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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

NASA's Procurement Policies, Practices, and Initiatives; 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, practices, and initiatives. The purpose of the meeting is to hold an open discussion between NASA's Associate Administrator for Procurement, industry, and the public. Note: This is not a meeting about doing business with NASA for new firms, nor does it focus particularly on small businesses or specific contracting opportunities.

DATES: Wednesday, March 8, 2000, from 1:00 to 2:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NASA Johnson Space Center, Building 30A Auditorium/Room 1093, 2101 NASA Road 1, Houston, TX 77058. A map of the area is available at <http://inspection.jsc.nasa.gov/map.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NASA Johnson Space Center Industry Assistance Office, Code BD35, 2101 NASA Road 1, Houston, TX 77058, (281) 483-4511.

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's newest initiatives used in the award and administration of contracts. Questions for the open forum should be presented at the meeting and should not be submitted in advance. Position papers are not being solicited.

Admittance

Doors to the auditorium will open at 12:30 p.m. All attendees must be U.S. citizens or have resident alien status. Attendees who do not currently hold a Johnson Space Center badge will be required to clear through the Center's Security Office in Building 110 for

badging and car passes. Sufficient time should be allowed to accommodate this process. No reservations will be accepted. Seating capacity is limited to 135 persons; therefore, a maximum of two representatives per firm is requested. Admittance will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Initiatives

In addition to the general discussion mentioned above, NASA invites comments or questions relative to its ongoing procurement initiatives, some of which include, but are not limited to, the following:

Risk-Based Acquisition Management

This initiative seeks to integrate the principles of risk management throughout the acquisition process by purposefully considering the various aspects of risk when developing the acquisition strategy, selecting sources, choosing contract type, structuring fee incentives, and conducting contractor surveillance.

Consolidated Contracting Initiative (CCI)

The CCI initiative emphasizes developing, using, and sharing contracts to meet Agency objectives.

Performance Based Contracting

This initiative is focused on structuring an acquisition around the purpose of the work to be performed rather than using broad, imprecise statements or prescribing how the work is to be performed.

Profit/Fee Initiative

This initiative will assess the effectiveness of the Agency's profit/fee practices as a means for motivating and rewarding contractor performance. In addition, it will investigate other, non-traditional ways to motivate contractor performance.

Tom Luedtke,

Associate Administrator for Procurement.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency has submitted to OMB

for approval the information collections described in this notice. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to OMB at the address below on or before March 1, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Ms. Virginia Huth, Desk Officer for NARA, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-713-6730 or fax number 301-713-6913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for these information collections on November 16, 1999 (64 FR 62222 and 62223). No comments were received. NARA has submitted the described information collections to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (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 respondents, including the use of information technology. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collections:

1. *Title:* National Archives and Records Administration Class Evaluation Forms.

OMB number: 3095-0023.

Agency form number: NA Form 2019.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Nonprofit organizations and institutions, Federal, state, local, or tribal government agencies.

Estimated number of respondents: 6,400.

Estimated time per response: 5 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion (when respondent takes NARA sponsored training classes).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 533 hours.

Abstract: The information collection allows uniform measurement of customer satisfaction with NARA training. NARA distributes the approved form to the course coordinators on diskette for customization of selected elements, shown as shaded areas on the form submitted for clearance.

2. *Title:* National Archives Order for Land Claim Records

OMB number: 3095-0033.

Agency form number: NATF 84.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals who wish to order copies of land claim records in the National Archives of the United States.

Estimated number of respondents: 10,000.

Estimated time per response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion (when respondent wishes to search for or order copies of land claim records).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 1,667 (rounded off number).

Abstract: The NATF form 84 is used by researchers to request that NARA search for and make copies of pages from Federal land entry case files (land claim records) in the custody of the National Archives. These records generally date from 1800 to approximately 1965. Submission of requests on a form is necessary to handle in a timely fashion the volume of requests received for these records (approximately 10,000 per year) and the need to obtain specific information from the researcher to search for the records sought. The form will be printed on carbonless paper as a multi-part form to allow the researcher to retain a copy of his request and NARA to respond to the researcher on the results of the search or to bill for copies if the researcher wishes to order the copies. As a convenience, the form will allow researchers to provide credit card information to authorize billing and to expedite mailing of the copies. NARA is working on a system to accept electronic submission of requests.

Dated: January 24, 2000.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,
Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee Management; Renewals

The NSF management official having responsibility for the U.S. National Assessment Synthesis Team (#5219) has determined that renewing for an additional eight months is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Authority for this Committee will expire on September 30, 2000, unless renewed. For more information, please contact Karen York, NSF, at (703) 306-1182.

Dated: January 24, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 9-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences (#1754).

Date/Time: Thursday, February 17, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, February 18, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-Adjourn.

Place: Room 390, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Carter Kimsey, Program Coordinator, Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biological Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230, (703) 306-1469.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biological Informatics proposals submitted in response to the program announcement (NSF 94-133).

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 Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; 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 Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation (1194).

Date/Time: February 22 and 23, 2000, 8:00am-5:30pm (date change from 1/20-21).

Place: Rooms 365 and 370, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Lawrence Seiford, Program Director, Operations Research and Production Systems Program, (703) 306-1330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Unsolicited proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 522b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

Date/Time: April 3-4, 2000; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.