

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.
ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, *Public Law 104-13*. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 77 FR 74516 and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

Comments: Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

Title: Program Evaluation of the Scholarships in Science, Technology,

Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) Program

OMB Approval Number: 3145-NEW
Overview of this information collection:

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is supporting an evaluation of the Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) Program, which operates within NSF's Division of Undergraduate Education. The evaluation will include surveys of principal investigators, surveys of a sample of S-STEM scholarship recipients, and focus groups and interviews with project personnel and students during site visits to S-STEM awardee institutions. The S-STEM Program awards grants to a geographically diverse set of two- and four-year institutions of higher education (IHEs) that then provide scholarships for academically talented students, in science and engineering disciplines, who have demonstrated financial need. The institutions also provide resources and support services to assist students in becoming and/or remaining engaged in science and engineering through to the successful attainment of associate, baccalaureate, or graduate-level degrees. Funding for the S-STEM Program comes from H-1B VISAs, funding which was reauthorized in FY 2005 through Public Law 108-447. NSF is committed to providing stakeholders with information regarding the expenditures of taxpayer funds. The evaluation of the S-STEM Program will explore the strategies, practices, and characteristics of the implementation of exemplary S-STEM awardees; investigate S-STEM Program outcomes related to awarding scholarships to talented STEM students with demonstrated financial need; and investigate institutional-related outcomes of S-STEM grantees. If NSF cannot collect information from S-STEM participants, NSF will have no other means to consistently document the outcomes, strategies, and experiences related to the program.

Consult With Other Agencies & the Public

NSF has not consulted with other agencies. However, the contractor conducting the evaluation has gathered information from an external evaluation group of subject matter experts on the study design and data collection plan. A request for public comments will be solicited through announcement of data collection in the **Federal Register**.

Background

The evaluation will involve data from extant sources, web surveys and site

visits. OMB approval is being sought for the new data that will be collected for the study. Primary data sources will include web surveys of S-STEM Program Principal Investigators (PIs) and S-STEM scholarship recipients and in-depth interviews or focus groups with a series of respondents during site visits to a subset of awardee institutions.

Respondents: Individuals (Principal Investigators, S-STEM scholarship recipients, other campus officials involved in the S-STEM program).

Number of Respondents: 8,907
Average Time per Response: 24 minutes

Burden on the Public: 3,563 total hours

Dated: June 18, 2013.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences #66; 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: Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (#66).

Dates/Time: July 18, 2013 1:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation (NSF), Room 1235, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

To help facilitate your entry into the building, contact Caleb Autrey (cautrey@nsf.gov). Your request should be received on or prior to July 15, 2013.

To attend virtually via WebEx video: the phone-in number is: 1-866-844-9416 (operator password: mpsac) The web address is: <https://mmancusa.webex.com/mmancusa/j.php?ED=211441467&UID=490505487&PW=NMWQzM2ZmYjQx&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>.

Operated Assisted teleconference service is available for this meeting. Call 1-888-393-0286. (password: mpsac). You will be connected to the audio portion of the meeting.

Type of Meeting: Open, Virtual.

Contact Person: Dr. Kelsey Cook, Staff Associate and MPSAC Designated Federal Officer, Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone #: 703 292-7490, 703-292-8800—kcook@nsf.gov.

Minutes: Meeting minutes and other information may be obtained from the Staff Associate and MPSAC Designated Federal Officer at the above address or the Web site at <http://www.nsf.gov/mps/advisory.jsp>.

Purpose of Meeting: To study data, programs, policies, and other information pertinent to the National Science Foundation and to provide advice and recommendations concerning research in mathematics and physical sciences.

