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ADDRESSES: Objections relating to the prospective license may be submitted to Mr. Bryan A. Geurts, Chief Patent Counsel/140.1, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771, (301) 286-7351.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Enidia Santiago-Arce, Innovative Partnerships Program Office/504, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301) 286-5810. Information about other NASA inventions available for licensing can be found online at <http://technology.nasa.gov/>.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Computing Communication Foundations; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Site Visit, Proposal Panel Review for Science and Technology Centers—Integrative Partnerships (#1192).

Date/Time: December 3, 2012, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.; December 4, 2012, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; December 5, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Place: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Type of Meeting: Partial Closed.

Contact Person: John Cozzens, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1115, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8910.

Purpose of Meeting: To assess the progress of the STC Award: 0939370, “Emerging Frontiers of Science of Information”, and to provide advice and recommendations concerning further NSF support for the Center.

AGENDA

Monday, December 3, 2012

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Closed—Site Team and NSF Staff meets to discuss Site Visit materials, review process and charge.

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Open—Presentations by Awardee Institution, faculty staff and students, to Site Team

and NSF Staff. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Closed—Draft report on education and research activities.

Thursday, December 5, 2012

8:30 a.m.–noon: Open—Response presentations by Site Team and NSF Staff Awardee Institution faculty staff to. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

Noon to 3:00 p.m.: Closed—Complete written site visit report with preliminary recommendations.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 20, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in meeting of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science. Originally the meeting was scheduled for October 31, 2012. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 on page 61644. However, due to Hurricane Sandy it was necessary to cancel. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the rescheduled meeting:

Name: President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (1182).

Date and Time: Monday, December 10, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA, 22230. Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Ms. Mayra Montrose, Program Manager, Room 1282, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-4757.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the 2012 National Medal of Science recipients.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 20, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Comments (RFC)—Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Strategic Plan

AGENCY: The National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD).

ACTION: Request for comments (RFC).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Tomas Vagoun at vagoun@nitrd.gov or (703) 292-4873.

DATES: To be considered, submissions must be received by December 19, 2012.

SUMMARY: This Request For Comments (RFC) is issued by the Cyber Security and Information Assurance Research and Development Senior Steering Group (SSG) of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. The SSG is preparing a report to provide an update on technological developments in Federal cybersecurity research and development since the release of the 2011 Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Strategic Plan (the strategic plan). Also, in light of the ever evolving technological landscape of cybersecurity, and as input to its follow-on report, the SSG seeks comments on the progress over the past year in the research areas identified in the strategic plan, the strategic plan's impact in orienting private sector cybersecurity research and development activities, the successes and challenges in achieving the technological objectives outlined in the plan, and on any nascent or emerging areas in cybersecurity research and development that warrant further focus. Additionally, the comments will be used by the SSG in its assessment of future needs and directions in Federal cybersecurity research and development. Comments are to be submitted to cybersecurity@nitrd.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Continued cybersecurity research and development is critical to ensuring that we are on track as a Nation to develop innovative tools and capabilities to address

cybersecurity threats. In December 2011, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) released the "Trustworthy Cyberspace: Strategic Plan for the Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Program," a framework for a set of coordinated Federal strategic priorities and objectives for cybersecurity research. (<http://www.nitrd.gov/Publications/PublicationDetail.aspx?pubid=39>).

The strategic plan was developed under the leadership of the Cyber Security and Information Assurance Research and Development Senior Steering Group (SSG) of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. It identifies key cybersecurity research and development themes that are shaping and facilitating a coordinated Federal research and development agenda to engender game-changing technologies. With this overarching template, the federal scientific community has been focusing on a common set of problems. The strategic plan is being executed by all of the agencies conducting and funding Federal cybersecurity research, including DARPA, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, IARPA, National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Security Agency, National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense. Input from industry, academia, and other stakeholders during the development of the strategic plan contributed greatly to the formulation of Federal research directions in cybersecurity. Guided by this plan, many research activities, initiatives, and solicitations have already been launched by Federal agencies in all areas defined by the plan.

In an effort to continue to evolve Federal strategic directions in cybersecurity research, the SSG seeks comments to gain a better understanding of the plan's impact. Furthermore, the SSG seeks input regarding prospective areas in cybersecurity research and development that might benefit from coordinated support by Federal agencies. To assist with its report, the SSG is requesting that interested parties submit written comments. We welcome comments from all interested parties, including, but not limited to, academia, private industry, and all levels of government. We seek comments on the following questions in relation to the strategic plan:

(1) Research Themes of the Strategic Plan:

(a) Do the research themes need to be refined or enhanced? If so, in what way?

(b) What are the research, development, implementation, transition-to-practice, or other challenges that need to be overcome to achieve the goals under each theme?

(c) Are there areas in cybersecurity research not addressed by the strategic plan that should be? If yes, what are they, why are they important, and what advances in such areas are needed to improve the security, safety, and trustworthiness of cyberspace?

(2) Activities that Advance the Strategic Plan:

(d) What activities are you or your organization undertaking that support the objectives of the strategic plan? Please include a brief description of initiatives, use-cases, capabilities, technologies, and/or achievements.

(e) How might your organization utilize the research outcomes?

(3) Sustainable Progress:

(f) What interactions, relationships, campaigns, or targeted assistance would support a sustainable process to drive changes envisioned by the research themes?

(g) What engagements among Federal agencies, government labs, industry, and universities are particularly effective in enabling rapid progress in the development of solutions?

To further enhance discussions related to cybersecurity research and this RFC, the Government will webcast a session on Federal cybersecurity research and development during the National Science Foundation's Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace Principal Investigators Meeting. The session and the webcast will take place on November 27, 2012, from approximately 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. EST. Additional instructions will be available at <http://cps-vo.org/group/satc>.

Submission Instructions

Submission email: submit your comments to cybersecurity@nitrd.gov.

Submission deadline: to be considered, submissions must be received by December 19, 2012.

To the extent applicable, when addressing a particular question included in this request for comments, comments should reference the relevant number associated with the question. Comments submitted will be made available to the public online or by alternative means. For this reason, do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. In accordance with FAR 15.202(3), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract.

Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFC.

Submitted by the National Science Foundation for the National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) on November 19, 2012.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Preoperational Testing of Onsite Electric Power Systems To Verify Proper Load Group Assignments, Electrical Separation, and Redundancy

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG–1294, "Preoperational Testing of On-Site Electric Power Systems to Verify Proper Load Group Assignments, Electrical Separation, and Redundancy." DG–1294 is proposed Revision 1 of RG 1.41, dated March 1973. This revision expands the scope of the guide to encompass preoperational testing of electrical power systems used to meet current Station Blackout regulations, time requirements for startup and alignment of emergency power sources, and testing requirements for facilities licensed under 10 CFR Part 52.

DATES: Submit comments by January 31, 2013. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

ADDRESSES: You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC–2012–0282. You may submit comments by the following methods: