration of contracts.

Admittance

Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. Admittance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Auditorium capacity is limited to approximately 90 persons; therefore, a maximum of two representatives per firm is requested. No reservations will be accepted. Questions for the open forum should be presented at the meeting and should not be submitted in advance. Position papers are not being solicited.

Initiatives

In addition to the general discussion mentioned above, NASA invites comments or questions relative to its ongoing Procurement Initiatives, some of which include the following:

Consolidated Contracting Initiative. The CCI initiative emphasizes developing, using, and sharing contract resources to meet Agency objectives.

Contractor Performance Assessment Program. The Contractor Performance Assessment Program assesses the overall performance of NASA's top contractors

across all of their major NASA contracts.

Performance Based Contracting. This initiative is focused on structuring an acquisition around the purpose of the work to be performed instead of how the work is to be performed or broad and imprecise statements of work.

Electronic Contracting. NASA's EC initiative is moving procurement transactions from traditional paper-based systems to electronic processing wherever possible. These transactions include solicitation and award documents as well as payment for our goods and services.

Tom Luedtke,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Computer—Communications 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 Computer—Communications Research (1192).

Date: February 5-6, 1998 and February 19-20, 1998.

Place: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Rooms 365, 1105.17, and 1120, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. John H. Cozzens, Program Director/Signal Processing Systems, C-CR, room 1155, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, #703/306-1936.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Signal Processing 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 individual associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b, (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 28, 1998.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Deputy Division Director, HRM.

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