Agenda

State of the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS): FY 13, 14, and 15 Report on the NSF Strategic Plan
Briefing on the NRC Magnet Science Report
Update from StatsNSF Subcommittee
Update from Synchrotron Science Subcommittee
Update from Food Systems Subcommittee
Update from Optics and Photonics Subcommittee
Briefing on the NRC Math 2025 Report
Report from the Career Task Force
ACCI Interface: Planning for Joint Meeting
Nov. 7–8, 2013
New challenges/subcommittees

Dated: June 18, 2013.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Making the Most of Big Data: Request for Information

AGENCY: The National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD), National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy Wigen at 703–292–4873 or wigen@nitrd.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.

DATES: Deadline date for submission of summaries is September 2, 2013.

SUMMARY: Federal Request for Information (RFI) on Big Data high-impact collaborations and areas for expanded collaboration between the public and private sectors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview: Aiming to make the most of the explosion of Big Data and the tools needed to analyze it, the Obama Administration announced a “National Big Data Research and Development Initiative” on March 29, 2012. To launch the initiative, six Federal departments and agencies announced more than \$200 million in new commitments that, together, promise to greatly improve and develop the tools, techniques, and human capital needed to move from data to knowledge to

action. The Administration is also working to “liberate” government data and voluntarily-contributed corporate data to fuel entrepreneurship, create jobs, and improve the lives of Americans in tangible ways. For additional information about the launch of the Big Data Initiative see the *OSTP Fact Sheet* and *Press Release*.

As we enter the second year of the Big Data Initiative, the Administration is encouraging multiple stakeholders including federal agencies, private industry, academia, state and local government, non-profits, and foundations, to develop and participate in Big Data innovation projects across the country. Later this year, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), NSF, and other agencies in the *Networking and Information Technology R&D (NITRD) program* plan to convene an event that highlights high-impact collaborations and identifies areas for expanded collaboration between the public and private sectors. The Administration is particularly interested in projects and initiatives that:

- Advance technologies that support Big Data and data analytics;
- Educate and expand the Big Data workforce;
- Develop, demonstrate and evaluate applications of Big Data that improve key outcomes in economic growth, job creation, education, health, energy, sustainability, public safety, advanced manufacturing, science and engineering, and global development;
- Demonstrate the role that prizes and challenges can play in deriving new insights from Big Data; and
- Foster regional innovation.

Description: Please submit a two-page summary of projects to bigdataprospects@nitrd.gov. The summary should identify:

1. The goal of the project, with metrics for evaluating the success or failure of the project;
2. The multiple stakeholders that will participate in the project and their respective roles and responsibilities;
3. Initial financial and in-kind resources that the stakeholders are prepared to commit to this project; and
4. A principal point of contact for the partnership.

The submission should also indicate whether NITRD can post the project description to a public Web site. Unless otherwise noted, submissions with sensitive material (e.g., trade secrets, or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information) will be protected from disclosure.

This announcement is posted solely for information and planning purposes;

it does not constitute a formal solicitation for grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements.

Submitted by the National Science Foundation for the National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) on June 17, 2013.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., Entergy Nuclear Indian Point Unit 2, LLC, Issuance of Director’s Decision

Notice is hereby given that the Deputy Director, Reactor Safety Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a Director’s Decision on a petition filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., (hereafter referred to as “the petitioner”). The petition, dated April 16, 2012 (available as Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML12108A052), concerns the operation of Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 (Indian Point 2), owned by Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 2, LLC, and operated by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.

The petitioner requested that the NRC order the licensee for Indian Point 2 to remove the passive autocatalytic recombiners (PARs) from the containment building and replace them with electrically powered thermal hydrogen recombiners because the PAR system could have unintended ignitions in the event of a severe reactor accident, which in turn could cause a hydrogen detonation. The petitioner stated that experimental data demonstrates that Indian Point 2’s two PAR units could have at least one unintended ignition on their catalytic surfaces following a severe reactor accident.

As the basis for the request, the petitioner stated, in part, that:

- The PAR systems are simple devices consisting of catalyst surfaces where spontaneous catalytic reactions occur in the presence of hydrogen and oxygen to form water vapor. PARs are passive systems and do not need external power supplies or operator