Dated: May 17, 2013.
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Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute

Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute.
OMB Number: 3140–0001.
Frequency: On occasion
Affected Public: Carrier and Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:
Responses: 68 annually.
Burden Hours: 17.00.

Abstract: When a dispute arises among a carrier’s employees as to who will be their bargaining representative, the National Mediation Board (NMB) is required by Section 2, Ninth, to investigate the dispute, to determine who is the authorized representative, if any, and to certify such representative. The NMB’s duties do not arise until its services have been invoked by a party to the dispute. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of a representation dispute is to be accomplished and the NMB has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.2, provides that applications for the services of the NMB under Section 2, Ninth, to investigate representation disputes may be made on printed forms or on the Internet at www.nmb.gov/representation/rapply.html. The application requires the following information: The name of the carrier involved; the name or description of the craft or class involved; the name of the petitioning organization or individual; the name of the organization currently representing the employees, if any; the names of any other organizations or representatives involved in the dispute; and the estimated number of employees in the craft or class involved. This basic information is essential in providing the NMB with the details of the dispute so that it can determine what resources will be required to conduct an investigation.

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information is used by the Board in determining such matters as how many staff will be required to conduct an investigation and what other resources must be mobilized to complete our statutory responsibilities. Without this information, the Board would have to delay the commencement of the investigation, which is contrary to the intent of the Railway Labor Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from www.nmb.gov or should be addressed to Denise Murdock, NMB, 1301 K Street NW., Suite 230 E., Washington, DC 20005 or addressed to the email address murdock@nmb.gov or faxed to 202–692–5081. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to June D.W. King at 202–692–5010 or via internet address king@nmb.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD/TDY) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; 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 review of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC) at Duke University by the Division of Materials Research (DMR) #1203.
Dates & Times: June 13, 2013, 7:15 a.m.–6:45 p.m.
Place: Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.
Type of Meeting: Part open.
Contact Person: Dr. Sean L. Jones, Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers Program, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 292–2996.
Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning further support of the MRSEC at Duke University.

Agenda: Thursday, June 13, 2013.
7:15 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Closed—Executive Session.
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Open—Review of the Duke MRSEC.
3:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m. Closed—Executive Session.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

• Mail comments to: Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB–05–B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.
• Fax comments to: RADB at 301–492–3442.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see “Accessing Information and