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 Washington, DC, by Direction of the Board.  
 Dated: October 15, 2009.

**Lester A. Heltzer,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Establish an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

**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 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

*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; or (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.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by December 21, 2009 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

#### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR

**COMMENTS:** Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). You also may obtain

a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title of Collection:* Partnership for Innovation Program: Research and Technology Development Outcomes.

*OMB Number:* 3145-NEW.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Proposed Project:* The proposed National Science Foundation Survey will collect data from a sample of about 443 companies that are partners on 84 PFI awards from 2003-2007 in order to examine research and technology development outcomes related to their participation on a PFI award.

*Use of the Information:* Analysis of these data is necessary to provide information to provide outcome evaluation and improvement evaluation of the Partnership for Innovation Program and to better understand the impact of some aspects of industry-university partnerships on companies.

*Respondents:* The Survey will be sent to companies that participated in 84 Partnerships for Innovation projects from 2003 to 2007. In total, we estimate that there are 443 companies affiliated with the 84 PFI projects.

*Burden on the Public:* The Foundation estimates about 300 responses annually at 20 minutes per response; this totals to approximately 75 hours annually.

Dated: October 16, 2009.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service; Consolidated Listing of Schedules A, B, and C Exceptions

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives a consolidated notice of all positions excepted under Schedules A, B, and C as of June 30, 2009, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions From the Competitive Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Roland Edwards, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Performance Management System and Evaluation, Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability Division, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Civil Service Rule VI (5 CFR 6.1) requires the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to publish notice of all exceptions granted under Schedules A, B, and C. Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, 213.103(c), further requires that a consolidated listing, current as of June 30 of each year, be published annually as a notice in the **Federal Register** at [www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/). Agencies will notice the change in format of this notice from previous editions. The format has changed because it is not appropriate to set out what appears to be regulatory text in a notice document and therefore references to specific sections of the Code of Federal Regulations have been removed. The notice that follows is a summary of all schedule A, B, and C Excepted authorities. OPM maintains continuing information on the status of all Schedule A, B, and C excepted appointing authorities. Some of these exceptions are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 5 CFR, part 213 while others are not. We have identified those authorities below which are codified and those which are not. We remind agencies to consult the CFR before using these governmentwide authorities. Agencies are also reminded to consult their agency headquarters before using any agency-specific authority. Additionally, the authorities are subject to the provisions of 5 CFR, part 302 unless specifically exempted from those procedures. Interested parties needing information about specific authorities during the year may obtain information by writing to the Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Performance Management Systems and Evaluation, Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 6484, Washington, DC 20415, or by calling (202) 606-2246.

The following listing summarizes the Schedule A excepted authorities authorized for Government-wide use. These authorities are codified in 5 CFR part 213. These excepted authorities are current as of June 30, 2009. Please consult the CFR to read the full authority.

#### Schedule A

*The following are Schedule A authorities that are authorized for use by the entire Executive Civil Service:*

1. Positions of Chaplain and Chaplain's Assistant.
2. Positions to which appointments are made by the President without confirmation by the Senate.
3. Attorneys.