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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Levock, 202–395–3826, Office of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, at intellectualproperty@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since January 2017, President Trump and his Administration have worked to promote strong intellectual property rights protection and enforcement, both domestically and abroad. As part of an integrated approach, the Trump Administration views our intellectual property strategy, policy and enforcement efforts, together, as key to helping secure the future of our innovative economy and to maintaining our competitive advantage. As the Administration continues to build on past strategic efforts in all areas of intellectual property policy (including patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets), both domestically and abroad, the Administration also recognizes that for the United States to maintain its future economic competitiveness, we need to think strategically and shift the paradigm to one where we not only place America First, but regard America’s inventive and creative capacity as something that we must protect, promote and prioritize.

As explained in the Annual Intellectual Property Report to Congress (https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2018Annual_IPEC_Report_to_Congress.pdf), the Trump Administration has taken significant actions to promote and protect intellectual property. The Administration’s four-part strategic approach includes engagement with our trading partners; effective use of all our legal authorities, including our trade tools; expanded law enforcement action and cooperation; and engagement and partnership with the private sector and other stakeholders. The goal is to ensure a level playing field for American

innovators and creators, where their innovations and creations are respected and protected, and for systems to be in place that allow American businesses to operate in a free, fair and open marketplace.

As the United States government works to advance American economic interests overseas, a significant component of our enforcement and protection efforts includes addressing trade enforcement, market access, competition, digital trade, cybersecurity, and rule of law concerns in the intellectual property space around the world. American innovators and creators must be able to operate in foreign markets that provide them with clear paths to secure and use their IP. Countries and foreign companies should not be allowed to profit from the theft or misappropriation of American intellectual property through actions including trade secret theft, IP infringement, piracy, forced technology transfers or localization requirements. Additionally, American brand holders must have full and fair opportunity to market and sell their products and use their properly registered trademarks across the globe, without undue restrictions.

To that end, and as set forth by the PRO IP Act (15 U.S.C. 8113), the objectives of the Joint Strategic Plan include:

- Reducing the supply of infringing goods, domestically and internationally;
- Identifying weaknesses, duplication of efforts, waste, and other unjustified impediments to effective enforcement actions;
- Promoting information sharing between participating agencies to the extent permissible by law;
- Disrupting and eliminating infringement networks in the U.S. and in other countries;
- Strengthening the capacity of other countries to protect and enforce intellectual property rights;
- Reducing the number of countries that fail to enforce intellectual property rights effectively;
- Assisting other countries to more effectively enforce intellectual property rights;
- Protecting intellectual property rights in other countries by:
 - Working with other countries to reduce intellectual property crimes in other countries;
 - Improving information sharing between U.S. and foreign law enforcement agencies; and
 - Establishing procedures for consulting with interested groups within other countries;

- Establishing effective and efficient training programs and other forms of technical assistance to enhance the enforcement efforts of foreign governments through:

- Minimizing the duplication of U.S. Government training and assistance efforts;
- Prioritizing deployment of U.S. Government resources to those countries where programs can be carried out most effectively with the greatest impact on reducing the number of infringing products imported into the United States, while also protecting the intellectual property rights of U.S. rights holders and the interests of U.S. persons otherwise harmed by infringements in other countries.

IPEC welcomes input and recommendations from the public for improving the U.S. Government’s intellectual property enforcement efforts.

In submitting comments for the development of the fourth Joint Strategic Plan, comments should be organized along the lines of the Administration’s four-part strategic approach to promote and protect intellectual property (as discussed above and in IPEC’s Annual Intellectual Property Report to Congress):

- Engagement with our trading partners
- Effective use of all our legal authorities, including our trade tools
- Expanded law enforcement action and cooperation
- Engagement and partnership with the private sector and other stakeholders.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

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

Name and Committee Code: Proposal Review Panel for Office of International Science and Engineering—PIRE: Crafting Optimal Learning in Science Environments—Reverse Site Visit (#10749).

Date and Time: October 12, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Type of Meeting: Part—Open.

Contact Person: Cassandra Dudka, PIRE Program Manager, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone 703/292-7250.

Purpose of Meeting: NSF reverse site visit to conduct a review during year 3 of the five-year award period. To conduct an in-depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

Agenda: See attached.

Reason for Closing: Topics to be discussed and evaluated during closed portions of the reverse site review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 7, 2018.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) Reverse Site Visit Agenda PIRE-1545684 (PI: Barbara Schneider)

NSF Room C3080

Friday, October 12, 2018

8:00 a.m. Panelists arrive. Coffee/light refreshments available
 8:15 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Panel Orientation (CLOSED), PIRE Rationale and Goals, Charge to Panel
 8:45 a.m. PIs arrive. Introductions (OPEN)
 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PIRE Project Presentation should cover the following: (OPEN)
 Research
 Integrating Research & Education Students (e.g. involvement in project, recruitment, diversity)
 Project Management and Communication
 Evaluation & Assessment
 Institutional Support
 International Partnerships
 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Questions and Answers
 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Working Lunch—Panel Discussion (CLOSED)
 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Initial Feedback to Project Team (CLOSED)
 2:30 p.m. PIRE PI and presenters are dismissed
 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Panel meets for Reverse Site Visit Report Preparation (CLOSED)
 4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Report presented to and discussion held with NSF staff (CLOSED)

5:00 p.m. End of Reverse Site Visit

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2018-0168]

Weld Residual Stress Finite Element Analysis Validation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft NUREG; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting public comment on a draft NUREG entitled, “Weld Residual Stress Finite Element Analysis Validation: Part II—Acceptance and Guidelines.” This report proposes a methodology by which analysts can increase confidence in modeling capabilities for regulatory applications involving weld residual stress calculation. Specifically, the NRC staff posed four questions for consideration by the public (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

DATES: Submit comments by November 13, 2018. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0168. Address questions about NRC dockets in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Benson, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301-415-2425, email: michael.benson@nrc.gov; or Patrick Raynaud, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301-415-1987, email: patrick.raynaud@nrc.gov. Both are staff of the U.S.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2018-0168 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0168.
- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The draft NUREG on “Weld Residual Stress Validation” is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18242A007.

- *NRC’s PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2018-0168 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS.

The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

Between 2008–2015, the Electric Power Research Institute and the NRC