

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Michael A. Steinmetz, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5172, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1247, steinmem@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Oral, Dental and Craniofacial Sciences SBIR/STTR Review Panel.

Date: December 16, 2003.

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: George Washington University Inn, 824 New Hampshire Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: J. Terrell Hoffield, DDS, PhD, Dental Officer, USPHS, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4116, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1781, th88q@nih.gov.

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Dated: November 20, 2003.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Notice of a Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council in December 2003.

The SAMHSA National Advisory Council meeting will be open and will include a report by the SAMHSA Administrator on how the Agency is managing its Matrix priorities and cross-cutting principles, the President's Management Agenda, and SAMHSA's work in partnership with other Federal agencies. There will be updates on SAMHSA's Budget, SAMHSA's FY 2004 Appropriation's, the Charitable Choice Regulations, and the Program Assessment Rating Tool review. In addition, the meeting will include a presentation by SAMHSA's newly

appointed CMHS Director who will describe her vision for CMHS and mental health. There will also be discussions on workforce development, national disaster and trauma, SAMHSA's Children and Families Agenda, and SAMHSA's data strategy.

Attendance by the public will be limited to space available. Public comments are welcome. Please communicate with the individual listed as contact below to make arrangements to comment or to request special accommodations for persons with disabilities.

Substantive program information, a summary of the meeting, and a roster of Council members may be obtained either by accessing the SAMHSA Council Web site, www.samhsa.gov/council/council or by communicating with the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below. The transcript for the open session will also be available on the SAMHSA Council Web site.

Committee Name: SAMHSA National Advisory Council.

Date/time: Thursday, December 11, 2003, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Open); Friday, December 12, 2003, 9 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. (Open).

Place: Embassy Suites Hotel, Chevy Chase Room, 4300 Military Road, NW., Washington, DC 20015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Toian Vaughn, Executive Secretary, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 12C-05, Rockville, MD 20857, *Telephone:* (301) 443-7016; *Fax:* (301) 443-7590 and *E-mail:* tvaughn@samhsa.gov.

Dated: November 18, 2003.

Toian Vaughn,

Committee Management Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Notice Designating University of Southern California as Center for Homeland Security

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security has designated the University of Southern California as a Center for Homeland Security (HS-Center).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Petonito, Deputy Director, University Programs, Science and Technology Division, Department of

Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528; telephone 202-401-1113, facsimile 202-772-9916; e-mail laura.petonito@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 308 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-296, (Homeland Security Act), as amended by the Omnibus Appropriation Act of 2003, Pub. L. 108-7, directs the Department of Homeland Security (Department) to sponsor extramural research, development, demonstration, testing and evaluation programs relating to homeland security. As part of this program, the Department is to establish a university-based center or centers for homeland security.

The purpose of these centers is to provide a locus to attract and retain academic scholars in pursuit of homeland security-related disciplines. The Centers are envisioned to be an integral and critical component of the Department's capability to anticipate, prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks. The Centers will leverage multidisciplinary capabilities of universities and fill gaps in current knowledge.

Section 308(b)(2)(B) of the Homeland Security Act lists fourteen areas of substantive expertise that, if demonstrated, might qualify universities for designation as university-based centers. The listed areas of expertise include, among others, food safety, first responders, multi-modal transportation, and responding to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. However, the list is not exclusive. Section 308(b)(2)(C) gives the Secretary discretion to consider additional criteria beyond those specified in section 308(b)(2)(B) in selecting universities for this program, as long as the Department issues a **Federal Register** notice explaining the criteria used for the designation.

Criteria

In 2002, the National Research Council (NRC) issued a report entitled "Making the Nation Safer: The Role of Science and Technology in Countering Terrorism." In this report, the NRC recommended a number of substantive areas for research that could contribute to national security. Among other issues, the NRC report identified the need to perform risk analysis and modeling of vulnerabilities and economic analysis of security enhancements as areas for which research is needed.

The Department agrees that research in these areas will contribute

significantly to the Department's ability to identify, and select among, options for enhancing national security. Risk-based modeling, and economic analysis, will help the Department understand the impact and consequences of potential acts of terrorism, thus providing decision makers with validated tools to evaluate vulnerabilities and identify countermeasures and response actions.

Solicitation of Interest and Designation

In August 2003, the Department sought white papers from universities that wished to be designated as HS-Centers. The HS-Centers are envisioned to be an integral and critical component of the new "homeland security complex" that will provide the nation with a robust, dedicated and enduring capability that will enhance our ability to anticipate, prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks. The notice, made available on the DHS Internet site (<http://www.dhs.gov>) and (<http://www.orau.gov/dhsuce>), identified risk-based economic modeling as one of the areas of expertise (criteria) that might merit designation.

The Department received a number of proposals and evaluated them through a process that included the participation of federal government and outside experts. After the panels of experts selected final potential designees, the Department conducted site visits to interview the individuals who would be performing the research. Based on this evaluation, the Department has selected the University of Southern California (USC) as the first HS-Center for this program.

USC will conduct research on risk-based modeling, with a particular emphasis on the economic aspects. U.S.C. will develop an integrated set of models and modeling capabilities that cut across several threats and targets—impacts on buildings and structures, airborne biological and chemical agents, and cyber-terrorism. Other research areas besides modeling and analysis of risks, will be in emergency response, consequences, economics, advanced computation and infrastructure. U.S.C. is committed to ensuring that students will have opportunities to develop and contribute to these important areas through hands-on training and internships, as examples. Workshops for the scientific community, collaboration with federal laboratories, and support for sabbatical visitors are additional activities planned for this HS-Center.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

Melvin Bernstein,

Director, University Programs, Science and Technology Division, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: 60-day notice of information collection under review; application for replacement/initial nonimmigrant arrival-departure document; form I-102.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until January 27, 2004.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Replacement/Initial

Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Document.

(3) *Agency form, number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-102. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collection will be used by an alien temporarily residing in the United States to request a replacement of his or her arrival evidence. The information provided can be used to verify status and for determination as to the eligibility of the applicant for replacement.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 20,000 responses at 25 minutes (.416 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 8,320 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Department of Homeland Security, 425 I Street, NW., Room 4034, Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Steve Cooper, PRA Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Suite 4636-26, Washington, DC 20202.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: 60-day notice of information collection under review; application to