

Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate unsolicited proposals submitted in response to the program announcement (NSF 99-2).

*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: January 24, 2000.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications System; 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 Electrical and Communications System (1196).

*Date and Time:* February 7-8, 2000—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 365, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Persons:* Dr. Kishan Baheti, Program Director, Control, Networks, and Computational Intelligence (CNCI), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate research proposals in the CNCI program as part of the selection process for award.

*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 within exemptions 4 and 6 of 5 U.S.C. 552b. (c)(4) and (6) the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 9463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Committee of Visitors for the Division of Physics, Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences

*Date and Time:*

Wednesday, February 9, 2000, 8:30 a.m.—6 p.m.

Thursday, February 10, 2000, 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.

Friday, February 11, 2000, 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1235, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open—(see Agenda, below).

*Contact Person:* Dr. Joseph L. Dehmer, Director, Division of Physics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1015.37, Arlington, VA 22230

*Purpose of Meeting:* To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials.

#### Agenda

Closed: February 9, 10, and 11 from 8:30—6:00 each day—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of the Division of Physics programs.

Open: February 11 from 10:30—11:30—To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Division of Physics. This shall involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantee outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

*Reason for Closing:* During the closed session, the COV will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. Such deliberations are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552B9c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 4)]

### Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures-Productivity Adjustment

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Proposed adoption of a Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures productivity adjustment.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board proposes to adopt 1.035 (3.5%) as the measure of average growth in railroad productivity for the 1994-1998 (5-year) period. The current value of 5.7% was developed for the 1993 to 1997 period.

**DATES:** Comments are due by February 11, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The proposed productivity adjustment is effective 30 days after the date of service.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 4) to: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. Parties should submit all pleading and attachments on a 3.5-inch diskette in WordPerfect 6.0 or 6.1 compatible format.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565-1533. TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision write to, call, or pick up in person from: DA•TO•DA OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Suite 210, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, telephone (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: January 21, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 582]

### Public Views on Major Rail Consolidations

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.