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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year satellite systems must submit royalty payments to the Register of Copyrights as required by the statutory license set forth in section 119 of the Copyright Act for the retransmission to satellite subscribers of over-the-air television broadcast signals. See 17 U.S.C. 119(b). The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) oversee distribution of royalties to copyright owners whose works were included in a qualifying transmission and who timely filed a claim for royalties.

Allocation of the royalties collected occurs in one of two ways. In the first instance, the Judges may authorize distribution in accordance with a negotiated settlement among all claiming parties. 17 U.S.C. 119(b)(5)(A), 801(b)(3)(A). If all claimants do not reach an agreement with respect to the royalties, the Judges must conduct a proceeding to determine the distribution of any royalties that remain in controversy. 17 U.S.C. 119(b)(5)(B), 801(b)(3)(B). Alternatively, the Judges may, on motion of claimants and on notice to all interested parties, authorize a partial distribution of royalties, reserving on deposit sufficient funds to resolve identified disputes. 17 U.S.C. 119(b)(5)(C), 801(b)(3)(C).

On March 11, 2016, representatives of the Phase I claimant categories (the "Phase I Claimants")<sup>1</sup> filed with the Judges a motion requesting a partial distribution amounting to 60% of the 2014 satellite royalty funds pursuant to section 801(b)(3)(C) of the Copyright Act. 17 U.S.C. 801(b)(3)(C). That section requires that, before ruling on the motion, the Judges publish a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking responses to the motion for partial distribution to ascertain whether any claimant entitled to receive the subject royalties has a reasonable objection to the requested distribution. Accordingly, this Notice seeks comments from interested claimants on whether any reasonable objection exists that would preclude the distribution of 60% of the 2014 satellite royalty funds to the Phase I Claimants.

<sup>1</sup> The "Phase I Claimants" are Program Suppliers, Joint Sports Claimants, Broadcaster Claimants Group, Music Claimants (represented by American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Broadcast Music, Inc., and SESAC, Inc.), and Devotional Claimants.

Parties objecting to the proposed partial distribution must advise the Judges of the existence and extent of all their objections by the end of the comment period. The Judges will not consider any objections with respect to the partial distribution motion that come to their attention after the close of the comment period.

The Motion of the Phase I Claimants for Partial Distribution is posted on the Copyright Royalty Board Web site at <http://www.loc.gov/crb>.

Dated: April 26, 2016.

**Suzanne M. Barnett,**

*Chief U.S. Copyright Royalty Judge.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Public Availability of the National Science Foundation FY 2015 Service Contract Inventory and Associated Documents

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of public availability of FY 2015 service contract inventories and associated documents.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117), the National Science Foundation is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of (1) the FY 2015 Service Contract Inventory Detail, (2) the FY 2015 Service Contract Inventory Summary, (3) the FY 2014 Service Contract Inventory Analysis Report, (4) the FY 2015 Service Contract Inventory Supplement Report and, (5) the FY 2015 Plan for Analyzing the Service Contract Inventory. This inventory provides information on service contract actions over \$25,000 that were made in FY 2015. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010, and December 19, 2011, by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP's guidance is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/service-contract-inventories-guidance-11052010.pdf> and <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/service-contract-inventory-guidance.pdf>. The National Science Foundation has posted its (1) FY 2015 Service Contract

Inventory Detail, (2) FY 2015 Service Contract Inventory Summary, (3) FY 2014 Service Contract Inventory Analysis Report, (4) FY 2015 Service Contract Inventory Supplement Report and (5) FY 2015 Plan for Analyzing the Service Contract Inventory on the National Science Foundation homepage at the following links:

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16069](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods_key=nsf16069) (Service Contract Inventory Detail for FY 2015)

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16078](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods_key=nsf16078) (Service Contract Inventory Summary for FY 2015)

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16073](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods_key=nsf16073) (Service Contract Inventory Analysis Report for FY 2014)

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16075](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods_key=nsf16075) (Service Contract Inventory Supplement Report for FY2015)

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf16079](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pubsumm.jsp?ods_key=nsf16079) (Plan for Analyzing the Service Contract Inventory for FY 2015)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Richard Pihl in the BFA/DACS at 703-292-7395 or [rpihl@nsf.gov](mailto:rpihl@nsf.gov).

Dated: April 26, 2016.

**Suzanne Plimpton,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by May 31, 2016. This application may be inspected by