

allotments and employers seeking a TLC to employ H-2B workers beginning on the earliest start date of work permitted if their application is filed outside of the initial three-day filing window—OFLC will randomly assign for processing all of the completed H-2B applications filed on a single calendar day *after* it finishes processing NOAs and NODs for applications filed during the initial three-day filing window (as discussed above). As an example, for employers seeking a TLC to employ H-2B nonimmigrant workers on April 2, 2020—which is the next start date of work permitted under the second semi-annual allotment of H-2B visas for FY 2020—OFLC will randomly assign to NPC analysts for processing all of the completed H-2B applications that are filed on January 3 with an April 2, 2020 start date of work, after OFLC finishes processing NOAs and NODs for the applications filed during the initial three-day filing window for the earliest start day of work.

#### *Application Processing After Random Selection and Assignment Occur*

Once the random assignment process is completed, NPC analysts will review each H-2B application in accordance with § 655.30 and current standard operating procedures. Following issuance of NOAs and/or NODs in accordance with procedures outlined above, H-2B applications will be processed as each successive stage in the process is completed. Employers receiving NOAs may proceed to meet the additional regulatory requirements, including recruitment of U.S. workers and submission of recruitment reports. Employers receiving NODs must correct any deficiencies and receive NOAs before proceeding to meet the additional regulatory requirements.

Recruitment reports will be reviewed and processed based on the day they are received, and the CO will authorize the release of certified H-2B applications in accordance with standard operating procedures and where all the requirements for granting a TLC under the subpart are met as of that day. The CO will continue to process and authorize the issuance of final determinations on all H-2B applications that are received, irrespective of whether the employer is seeking to employ H-2B nonimmigrant workers in cap-exempt positions. Additionally, the CO will process and authorize the issuance of rejections, request for withdrawals, and denials of labor certification applications in accordance with standard operating procedures.

#### **Public Notifications**

OFLC intends to issue several public announcements as applications are received and processed under the procedures described above. Once the random assignment process is completed, as described above, OFLC will provide written notification to employers and, if applicable, employers' authorized representatives of their H-2B Assignment Group. Within five business days after the random assignment process is completed, OFLC will place on its website a listing of the H-2B applications assigned to each H-2B Assignment Group. Second, OFLC will provide the public with updates on its website related to the number and percentage of H-2B applications issued a first action within each H-2B Assignment Group. Finally, OFLC will provide regular updates on its website related to the number of H-2B applications certified with the same date of filing, including the number of worker positions, so the public is aware of the general timeframes in which the semi-annual visa allotment may be reached.

Because of the public's wide use of OFLC's website, the posting of information on the OFLC website provides a timelier and more efficient method of disseminating such information to the public than publication of the information in the **Federal Register**. The public frequently turns to OFLC's website for general information on labor certification requirements, regulations and forms, specific case status information, and processing times for H-2B applications. Therefore, all notifications regularly updating the public on implementing these procedures will be made available on or through the OFLC website at [www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov](http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov).

#### **Request for Comments and Effective Date**

These new procedures will take effect on July 3, 2019. OFLC seeks comments on the above procedures. Comments may be sent to [H2BReform.Comments@dol.gov](mailto:H2BReform.Comments@dol.gov) or mailed to Thomas M. Dowd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Box PPII 12-200, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210 until 30 days after issuance of this notice in the **Federal Register**. OFLC will review all of the comments received and will make any changes it

determines are appropriate prior to July 3, 2019.

**Molly E. Conway,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for the Employment and Training, Labor.*

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#### **NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**[NARA-2019-015]**

#### **Change in Comment Process for Records Schedules**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are changing the process for public review of and comment on records schedules (Federal agency requests for records disposition authority) to rely on the Federal eRulemaking Portal, at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**DATES:** This change will take place on March 4, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** National Archives and Records Administration, Records Management Operations (ACR), Room 2200, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margaret Hawkins, Director, Records Management Operations, by mail at the address above, by phone at 301.837.1799, or by email at [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov). Please also contact us for information on submitting your comment by another means if you are unable to use [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or wish to include confidential information in a comment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NARA publishes notices in the **Federal Register** for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records they no longer need to conduct agency business. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agencies prepare schedules proposing periods for retaining and disposing of records. These schedules, when approved by NARA, provide for transfer into the National Archives of permanent, historically valuable records and authorize disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs them to conduct its business.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the

Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thoroughly considering the administrative use needs of the agency that originated the records, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public notice, review, and comment on proposed records schedules is part of the Archivist's consideration process.

Currently, we publish notice in the **Federal Register** of records schedules open for comment, but people who wish to review and comment on the schedules must request copies of the actual documents, submit comments, and receive responses via mail or email. The new process will allow people to review and comment on open records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda at the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <https://www.regulations.gov>. We will also post consolidated responses to comments at the same location.

Under the new process, we will post batches of records schedules to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) as "other" documents in the same docket as the notice. The schedules and related memoranda will remain open for comment for a period of 45 days. You will be able to comment on individual schedules at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) on or before the deadline stated in the notice. We will not accept late comments.

Comments you submit on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information and attachments, will be posted to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, commenters are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) portal, you should contact [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov) for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments received by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we will post on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) a "Consolidated Response" summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we have made to the proposed records schedule. We will then send the schedule for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. You may elect at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the

Consolidated Response, whether or not you submit a comment.

Copies of schedules and consolidated responses will remain on the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) website after the comment period has passed, although all commenting features will be disabled when the comment period ends.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, within two or three weeks after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

This new process eliminates the need to request copies of the schedules and appraisal memoranda, as has been the process since 1985. You will also no longer need to email or send comments on proposed records schedules, but will instead be able to provide comments directly on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). The comment period is also being extended from 30 days to 45 days.

We are making this change as a result of clear, widespread interest from the public in a web-based platform for a more modern, transparent, and efficient review and comment process. We are interested in receiving feedback on this new process and will continuously strive to improve the experience for public review of proposed records schedules. You may send feedback to us any time at [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov).

**Laurence Brewer,**

*Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; 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:* Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883) (Teleconference).

*Date and Time:* March 28, 2019; 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. EDT.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Teleconference).

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

Attendance information for the meeting will be forthcoming on the website: <https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aac.jsp>.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Christopher Davis, Program Director, Division of

Astronomical Sciences, Suite W 9136, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703-292-4910.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

*Agenda:* To provide updates on Agency activities and to discuss the Committee's draft annual report.

Dated: February 26, 2019.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), State Coordinator (SC) Survey

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by May 3, 2019 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite W18200, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics