

to individuals who presented identifications of other people. Also, evidence was presented that GMP's sales invoices reflected addresses that do not exist, telephone numbers that did not match the addresses listed on the invoices, and telephone numbers that did not exist.

The Administrator recognizes that a Colombia prosecutor found that these practices did not violate Colombian law and no further action would be taken. However, the standard for criminal charges is far greater than what is required in this proceeding. Evidence of a violation of law is not necessary to demonstrate that the suspensions were lawful. The Government needs only to show by a preponderance of the evidence that the chemicals may be diverted. GMP's practice of selling above thresholds amounts to individuals presenting the identifications of others and of making multiple sales to the same address on the same day to individuals without permits, greatly increase the possibility of diversion of the chemicals. These practices circumvent the requirement of a permit for sales under five kilograms or five liters. Also, the invoices containing fraudulent and/or incorrect information are further evidence that the chemicals may be diverted. As a result of these practices, it is difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain the actual final destination of the chemicals sold by GMP.

The Administrator recognizes that GMP is a well-respected company in Colombia and that several Colombian government entities asserted that there was no evidence of wrongdoing by GMP in their files. However, this does not negate the fact that the shipments at issue may be diverted based upon the large scale production of cocaine in Colombia and the sales practices of GMP.

Judge Randall recommended that the chemicals at issue be released based in large part on GMP's subsequent change to its sales procedures where it no longer sells below five kilogram or five liter amounts to unregistered individuals or companies. The Administrator concludes that this evidence is not relevant to a determination as to whether DEA's initial suspension of the chemicals was justified. Such evidence would be relevant regarding any future shipments to GMP, should its Colombian chemical permit be reinstated.

Judge Randall gave great weight to the fact that despite the revocation of GMP's chemical permit, the DNE has allowed it to continue to sell controlled chemicals under heightened review.

Again, the Administrator concludes that this is not relevant to a determination as to whether evidence that the chemicals may be diverted existed at that time to justify the suspensions. Even if the Administrator did find it relevant that the DNE has allowed GMP to continue to sell its in-stock chemicals, there are no assurances in the record that this oversight by DNE would apply should these shipments be released to GMP.

It should be noted that the Government argued in its exceptions that DEA is bound by the decision of the DNE revoking GMP's chemical permit. However since the DNE's action occurred in August 1998, the Administrator concludes that this cannot be considered as a basis for the suspension of the shipments in May 1998.

Judge Randall concluded that the "evidence shows that the suspended chemicals will not likely be used for illicit purposes," and recommended that the chemicals be released to GMP. Judge Randall found that "GMP is a reputable company in business in Colombia for over 60 years. Further, the company's president is knowledgeable of the country's drug producing and trafficking problems from his past government service. He credibly testified about the anti-drug efforts taken by his governmental office, and his commitment to these actions."

Both parties filed exceptions to Judge Randall's recommended decision. The Administrator has carefully considered these exceptions and concludes that they have been addressed throughout this final order. The Administrator disagrees with Judge Randall that the chemicals should be released to GMP.

In arriving at his decision, the Administrator has considered GMP's stature in the business community and the anti-drug efforts of its president, however the chemicals should nonetheless not be released. The Administrator concludes that there is ample evidence to support DEA's finding at the time the shipments were suspended that the chemicals may be diverted. GMP's sales practices increased the chance of diversion of the chemicals. Some sales invoices contained fraudulent information. Colombia procedure 70-80% of the world's cocaine. The President of the United States had decertified Colombia and all shipments of listed chemicals were subjected to heightened scrutiny. Finally, GMP failed to file advance notification of these shipments. Therefore, the Administrator concludes that the suspensions of the November 17, 1997, December 16, 1997, and January 17, 1998 shipments of

potassium permanganate to GMP were proper.

Accordingly, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in him by 21 U.S.C. 971 and 28 CFR 0.100(b), hereby orders that the suspensions of the above described shipments, be, and they hereby are, sustained, and that these proceedings are hereby concluded. This final order is effective immediately.

Dated: August 3, 2000.

Donnie R. Marshall,
Administrator.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Fellowships Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Fellowships Advisory Panel, Literature section (Creative Writing Fellowships category), to the National Council on the Arts will be held from September 11-14, 2000 in Room M-07 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on September 14th, will be open to the public for policy discussion and guidelines review.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 12th and 13th, and from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 14th, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 12, 2000, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the

Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: August 17, 2000.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; 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 Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (1189); Workshop on Quantitative Systems Biology.

Date and Time: Sept. 13, 2000; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sept. 14, 2000; 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Place: Room 110, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA (Room 580 on 9/14).

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Michael Domach, Program Director, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, Suite 565, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 292-8320. For easier building access, individuals planning to attend should contact Marcia Rawlings at 703-292-8320 or at mrawlings@nsf.gov so that your name can be added to the building access list.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To identify goals, opportunities and specific objectives for a new NSF research funding initiative in quantitative systems biology.

Agenda: Discussion on issues, opportunities, and future directions for quantitative systems biology, particularly systems (engineering) approaches to and applications for predicting the phenotypic behavior of a living organism from the genomic information being generated for that organism and the well defined environmental conditions that cause the expression of that genome.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Panel for Biomolecular Processes; 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 Biomolecular Processes (5138) (Panel B)

Date and Time: November 1-3 2000 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 310, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Joanne Tornow, Program Director, or Susan Porter Ridley, Assistant Program Manager, of Biochemistry of Gene Expression, Molecular and Cellular Biosciences Division, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 655, Arlington, Virginia 22230 (703) 292-8441.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Biochemistry of Gene Expression Program 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.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee For Computer and Information Science and Engineering; 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 Committee for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (1115)

Date and Time: October 26, 2000; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., October 27, 2000; 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place: Hilton Hotel Newark/Fremont, Newark, CA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Gwen Barber-Blount, Office of the Assistant Director, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1105, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8900.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs and activities on the CISE community; to provide advice to the Assistant Director/CISE on the issues related to long range planning, and to form ad hoc subcommittees to carry out needed studies and tasks.

Agenda: Day 1—Discussion of Information Technology Research and CISE FY 2002 Budget. Day 2—Report from the Assistant Director and complete writing assignments on recommendations to the Director and Assistant Director.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; 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 and Time: November 2, 2000, 8:00 am-5:30 pm.

Place: Rooms 320, 340, 380, and 390, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Delcie Durham, George Hazelrigg, Kamalakar Rajurkar, and Ronald Rardin, Program Directors, DMII, (703) 292-8330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate CAREER 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. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.