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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Whittle, Attorney Advisor, by telephone at (202) 707-7658 or email at crb@loc.gov.

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")¹ 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.

¹ 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 (Service Contract Inventory Detail for FY 2015)

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 (Service Contract Inventory Analysis Report for FY 2014)

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 (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.

Dated: April 26, 2016.

Suzanne Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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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

interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

1. Applicant

Permit Application: 2017–002. Deneb Karentz, Department of Biology, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA 94117.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. Gene cloning kits that contain the bacterium *Escherichia coli* will be used in the Palmer Station laboratory for genomic research, specifically to investigate genetic characteristics of bacteria and protists from seawater samples. The *E. coli* will be handled with standard laboratory safety protocols, they will not be released into the environment, and they will be killed by autoclaving per routine procedures. This permit is being requested for research activities under the NSF-funded grant entitled “Collaborative research: Biological adaptations to environmental change in Antarctica—An advanced training program for early-career scientists.”

Location

Palmer Station, Anvers Island and McMurdo Station, Ross Island, Antarctica.

Dates

June 24, 2016–March 1, 2018.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings; National Science Board

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1862n–5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business as follows:

DATE AND TIME: May 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and May 6, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: These meetings will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must contact the Board Office (call 703–292–7000 or send an email to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and provide your name and organizational affiliation. Visitors must report to the NSF visitor’s desk in the lobby of the 9th and N. Stuart Street entrance to receive a visitor’s badge.

WEBCAST INFORMATION: Public meetings and public portions of meetings will be webcast. To view the meetings, go to <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nsf/160505/> and follow the instructions.

UPDATES: Please refer to the National Science Board Web site for additional information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter, and status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp>.

AGENCY CONTACT: Ron Campbell, jrcampbe@nsf.gov, 703–292–7000.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONTACT: Nadine Lynn, nlynn@nsf.gov, 703–292–2490.

STATUS: Portions open; portions closed.

OPEN SESSIONS:

May 5, 2016

8:00–8:30 a.m.—Plenary introduction, NSB Chair and NSF Director Reports
8:30–9:30 a.m.—Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)

9:30–9:45 a.m.—Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF)

9:45–10:25 a.m.—Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans (NPP)

10:55–11:15 a.m.—Plenary speaker, NSB Public Service awardee

11:15–11:35 a.m.—Plenary speaker, Vannevar Bush awardee

11:35–11:55 a.m.—Plenary speaker, Alan T. Waterman awardee

3:05–4:30 p.m.—Committee on Audit and Oversight (A&O)

May 6, 2016

8:00–9:00 a.m.—Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI)

9:00–9:45 a.m.—Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)

1:00–2:30 p.m.—(Plenary)

CLOSED SESSIONS:

May 5, 2016

10:25–10:40 a.m. (NPP)

1:00–2:55 p.m. (CPP)

May 6, 2016

9:45–10:15 a.m. (CSB)

10:15–11:30 a.m. (Plenary)

11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Plenary executive)

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 8:00–8:30 a.m.

- Introduction and NSB Chair’s report
- NSF Director’s report

Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)

Open Session: 8:30–9:30 a.m.

- CPP Chair’s opening remarks
- Approval of open CPP minutes for February 2016, and joint open CPP, CSB, and SCF minutes for February 2016
- Calendar year 2016 schedule of planned action and information items for NSB review: Update for the May 2016 meeting
- An overview of Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) infrastructure investments and directorate programs
- CPP Chair’s closing remarks

Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF)

Open Session: 9:30–9:45 a.m.

- SCF Chair’s opening remarks
- Approval of open SCF minutes from February 2016, and March 2016, and for closed SCF minutes from March 2016
- Discussion of past, present and planned SCF activities, including the Facilities Portal
- SCF Chair’s closing remarks

Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans (NPP)

Open Session: 9:45–10:25 a.m.

- NPP Chair’s opening remarks
- Approval of open NPP minutes from November 2015 meeting
- NSF Director’s update, including root causes
- NPP final report
- NPP Chair’s closing remarks

Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans (NPP)

Closed Session: 10:25–10:40 a.m.

- NPP Chair’s opening remarks