

Endowment for the Humanities' TDD terminal at (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meetings:

1. *Date:* September 6, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 415. This meeting will discuss applications for the Preservation and Access Research and Development grant program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access.
2. *Date:* September 6, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 421. This meeting will discuss applications for the Bridging Cultures Through Film grant program on the subject of Africa and the Mideast, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.
3. *Date:* September 6, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 315. This meeting will discuss applications for the Humanities Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) grant program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs.
4. *Date:* September 10, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 421. This meeting will discuss applications for the Bridging Cultures Through Film grant program on the subject of Asia, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.
5. *Date:* September 10, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 315. This meeting will discuss applications for the Humanities Initiatives at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) grant program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs.
6. *Date:* September 11, 2012
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 315 This meeting will discuss applications for the Humanities Initiatives at Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) grant program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs.
7. *Date:* September 11, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: Room 421. This meeting will discuss applications for the Bridging Cultures Through Film grant program on the subject of Europe, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.
8. *Date:* September 13, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: Room 421. This meeting will discuss applications for the Bridging Cultures Through Film grant program on the subject of the Americas, submitted to the Division of Public Programs.
9. *Date:* September 20, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 315. This meeting will discuss applications for the Bridging Cultures at

Community Colleges: Request for Proposals for a Cooperative Agreement program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs.

10. *Date:* September 21, 2012.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room: 315. This meeting will discuss applications for the Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges: Request for Proposals for a Cooperative Agreement program, submitted to the Division of Education Programs.

Because these meetings will include review of personal and/or proprietary financial and commercial information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants, the meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. I have made this determination pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings dated July 19, 1993.

Dated: August 9, 2012.

Lisette Voyatzis,

Committee Management Officer.

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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: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. The NSF will publish periodic summaries of the proposed projects.

COMMENTS: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques

or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by October 15, 2012, to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Engineering Research Center's Diversity Climate Survey.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection.

Abstract:

Proposed Project: We would like to use Survey Monkey to administer a diversity climate survey to the 17, active NSF Engineering Research Centers. This survey will have a mix of rating and open-ended questions. Our goal is to gain an understanding of the climate of diversity within the ERCs.

Need and Use of Information Collection: The NSF ERCs were established in 1985 with one of the goals being the development of a diverse, globally competitive engineering workforce. The ERCs provide information regarding diversity in the Centers through 10-year diversity strategic plans and annual reporting that includes demographic data. However, beyond the numbers, NSF does not have a good understanding of the culture for diversity inside these centers and how it impacts faculty, students and their success. This information will enable NSF to have an unprecedented perspective of ERC diversity culture. From this knowledge, a benchmark for progress towards creating a path of equity in engineering for women, and especially for racial/ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities can be established starting with the culture of the centers. Also, with a better understanding of the diversity efforts and diversity culture within the ERCs, the information will enable us to assess, refine, and improve diversity efforts. We

want the ERCs to be inclusive environments for all. This diversity climate survey will enable us to evaluate how close we are to that goal.

Estimate of the Burden: This survey will have 20 respondents (1 representative from each current center plus 3 new centers that will be established by the time of survey). The survey should take no more than 30 minutes to complete. This yields a burden time of 600 minutes or 10 hours.

Respondents: Individuals; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses per survey: One.

Dated: August 8, 2012.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 76 FR 76441, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and

Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton at (703) 292-7556 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov.

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NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of Laboratory Equipment Donations for Schools.

OMB Control No.: 3145-NEW.

Abstract

The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests a three-year clearance for data collection and research related to laboratory equipment donations to schools. The goal of this study is to comply with the America Competes Act, Public Law 100-69, Section 7027, which calls for a study on laboratory equipment donations for schools. The law states: "Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, [August 9, 2007], the Director [of the National Science Foundation] shall transmit a report to Congress examining the extent to which institutions of higher education and entities in the private sector are donating used laboratory equipment to elementary schools and secondary schools. The Director * * * shall survey institutions of higher education and entities in the private sector to determine—

- (1) How often, how much, and what type of equipment is donated;
- (2) what criteria or guidelines the institutions and entities are using to

determine what types of equipment can be donated, what condition the equipment should be in, and which schools receive the equipment;

(3) whether the institutions and entities provide any support to, or follow-up with the schools; and

(4) how appropriate donations can be encouraged." Under a grant from NSF, the American Institutes for Research (AIR) has designed a sample of institutions of higher education (IHEs) drawn from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) using the 2007-2008 school year. IHEs were selected with Carnegie group (2005) based on their total research spending. The assumption is that schools with higher research spending are most likely to donate equipment, so the sample is weighted to capture IHEs with higher levels of spending. In addition to IHEs, large corporations that have demonstrated a commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education will also be surveyed. This will be a population survey of members of Change the Equation, an independent non-profit organization that is a component of President Obama's "Educate to Innovate" initiative. These corporations will represent "entities in the private sector" that Congress mandated be surveyed.

Basic analyses will include descriptive statistics on each category of information requested by Congress broken out by Carnegie classification of IHEs, level of IHE research spending, and industry sector and size of private entities. Data will also include summaries of feedback provided by respondents on how appropriate donations can be encouraged. NSF will use the resulting data and analyses primarily to respond to the aforementioned congressional request for information. NSF will also share the information with the educational research community; professional education associations, especially those focused on science, academia; K-12 schools, especially science teachers; and the general public.

Respondents: Individuals, State, Local or Tribal Government, not-for-profit institutions, and for-profit institutions (i.e., corporations). Respondents will be persons representing these entities who have been identified as familiar with their organization's disposal of surplus laboratory equipment.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 172.

Burden on the Public: 86 hours.