development resources for potential new therapeutics for the treatment of cancer. The outcome of the evaluation will provide information to internal NCI committees that will decide whether NCI should support requests and make available contract resources for development of the potential therapeutic to improve the treatment of various forms of cancer. The research proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposed research projects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, NCI Experimental Therapeutics Program (NEXT).

Date: December 7, 2011.

Time: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To evaluate the NCI Experimental Therapeutics Program Portfolio.

Place: Marriott North Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Dr. Barbara Mroczkowski, Executive Secretary, NCI Experimental Therapeutics Program, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 31 Center Drive, Room 3A44, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 496–4291, mroczkowskib@mail.nih.gov.

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Dated: October 21, 2011.

Jennifer S. Spaeth,
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National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Draft 2012–2016 Strategic Plan

AGENCY: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), National Institutes of Health (NIH) is requesting public comment on the draft 2012–2016 NIDCD Strategic Plan. The NIDCD supports and conducts research and research training in the areas of hearing and balance; smell and taste; and voice, speech, and language. The Strategic Plan serves as a guide to the NIDCD in prioritizing its research investment, illustrates the current state-of-the-science, and highlights recent advances in the communication sciences. The draft Plan presents a series of goals and objectives that represent the most promising research needs within the NIDCD’s mission areas. The draft Plan is available for download at: http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/plans/strategic/pages/publiccomments.aspx.

DATES: Comments will be accepted through November 23, 2011.