

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities; Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Panel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended) notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Panel of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities will be held at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, in Room 817, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Thursday, November 4, 2010.

The purpose of the meeting is to review applications for Certificates of Indemnity submitted to the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities for exhibitions beginning after January 1, 2011.

Because the proposed meeting will consider financial and commercial data and because it is important to keep values of objects, methods of transportation and security measures confidential, pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that the meeting would fall within exemption (4) of 5 U.S.C. 552(b) and that it is essential to close the meeting to protect the free exchange of views and to avoid interference with the operations of the Committee.

It is suggested that those desiring more specific information contact Advisory Committee Management Officer, Michael P. McDonald, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, or call 202-606-8322.

Michael McDonald,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice; retrospective evaluation of the Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES).

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments via regular mail to Dr. Joy Pauschke, National Science Foundation, Suite 545, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA, 22230, or via electronic mail to jpauschk@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Joy Pauschke, National Science Foundation, Suite 545, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA, 22230, or call non-toll-free number 703-292-8360, or email your request, including your address to: jpauschk@nsf.gov.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 21, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Collection

Title: Retrospective Evaluation of the Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation.

Type of Information Collection Request: New collection.

Need and Use of Information

Collection: The purpose of the proposed information collection is to inform decision making regarding the future of NSF support for earthquake engineering research infrastructure beyond 2014. Information will be collected from NEES leaders and researchers regarding: (1)

The current capabilities of the NEES network relative to the needs of the research community; (2) characteristics of the users of NEES facilities and resources; (3) strengths and weaknesses of program design and implementation; (4) costs and benefits of the consortium model currently employed by NEES relative to alternatives; (5) effectiveness of recent changes to consortium design at achieving their intended results; and (6) program outputs and outcomes to date. Results of the retrospective evaluation will be reviewed by NSF staff as well as a panel of distinguished experts in the field of earthquake engineering who will make recommendations to NSF about the future of the program.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Type of Respondents: NSF grantees.

The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 133. *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1. *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 0.65. *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 87. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$3,387.78. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Dated: October 15, 2010.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; 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: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130)

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA. The Advisory Committee Members will attend virtually.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Sue LaFratta, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8030.

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 polar research community, to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long-range planning.

Agenda: Staff presentations and discussion on Committee of Visitor's reports; USAP Antarctic Program review; Strategic Planning; planning for a Polar Research Vessel.

Dated: October 19, 2010.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2011-19; Order No. 562]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to add another Global Expedited Package Services 3 (MC2010-28) contract to the competitive product list. This notice addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

DATES: Comments are due: October 25, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at stephen.sharfman@prc.gov or 202-789-6824.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

On October 14, 2010, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services 3 (GEPS 3) contract.¹ The Postal Service believes the instant contract is functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS contracts, and is supported by Governors' Decision No. 08-7, attached to the Notice and originally filed in Docket No. CP2008-4. *Id.* at 1, Attachment 3. The Notice explains that Order No. 86, which established GEPS

1 as a product, also authorized functionally equivalent agreements to be included within the product, provided that they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.* at 1-2. In Order No. 290, the Commission approved the GEPS 2 product.² In Order No. 503, the Commission approved the GEPS 3 product. Additionally, the Postal Service requested to have the contract in Docket No. CP2010-71 serve as the baseline contract for future functional equivalence analyses of the GEPS 3 product.

The instant contract. The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the instant contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. The Postal Service states the instant contract is the immediate successor to the contract in Docket No. CP2010-10 that is scheduled to expire November 30, 2010. It explains that the mailer has already met the minimum commitment under its current contract and upon regulatory approval of the instant contract, the current contract will be terminated and an effective date for the new contract will be confirmed. Notice at 3. The term of the instant contract is one year from the date the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulatory approvals have been received. *Id.* at 3.

In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

- Attachment 1—a redacted copy of the contract and applicable annexes;
- Attachment 2—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2);
- Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7 which establishes prices and classifications for GEPS contracts, a description of applicable GEPS contracts, formulas for prices, an analysis and certification of the formulas and certification of the Governors' vote; and
- Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contract and supporting documents under seal.

The Notice advances reasons why the instant GEPS 3 contract fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for the GEPS 3 product. The Postal Service identifies customer-specific information and general contract terms that distinguish the instant contract from the baseline GEPS 3 agreement. *Id.* at 4-5. It states that the differences,

which include price variations based on updated costing information and volume commitments, do not alter the contract's functional equivalency. *Id.* at 3-4. The Postal Service asserts that "[b]ecause the agreement incorporates the same cost attributes and methodology, the relevant characteristics of this GEPS contract is similar, if not the same, as the relevant characteristics of previously filed contracts." *Id.* at 4.

The Postal Service concludes that its filings demonstrate that this new GEPS 3 contract complies with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to the baseline GEPS 3 contract. Therefore, it requests that the instant contract be included within the GEPS 3 product. *Id.* at 5.

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2011-19 for consideration of matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than October 25, 2010. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Natalie Rea to serve as Public Representative in the captioned proceedings.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2011-19 for consideration of matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than October 25, 2010.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Natalie Rea is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,

Secretary.

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¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, October 14, 2010 (Notice).

² Docket No. CP2009-50, Order Granting Clarification and Adding Global Expedited Package Services 2 to the Competitive Product List, August 28, 2009 (Order No. 290).