

ADDRESSES: National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Archivist's Board Room, Room 119, Washington, DC 20408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Williams, Executive Director of the NHPRC, National Archives Building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 116, Washington, DC 20408, telephone number: (202) 357-5010, or at kathleen.williams@nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public. However, due to space limitations and access procedures, the name, email address, and telephone number of individuals planning to attend must be submitted to the National Archives no later than Thursday, February 21st. NARA staff will provide additional instructions for gaining access to the location of the meeting. Please RSVP to: christine.dunham@nara.gov or (202) 357-5094.

Dated: January 18, 2012.

Mary Ann Hadyka,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. They authorize the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

DATES: Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before March 5, 2012. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memorandums that contain additional information concerning the records covered by a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested and will be provided once the appraisal is completed. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: You may request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice by contacting Records Management Services (ACNR) using one of the following means:

Mail: NARA (ACNR), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

Email: request.schedule@nara.gov.

FAX: (301) 837-3698.

Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports should so indicate in their request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margaret Hawkins, Director, National Records Management Program (ACNR), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Telephone: (301) 837-1799. Email: request.schedule@nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval, using the Standard Form (SF) 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority. These schedules provide for the timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs them to conduct its business. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

The schedules listed in this notice are media neutral unless specified otherwise. An item in a schedule is media neutral when the disposition instructions may be applied to records regardless of the medium in which the

records are created and maintained. Items included in schedules submitted to NARA on or after December 17, 2007, are media neutral unless the item is limited to a specific medium. (See 36 CFR 1225.12(e).)

No Federal records are authorized for destruction without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted only after a thorough consideration of their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not they have historical or other value.

Besides identifying the Federal agencies and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority, this public notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or indicates agency-wide applicability in the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency. This notice provides the control number assigned to each schedule, the total number of schedule items, and the number of temporary items (the records proposed for destruction). It also includes a brief description of the temporary records. The records schedule itself contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their disposition. If NARA staff has prepared an appraisal memorandum for the schedule, it too includes information about the records. Further information about the disposition process is available on request.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (N1-145-09-2, 31 items, 31 temporary items.) Master files of electronic information systems used in production adjustments, compliance, disaster assistance, and risk management support for crops and livestock.

2. Department of the Army, Agency-wide (N1-AU-10-97, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic information system that contains information used to substantiate benefits for Non-Appropriated Fund employees.

3. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (N1-138-11-2, 2 items, 1 temporary item). Reports on historic and prehistoric sites for land regulated by the Commission.

4. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration (N1-560-11-8, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master files of an electronic information system containing information on canine handler teams,

such as personal information, contact information, biographies, and training, used to identify, locate, and manage mobilization for operations and training activities.

5. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division (DAA-0060-2011-22, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Master files and outputs for an electronic information system used to track contact information for potential claimants in the US vs. City of New York class action suit.

6. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (N1-65-11-14, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Records relating to the language quality program, including reviews, certifications, and training.

7. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration (N1-399-08-10, 10 items, 10 temporary items). Master files of electronic information systems containing track survey data used to determine rail safety violations.

8. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (N1-58-10-23, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records consist of evidence collected but not used during criminal investigations.

9. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (N1-58-11-18, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Master files, audit data, and documentation for an electronic information system used to capture tax information on foreign partners.

10. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (N1-58-11-19, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Master files, audit data, and documentation for an electronic information system used to capture tax information on foreign individuals and entities.

11. Commodities Futures Trading Commission, Agency-wide (N1-180-11-1, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Non-policy intranet records and Web site operations records.

12. Commodities Futures Trading Commission, Agency-wide (N1-180-11-2, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Reports and working files for lost, stolen, or destroyed government and personal property.

Dated: January 30, 2012.

Paul M. Wester, Jr.,
Chief Records Officer for the U.S.
Government.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance 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 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 three years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by April 3, 2012 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

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 email 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. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Grantee Reporting Requirements for Science and Technology Centers (STC): Integrative Partnerships.

OMB Number: 3145-0194.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2012.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection.

Abstract

Proposed Project:

The Science and Technology Centers (STC): Integrative Partnerships Program supports innovation in the integrative conduct of research, education and knowledge transfer. Science and Technology Centers build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. STCs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other public/private entities. New knowledge thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

STCs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and

education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. STCs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

Centers selected will be required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which will be used as a basis for performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, STCs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via an NSF evaluation technical assistance contractor. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of financial support and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities; knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the STC effort. Part of this reporting will take the form of a database which will be owned by the institution and eventually made available to an evaluation contractor. This database will capture specific information to demonstrate progress toward achieving the goals of the program. Such reporting requirements will be included in the cooperative agreement which is binding between the academic institution and the NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) Research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) diversity, (6) management and (7) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress toward goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

Use of the Information: NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

Estimate of Burden: 100 hours per center for seventeen centers for a total of 1700 hours.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions; Federal Government.