

5. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (N1-436-04-3, 6 items, 6 temporary items). Master files, inputs, outputs, and documentation associated with an electronic system used to track the training activities of all agency personnel. Also included are electronic copies of documents created using electronic mail and word processing.

6. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (N1-398-04-16, 5 items, 4 temporary items). Extra copies of all controlled and major correspondence signed by the agency's Director or other senior officials. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies and indexes of controlled and major correspondence signed by the agency's Director, Deputy Director, Associate Directors, and Attorney Advisor. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

7. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (N1-398-04-17, 4 items, 3 temporary items). Working files used to prepare reports to Congress and the President regarding agency objectives and accomplishments. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Recordkeeping copies of final reports are proposed for permanent retention. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

8. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (N1-398-04-18, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Records relating to the participation or sponsorship of agency staff in professional associations, societies, and related groups. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

9. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (N1-398-04-38, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Information collection budget reports submitted to the Office of Management and Budget. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. This schedule authorizes the agency to apply the proposed disposition instructions to any recordkeeping medium.

10. Department of the Treasury, Office of the Secretary (N1-56-04-3, 12 items, 6 temporary items). Administrative

records, working papers, Web site content, and Web site management records accumulated by the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board relating to the Treasury Department's oversight of IRS administration and operations. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of official correspondence, speeches and testimony, publications and reports, meeting minutes, and news releases. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing.

11. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (N1-318-04-18, 21 items 18 temporary items). Record relating to postage stamp and special products printing and processing, including records created in connection with such activities as ordering, scheduling, production, tracking, receiving/shipping, corrective actions, service returns, discrepancy reporting, and planning. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of postage stamps annual orders, postage stamp history files, and special security products files.

12. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (N1-318-04-19, 9 items, 9 temporary items). Records relating to engraving and plate production, including such files as production control records, inventories, production statistics, tracking logs, and identification number assignment records. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing.

13. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing (N1-318-04-20, 10 items 8 temporary items). Records relating to the printing, processing, and production of currency. Included are such records as yearly currency orders, printing orders, manuals, reports, manufacturing support materials, and currency scheduling files. Also included are electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Proposed for permanent retention are recordkeeping copies of official Federal Reserve Board records of currency schedules, requests and correspondence, and year-end currency reports.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that six meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows:

Visual Arts (Access to Artistic Excellence): November 3-5, 2004, Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 3rd and 4th, and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 5th, will be closed.

Local Arts Agencies (Access to Artistic Excellence): November 4-5, 2004, Room 730. A portion of this meeting, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on November 5th, will be for policy discussion and will be open to the public. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 4th, and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on November 5th, will be closed.

Music (Access to Artistic Excellence, Panel A): November 15-17, 2004, Room 714. A portion of this meeting, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 17th, will be for policy discussion and will be open to the public. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 15th, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 16th, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on November 17th, will be closed.

Music (Access to Artistic Excellence, Panel B): November 18-19, 2004, Room 714. A portion of this meeting, from 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 19th, will be for policy discussion and will be open to the public. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 18th, and from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on November 19th, will be closed.

Folk and Traditional Arts (Access to Artistic Excellence): November 8-10, 2004, Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day, will be closed.

Dance (Access to Artistic Excellence): December 7-9, 2004, Room 730. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on December 7th, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 8th, and from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on December 9th, will be closed.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for

financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 14, 2004, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)\(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: October 22, 2004.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend a Current Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request approval of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing an opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 27, 2004 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and

requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov.

Comments: Written comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send e-mail to 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 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: NSF Proposal Review Process.

OMB Control No.: 3145-0060.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2005.

Proposed Project Proposal Evaluation Process

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent Federal agency created by the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861-75). The Act states the purpose of the NSF is "to promote the progress of science; [and] to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare" by supporting research and education in all fields of science and engineering.

From those first days, NSF has had a unique place in the Federal Government: It is responsible for the overall health of science and engineering across all disciplines. In contrast, other Federal agencies support research focused on specific missions

such as health or defense. The Foundation also is committed to ensuring the nation's supply of scientists, engineers, and science and engineering educators.

The Foundation fulfills this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. It does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, businesses, informal science organizations and other research institutions throughout the U.S. The Foundation accounts for about one-fourth of Federal support to academic institutions for basic research.

The Foundation relies heavily on the advice and assistance of external advisory committees, ad-hoc proposal reviewers, and to other experts to ensure that the Foundation is able to reach fair and knowledgeable judgments. These scientists and educators come from colleges and universities, nonprofit research and education organizations, industry, and other Government agencies.

In making its decisions on proposals the counsel of these merit reviewers has proven invaluable to the Foundation both in the identification of meritorious projects and in providing sound basis for project restructuring.

Review of proposals may involve large panel sessions, small groups, or use of a mail-review system. Proposals are reviewed carefully by scientists or engineers who are expert in the particular field represented by the proposal. About 50% are reviewed exclusively by panels of reviewers who gather, usually in Arlington, VA, to discuss their advice as well as to deliver it. About 35% are reviewed first by mail reviewers expert in the particular field, then by panels, usually of persons with more diverse expertise, who help the NSF decide among proposals from multiple fields or subfields. Finally, about 15% are reviewed exclusively by mail.

Use of the Information

The information collected is used to support grant programs of the Foundation. The information collected on the proposal evaluation forms is used by the Foundation to determine the following criteria when awarding or declining proposals submitted to the Agency: (1) What is the intellectual merit of the proposed activity? (2) What are the broader impacts of the proposed activity?

The information collected on reviewer background questionnaire (NSF 428A) is