

of the Director, NIGMS, and other business of the Council.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Conference Rooms E1 & E2, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Ann A. Hagan, PhD, Associate Director for Extramural Activities, NIGMS, NIH, DHHS, 45 Center Drive, Room 2AN24H, MSC6200, Bethesda, MD 20892-6200, (301) 594-4499, hagana@nigms.nih.gov.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: http://www.nigms.nih.gov/about/advisory_council.html, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 19, 2008.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material,

and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; Large Scale Collaborative Project Awards.

Date: January 14, 2009.

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, 45 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 3AN12, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Meredith D. Temple-O'Connor, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Room 3AN12C, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-2772, templeocm@mail.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2008-0200]

Homeland Security Advisory Council

AGENCY: The Office of Policy, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Closed Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) will meet on January 12, 2009 in Washington, DC. The meeting will be closed to the public.

DATE: The HSAC will meet on Monday, January 12, 2009 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at DHS Headquarters at the Nebraska Avenue Complex, Washington, DC, 20528. Requests to have written material distributed to each member of the committee prior to the meeting should reach the contact person at the address below by January 6, 2009. Send written

material to Homeland Security Advisory Council, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Mailstop 0850, Washington DC, 20528. Comments must be identified by DHS-2008-0200 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* hsac@dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 282-9207.

- *Mail:* Homeland Security Advisory Council, Department of Homeland Security, Mailstop 0850, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Washington, DC 20528.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the HSAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Homeland Security Advisory Council, Washington, DC 20528, (202) 447-3135, HSAC@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). The HSAC provides independent advice to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to aid in the creation and implementation of critical and actionable policies and capabilities across the spectrum of homeland security operations. The HSAC periodically reports, as requested, to the Secretary, on such matters. The HSAC serves as the Secretary's primary advisory body with the goal of providing strategic, timely and actionable advice.

The HSAC will meet for the purpose of receiving briefings and updates from Secretary Chertoff on the current status of the DHS administration transition, a threat assessment and intelligence briefing focused on the transition period, and the upcoming National Special Security Event, the inauguration of President Elect Obama. The Secretary will also brief the members on successes, challenges and vulnerabilities affecting the Department's mission. The briefings will include information on sensitive homeland procedures and the capabilities of the Department of Homeland Security Components.

Basis for Closure: In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory