

**MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION****Commission Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, July 15, 1999 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Chevy Chase Pavilion. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Commission will discuss recommendations on graduate medical education and payments to teaching hospitals in preparation for its forthcoming report to the Congress.

**ADDRESSES:** MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. The telephone number is (202) 653-7220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 653-7220.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend and Revise a Current Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 2682 (January 15, 1999), and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d)

ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, N.W. Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703-306-1125 X2017.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*Title of Collection:* National Science Foundation Science Honor Awards.

*OMB Control Number:* 3145-0035.

*Summary of Collection:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) administers several honorary awards, among them the President's National Medal of Science, the Alan T. Waterman Award, the NSF Vannevar Bush Award, and the NSB Public Service Award.

*Use of the Information:* The Foundation has the following honor award programs:

- *President's National Medal of Science.* Statutory authority for the President's National Medal of Science is contained in 42 U.S.C. 1881 (Pub. L. 86-209), which established the award and stated that "(t)he President shall \* \* \* award the Medal on the recommendations received from the National Academy of Sciences or on the basis of such other information and evidence as \* \* \* appropriate."

Subsequently, Executive Order 10961 specified procedures for the Award by establishing a National Medal of Science Committee which would "receive recommendations made by any other nationally representative scientific or engineering organization." On the basis of those recommendations, the Committee was directed to select its

candidates and to forward its recommendations to the President.

In 1962, to comply with these directives, the Committee initiated a solicitation form letter to invite these nominations. In 1979, the Committee initiated a nomination form as an attachment to the solicitation letter. A slightly modified version of the nomination form was used in 1980. The Committee agreed that such a form standardized the nomination format, benefiting the nominator, making the Committee's review process more efficient and permitted better staff work in a shorter period of time. Form NSF-1122 will be used to further standardize the nomination procedures, thus continuing to allow for more effective committee review, and permitting better staff work in a shorter period of time.

The Committee has established the following guidelines for selection of candidates:

1. The total impact of an individual's work on the present state of physical, biological, mathematical, engineering, or social and behavioral sciences is to be the principal criterion.

2. Achievements of an unusually significant nature in relation to the potential effects of such achievements on the development of scientific thought.

3. Unusually distinguished service in the general advancement of science and engineering, when accompanied by substantial contributions to the content of science at some time.

4. Recognition by peers within the scientific community.

5. Contributions to innovation and industry.

6. Influence on education through publications, students, etc.

7. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who has applied for citizenship.

Nominations remain active for a period of four years, including the year of nomination. After that time, candidates must be renominated with a new nomination package for them to be considered by the Committee.

Nomination forms should be typewritten, single-spaced using a font no smaller than 12 characters per inch. Renominations may be submitted via an updated nomination form.

- **Alan T. Waterman Award.** Congress established the Alan T. Waterman Award in August 1975 (42 U.S.C. 1881a (Pub. L. 94-86) and authorized NSF to "establish the Alan T. Waterman Award for research or advanced study in any of the sciences or engineering" to mark the 25th anniversary of the National Science Foundation and to our honor its first