

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: U. S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is holding an open business meeting to discuss Commission programs and administrative matters. Topics will include a discussion of how the Commission works with the Institute for Museum and Library Services and with the Library of Congress. Leaders of several professional associations will describe their interest in the Commission and its work from their organizations' particular perspectives. Also, Commissioners will review and discuss the NCLIS Strategic Work Plan and the Commission's plans for future activities.

DATE AND TIME: NCLIS Business Meeting—April 21, 2004, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. April 22, 2004, 9 a.m. until 10:30 p.m., continuing April 22 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. April 23 2004, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 820, Washington, DC 20005-3552

STATUS: Open meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting is open to the public, subject to space availability. To make special arrangements for physically challenged persons, contact Madeleine McCain, Director of Operations, 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 820, Washington, DC 20005, e-mail mmccain@nclis.gov, fax 202-606-9203 or telephone 202-606-9200.

Dated: April 5, 2004.

Madeleine C. McCain,
Director of Operations.

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MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

Meeting of Advisory Committee on Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Marine Mammal Commission.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Marine Mammal Commission (Commission) will hold the second meeting of its Advisory Committee on Acoustic Impacts on

Marine Mammals (Committee) April 28-30, 2004, in Arlington, VA.

DATES: The Committee will meet Wednesday, April 28, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, April 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the Commission's Web site (www.mmc.gov) for the most up-to-date meeting information. The Committee's third public meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 27-29, 2004, in San Francisco, California. Further information on that meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on the Commission's Web site.

ADDRESSES: The April 28-30 meeting will be held at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, phone (703) 486-1111, fax (703) 769-3955, http://www.starwood.com/sheraton/search/hotel_detail.html?propertyID=741.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Vos, Sound Project Manager, Marine Mammal Commission, 4340 East-West Hwy., Rm. 905, Bethesda, MD 20814, e-mail: evos@mmc.gov, tel.: (301) 504-0087, fax: (301) 504-0099; or visit the Commission Web site at www.mmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is to be held pursuant to the directive in the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7) that the Commission convene a conference or series of conferences to "share findings, survey acoustic 'threats' to marine mammals, and develop means of reducing those threats while maintaining the oceans as a global highway of international commerce." The meeting agenda includes presentations and panel discussions on (1) past and present efforts to assess the risk to marine mammals from anthropogenic sound, (2) examples of risk assessment methods, and (3) the NOAA Fisheries Noise Exposure Criteria as an emerging approach to risk assessment. The agenda also includes two public comment sessions. Guidelines for making public comments, background documents, and the meeting agenda, including the specific times of public comment periods, will be posted on the Commission's Web site prior to the meeting. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting.

Dated: April 6, 2004.

David Cottingham,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, April 15, 2004.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Quarterly Insurance Fund Report.
2. Proposed Rule: Section 701.36 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Federal Credit Union Ownership of Fixed Assets.
3. Proposed Rule: Part 705 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Community Development Revolving Loan Program for Credit Unions.

RECESS: 11:15 a.m.

TIME AND DATE: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 15, 2004.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Administrative Action under Section 206 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to Exemptions (8), 9(A)(ii), and 9(B).

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

[FR Doc. 04-8406 Filed 4-8-04; 3:55 pm]

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB Clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be received by June 11, 2004, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date would be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send E-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: The Evaluation of NSF's Math and Science Partnerships (MSP) Program.

OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

1. Abstract

This document has been prepared to support the clearance of data collection instruments to be used in the evaluation of the Math and Science Partnership (MSP) Program. The goals for the program are to (1) ensure that all K-12 students have access to, are prepared for, and are encouraged to participate and succeed in challenging curricula and advanced mathematics and science courses; (2) enhance the quality, quantity, and diversity of the K-12 mathematics and science teacher workforce; and (3) develop evidence-based outcomes that contribute to our understanding of how students effectively learn mathematics and science. The motivational force for

realizing these goals is the formation of partnerships between institutions of higher education (IHEs) and K-12 school districts. The role of IHE content faculty is the cornerstone of this intervention. In fact, it is the rigorous involvement of science, mathematics, and engineering faculty and the expectation that both IHEs and K-12 school systems will be transformed that distinguishes MSP from other education reform efforts.

The components of the overall MSP portfolio include active projects whose initial awards were made in prior MSP competitions, as well as those to be awarded in the current MSP competition: (1) Comprehensive Partnerships that implement change in mathematics and/or science educational practices in both higher education institutions and in schools and school districts, resulting in improved student achievement across the K-12 continuum; (2) Targeted Partnerships that focus on improved K-12 student achievement in a narrower grade range or disciplinary focus within mathematics or science; (3) Institute Partnerships: Teacher Institutes for the 21st Century that focus on the development of mathematics and science teachers as school- and district-based intellectual leaders and master teachers; and (4) Research, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (RETA) projects that build and enhance large-scale research and evaluation capacity for all MSP awardees and provide them with tools and assistance in the implementation and evaluation of their work.

The MSP online monitoring system, comprised of four web-based surveys, will collect a common core of data about each component of MSP. The web application for MSP will be developed with a modular design that incorporates templates and self-contained code modules for rapid development and ease of modification. A downloadable version will also be available for respondents who prefer a paper version that they can mail or fax to Westat. Information from the system will be used to document the Partnerships' annual progress toward meeting the Key features of MSP projects, such as developing partnerships between IHEs and local school districts, increasing teacher quality, quantity, and diversity, providing challenging courses and curricula, utilizing evidence-based design and outcome measures, and implementing institutional change and sustainability.

2. Expected Respondents

The expected respondents are principal investigators of all projects; STEM and education faculty members and administrators who participated in MSP; school districts and IHEs that are partners in an MSP project.

3. Burden on the Public

During the first year of data collection, Cohort 1 projects will be asked to report baseline data (*i.e.*, for 2001-02) as well as two years of activity data (2002-2004). Cohort 2 will be asked to report for its baseline (2002-03) and one year of activity data (2003-04). The total elements for this first year collection are 33,951 burden hours for a maximum of 2,995 participants, assuming a 100% response rate. The average annual reporting burden is approximately 11 hours per respondent. In subsequent data collection cycles (2004-05) the burden will decline substantially since each project will only report for that current year. Therefore, in subsequent years it is expected that the total elements will be 12,915 burden hours for a maximum of 2,293 participants. The average annual reporting burden will drop to about 6 hours per respondent. The burden on the public is negligible because the study is limited to project participants that have received funding from the MSP Program.

Dated: April 6, 2004.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

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, Pub. L. 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 5372, 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