

*Agenda:***Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

7:30 p.m.–9:15 p.m. Executive Session (Closed).

Thursday, May 10, 2012

8 a.m.–12 p.m. Welcome & CCE Presentations of research and integrative elements (Open).

12 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Executive Session (Closed).

1:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m. CCE Presentations of research and integrative elements (Open).

4:15 p.m.–5 p.m. Executive Session (Closed).

Friday, May 11, 2012

8 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Session (Open).

8:30 a.m.–9 a.m. Executive Session (Closed).

9 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Panel meets with CCE Leadership (Open).

10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Executive Session (Closed).

Reason for Closing: The meeting is closed to the public because the Site Visitors will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they were disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: April 10, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883; 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: Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883).

Date and Time: May 11, 2012, 11 p.m.–5 p.m. EDT.

Place: Teleconference, National Science Foundation, Room 1060, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. James Ulvestad, Division Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703–292–7165.

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 hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Dated: April 11, 2012.

Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**OSC Forms and Survey Renewal for FY 2012—Request for Comment**

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Notice for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of four previously approved information collections consisting of three complaint forms and an electronic survey form. These collections are listed below. The current OMB approval for Forms OSC–11, OSC–12, OSC–13, and the OSC Survey expire 9/30/12. We are submitting all three forms and the electronic survey for renewal, based on the upcoming date of expiration. There are no changes being submitted with this request for renewal of the use of these forms. Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on this information collection for the first time. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments should be received by May 11, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Kammann, Director of Finance, at the

address shown above; by facsimile at (202) 254–3711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSC is an independent agency responsible for, among other things, (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; and (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code. *Title of Collections:* (1) Form OSC–11, (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice of Other Prohibited Activity); (2) Form OSC–12 (Information about filing a Whistleblower Disclosure with the Office of Special Counsel); (3) Form OSC–13 (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Political Activity (Violation of the Hatch Act)); (4) Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Annual Survey; OMB Control Number 3255–0003, Expiration 09/30/12.

Copies of the OSC Forms 11, 12, and 13 can be found at: http://www.osc.gov/RR_OSCFORMS.htm. OSC is also required to conduct an annual survey of individuals who seek its assistance. Section 13 of Public Law 103–424 (1994), codified at 5 U.S.C. 1212 note, states, in part: “[T]he survey shall—(1) determine if the individual seeking assistance was fully apprised of their rights; (2) determine whether the individual was successful either at the Office of Special Counsel or the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) determine if the individual, whether successful or not, was satisfied with the treatment received from the Office of Special Counsel.” The same section also provides that survey results are to be published in OSC's annual report to Congress. Copies of prior years' annual reports are available on OSC's Web site, at http://www.osc.gov/RR_AnnualReportsToCongress.htm or by calling OSC at (202) 254–3600. The survey form for the collection of information is available for review by calling OSC at (202) 254–3600.

Type of Information Collection Request: Approval of previously approved collection of information that expires on September 30, 2012, with no revisions.

Affected Public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, state and local government employees, and their representatives, and the general public.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Estimated Annual Number of OSC
Form Respondents: 3,950.

Estimated Annual Number of Survey
Form Respondents: 320.

Frequency of Use of OSC Forms:
Daily.

Frequency of Survey Form Use:
Annual.

Estimated Average Amount of Time
for a Person To Respond Using OSC
Forms: 64 minutes.

Estimated Average Amount of Time
for a Person To Respond to Survey: 12
minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden for the OSC
Forms: 2,899 hours.

Estimated Annual Survey Burden: 109
hours.

These forms are used by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to submit allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC. This survey form is used to survey current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment who have submitted allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC, and whose matter has been closed or otherwise resolved during the prior fiscal year, on their experience at OSC. Specifically, the survey asks questions relating to whether the respondent was: (1) Apprised of his or her rights; (2) successful at the OSC or at the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) satisfied with the treatment received at the OSC.

Dated: April 10, 2012.

Carolyn N. Lerner,
Special Counsel.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available
from: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Investor
Education and Advocacy,
Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Rule 15g-3, OMB Control No. 3235-0392,
SEC File No. 270-346.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission

(“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) a request for approval of extension of the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 15g-3—Broker or dealer disclosure of quotations and other information relating to the penny stock market (17 CFR 240.15g-3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 15g-3 requires that brokers and dealers disclose to customers current quotation prices or similar market information in connection with transactions in penny stocks. The purpose of the rule is to increase the level of disclosure to investors concerning penny stocks generally and specific penny stock transactions.

The Commission estimates that approximately 209 broker-dealers will spend an average of 87 hours annually to comply with this rule. Thus, the total compliance burden is approximately 18,200 burden-hours per year.

Rule 15g-3 contains record retention requirements. Compliance with the rule is mandatory. The required records are available only to the examination staff of the Commission and the self regulatory organizations of which the broker-dealer is a member. The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

Background documentation for this information collection may be viewed at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an email to PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: April 10, 2012.

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available
from: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Investor
Education and Advocacy,
Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Rule 15g-4; OMB Control No. 3235-0393;
SEC File No. 270-347.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) a request for extension of the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 15g-4—Disclosure of compensation to brokers or dealers (17 CFR 240.15g-4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 15g-4 requires brokers and dealers effecting transactions in penny stocks for or with customers to disclose the amount of compensation received by the broker-dealer in connection with the transaction. The purpose of the rule is to increase the level of disclosure to investors concerning penny stocks generally and specific penny stock transactions.

The Commission estimates that approximately 209 broker-dealers will spend an average of 87 hours annually to comply with this rule. Thus, the total compliance burden is approximately 18,200 burden-hours per year.

Rule 15g-4 contains record retention requirements. Compliance with the rule is mandatory. The required records are available only to the examination staff of the Commission and the self regulatory organizations of which the broker-dealer is a member. The commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

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