

Applicants apply on-line using a Web-based resume, which prompts them to provide pertinent personal data necessary to apply for a position.

*Use of the Information:* The information is used by NSF to provide applicants with the ability to apply electronically for NSF positions and receive notification as to their qualifications, application dispensation and to request to be notified of future vacancies for which they may qualify.

In order to apply for vacancies, applicants are encouraged to submit certain data in order to receive consideration. Users only need access to the Internet for this system to work. This information is used to determine which applicants are best qualified for a position, based on applicant responses to a series of job related "yes/no" or "multiple choice" questions. The resume portion requires applicants to provide the same information they would provide were they submitting a paper OF-612. The obvious benefit being that the applicant may do so on-line, 24 hours a day/seven days a week and receive electronic notification about the status of their application or information on other vacancies for which they may qualify. Staff members of the Division of Human Resource Management and the selecting official(s) for specific positions for which applicants apply are the only ones privy to the applicant data. The most significant data is not the applicant personal data such as address or phone number but rather their description of their work experience and their corresponding responses to those questions, which determine their overall rating, ranking, and referral to the selecting official.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated average 45 minutes to create the on line resume and potentially less than 45 minutes to apply for jobs on-line.

There is no financial burden on the applicant, in fact this relieves much of the burden the former paper-intensive process puts on applicants.

*Respondents:* Individuals. 7971 applicants applied for NSF vacancies between October 2003 and September 2004.

*Average Number of Applicants:* Approximately 42 responses per job opening for vacancy announcements between October 2003 and September 2004.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* Approximately 45 minutes per respondent total time is all that is needed to complete the on-line

application, for a total of 5,978.25 hours annually.

*Frequency of Responses:* Applicants need only complete the resume one time, and they may use that resume to apply as often as they wish for any NSF job opening.

#### Comments

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 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.

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; 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:* Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (BIO) (1110).

*Date and Time:* November 18, 2004; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., November 19, 2004; 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 375.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, Room 605, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Tel No.: (703) 292-8400.

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

*Purpose of Meeting:* The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directors, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

*Agenda:* Planning and Issues Discussion:

- Committee of Visitors Report
- Education and Outreach Activities

- Subcommittee Reports

Dated: October 19, 2004.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Business and Operations Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Business and Operations Advisory Committee (9556).

*Date/Time:* November 18, 2004; 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EST). November 19, 2004; 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (EST).

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Mary Ann Birchett, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 292-8100.

*Purposes of Meeting:* To provide advice concerning issues related to the oversight, integrity, development and enhancement of NSF's business operations.

*Agenda:*

##### November 18, 2004

P.M.: Welcome and introduction of new members; updates—Office of Budget, Finance, and Award Management, Office of Information and Resource Management, Chief Information Officer activities. Presentation and discussion—Large Facilities: Forming a Subcommittee; update on Business Analysis.

##### November 19, 2004

A.M.: Presentation and discussion—eGovernment at NSF; Federal Initiatives in eGovernment; meeting with NSF Acting Director; committee discussion; planning for next meeting; feedback; other business.

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Earth Scope Science and Education Advisory Committee; 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:* EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee (#16638).