

If, however, one party fails to designate a member of the board, the party making the request may ask the NMB to designate a member on behalf of the other party. The NMB must designate the representative who, together with the other party constitute the public board. It will be the task of these two individuals to decide on the terms of the agreement. If these individuals are unable to decide upon the terms, the Railway Labor Act provides that one of these parties may request that the NMB designate a neutral to resolve the remaining matters which are procedural issues. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1207.2, requests for the NMB to appoint either representatives or neutrals must be made on printed forms which may be secured from the NMB.

This form is necessary for the NMB to fulfill its statutory responsibilities. Without this information, the NMB would not be able to assist the railroad labor and management representatives in resolving disputes, which is contrary to the intent of the Railway Labor Act.

#### **Arbitration Services—Official Travel/Referee Compensation Authorization**

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Arbitrators.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* Approximately 624 annually.

*Burden Hours:* 156.

*Abstract:* Section 153, First and Second of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. 153, First and Second, provide that the NMB shall compensate arbitrators who resolve the resolves under these sections of the Act. The arbitrator must submit a written request, in advance, for authorization to be compensated for work to be performed. The arbitrator must obtain authorization before performing work. This form is the request and is necessary for the NMB to fulfill its financial responsibilities.

#### **Arbitration Services—Pay Voucher for Personal Services**

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Arbitrators.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* Approximately 624 annually.

*Burden Hours:* 156.

*Abstract:* Section 153, First and Second of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. 153, First and Second, provide that the NMB shall compensate arbitrators who resolve the resolves under these sections of the Act. After the work is performed, the arbitrator must submit a written request for

compensation. This form is the vehicle used to request compensation and is necessary for the NMB to fulfill its financial responsibilities.

#### **Neutral's Report of Activity**

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Arbitrators.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* Approximately 624 annually.

*Burden Hours:* 156.

*Abstract:* Section 153, First and Second of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. 153, First and Second, provide that the parties may use an arbitrator to resolve their disputes concerning the application or interpretation of the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement. The NMB must record the decisions rendered by the arbitrators selected by the parties and compensated by the NMB. This form is used to gather that information. This brief information is necessary for the NMB to fulfill its responsibilities under the Railway Labor Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from [www.nmb.gov](http://www.nmb.gov) or should be addressed to Denise Murdock, NMB, 1301 K Street NW., Suite 250 E, Washington, DC 20572 or addressed to the e-mail address [murdock@nmb.gov](mailto:murdock@nmb.gov) or faxed to 202-692-5081. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to June D. W. King at 202-692-5010 or via Internet address [king@nmb.gov](mailto:king@nmb.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD/TDY) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

##### **Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research; 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:** Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research, Facility Operations Review Panel (1203).

**DATES AND TIMES:** Wednesday, May 27, 2009, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2009, 8 a.m.–10 p.m., and Friday, May 29, 2009, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

**PLACE:** California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Partially Closed.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Dr. Guebre X. Tessema, Program Director, National Facilities Programs, Division of Materials Research, Room 1080, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292-4935.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Site Visit Review to provide advice and recommendations concerning two Midscale construction projects DMR-0520547 and DMR-0603042

#### **AGENDA:**

*Wednesday, May 27*

7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Closed—Working Dinner and Executive Session.

*Thursday, May 28 Series connected hybrid (DMR-0603042)*

8 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Open—Presentations.

11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Closed—Executive Session.

12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch break.

1:30 p.m.–5 p.m. Closed—Executive Session and report writing.

5 p.m.–7 p.m. Dinner.

7 p.m.–10 p.m. Closed—Executive session.

*Friday, May 29 DANSE Project (DMR-0603042)*

8 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Open—DANSE.

11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Closed—Executive Session.

12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch break.

1:15 p.m.–3 p.m. Closed—Executive Session (Report Writing).

**REASON FOR CLOSING:** The work being reviewed may include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 5, 2009.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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