

demonstrate their viability, sustainability, and which have had a significant impact on industry research as measured through annual reports, site visits, and adherence to I/UCRC requirements. Centers are expected to be fully supported by industry, other Federal agencies, and State and local government partners after fifteen years as an I/UCRC.

Centers will be required to provide data to NSF and its authorized representatives (contractors or grantees). These data will be used for NSF internal reports, historical data, assessing program impact and recommending changes to strengthen the program, as well as for strengthening the program and to ensure the program remains responsive to a changing environment in order to secure future funding for continued I/UCRC program maintenance and growth. Updates to the I/UCRC database of performance indicators will be required annually. Centers will be responsible for submitting the following information after the award expires for their fiscal year of activity. The indicators are both quantitative and descriptive.

- Quantitative information from the most recently completed fiscal year such as:
 - Number and diversity of students, faculty, and industrial numbers involved in the center
 - Degrees granted to students involved in center activities
 - Amounts and sources of income to the center, and
 - Lists of patents, licenses, and publications created
- Operating budget and total funding:
 - Total funding
 - NSF I/UCRC funding received
 - Other NSF funding received
 - Additional support broken down by Industry, State, University, Other Federal, Non-Federal and other support
- Capital and in-kind support:
 - Equipment
 - Facilities
 - Personnel
 - Software
 - Other support
- Human resources:
 - Researchers (number of faculty scientists and engineers, number of non-faculty scientists and engineers)
 - Students (number of graduates, number of undergraduates)
 - Administration, number of full and part time professional and clerical staff
 - Information about broadening participation on the above with

- plans to increase broadening participation, if necessary
- Center director descriptors:
 - Position and rank of director
 - Status of tenure
 - Name and position of the person to whom the center director reports
 - Estimate of the percent of time the director devotes to center administration, other administration, research, teaching, other
- Center outcomes:
 - Students receiving degrees and type degree earned
 - Students hired by industry by type of degree
 - Publications
 - Number with center research
 - Number with Industrial Advisory Board Members
 - Number of presentations
- Intellectual property events:
 - Invention disclosures
 - Patent applications
 - Software copyrights
 - Patents granted and derived or both
 - Licensing agreements
 - Royalties realized

I/UCRCs will also include evaluation conducted by independent evaluators who cannot be from the department(s) with the institution(s) receiving funding for the I/UCRC award. The center evaluator will be responsible for:

- Preparing an annual report of center activities with respect to industrial collaboration
- Conducting a survey of all center participants to probe the participant satisfaction with center activities
- Compiling a set of quantitative indicators determined by NSF to analyze the management and operation of the center
- Participating in I/UCRC center and informational meetings
- Reporting to NSF on the center's status using a checklist provided by NSF to help determine if the center is adhering to the IUCRC policy and guidelines
- Bi-annual reporting to NSF
- Reporting to NSF within a month of each Industrial Advisory Board meeting on the top research highlights, technology transfer, patents, and major discoveries that demonstrate successful investments
- Performing exit interviews to determine why members chose to withdraw from the center
- Participating in continuous quality process improvement by providing information to the NSF I/UCRC program

Use of the Information: The data collected will be used for NSF internal

reports, historical data, and for securing future funding for continued I/UCRC program maintenance and growth.

Estimate of Burden: 150 hours per center (160 sites) for fifty-six centers for a total of 8400 hours.

Respondents: Industry, academic institutions; non-profit institutions; government.

Estimated Number of Responses per Report: One from each of the 160 sites.

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Committee Management; Notice of Establishment

The Director of the National Science Foundation has determined that the establishment of the U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Name of Committee: U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel (#76826).

Purpose: The Panel will conduct an independent review of the current U.S. Antarctic Program to ensure the nation is pursuing the best twenty-year trajectory for conducting science and diplomacy in Antarctica. The Panel will aim to identify and characterize a range of options for supporting and implementing the required national scientific endeavors, international collaborations and strong U.S. presence in Antarctica. The Panel will examine the appropriate amount of R&D and complementary scientific activities needed to make Antarctic activities most productive and affordable over the long term, as well as appropriate opportunities for international collaboration.

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