

specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decisions, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determination, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

Volume I

None

Volume II

None

Volume III

None

Volume IV

None

Volume V

None

Volume VI

None

Volume VII

None

General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts." This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068

Hard-copy subscriptions may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) of interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the seven separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 21st day of January 2000.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences (#1754).

Date/Time: February 9-10, 2000, 8:30a.m.—5:00p.m.; February 11, 2000, 8:30a.m.—Adjourn.

Place: Room 390, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Carter Kimsey, Program Coordinator, Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Microbial Biology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. (703) 306-1469.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biological Informatics proposals submitted in response to the program announcement (NSF 99-142).

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed 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. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 24, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in the Division of Electrical and Communications Systems; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems (1196).

Date/time: February 3-4, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Room 360, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Marija Ilic, Program Director, Room 675, Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard,

Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate unsolicited proposals submitted in response to the program announcement (NSF 99-2).

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed 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. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 24, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications System; 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: Special Emphasis panel in Electrical and Communications System (1196).

Date and Time: February 7-8, 2000—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 365, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Dr. Kishan Baheti, Program Director, Control, Networks, and Computational Intelligence (CNCI), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

Purpose: To provide advice and recommendation concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals in the CNCI program as part of the selection process for award.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed 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 within exemptions 4 and 6 of 5 U.S.C. 552b. (c)(4) and (6) the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 24, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 9463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Committee of Visitors for the Division of Physics, Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences

Date and Time:

Wednesday, February 9, 2000, 8:30 a.m.—6 p.m.

Thursday, February 10, 2000, 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.

Friday, February 11, 2000, 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

Place: Room 1235, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open—(see Agenda, below).

Contact Person: Dr. Joseph L. Dehmer, Director, Division of Physics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1015.37, Arlington, VA 22230

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials.

Agenda

Closed: February 9, 10, and 11 from 8:30—6:00 each day—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of the Division of Physics programs.

Open: February 11 from 10:30—11:30—To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Division of Physics. This shall involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantee outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

Reason for Closing: During the closed session, the COV will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. Such deliberations are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552B9c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Karen York,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 4)]

Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures-Productivity Adjustment

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Proposed adoption of a Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures productivity adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board proposes to adopt 1.035 (3.5%) as the measure of average growth in railroad productivity for the 1994-1998 (5-year) period. The current value of 5.7% was developed for the 1993 to 1997 period.

DATES: Comments are due by February 11, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The proposed productivity adjustment is effective 30 days after the date of service.

ADDRESSES: Send comments (an original and 10 copies) referring to STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 4) to: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. Parties should submit all pleading and attachments on a 3.5-inch diskette in WordPerfect 6.0 or 6.1 compatible format.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Jeff Warren, (202) 565-1533. TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision write to, call, or pick up in person from: DA•TO•DA OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Suite 210, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, telephone (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: January 21, 2000.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Burkes, and Commissioner Clyburn.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 582]

Public Views on Major Rail Consolidations

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.