

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

*Title of Proposed Collection:* Request for Proposals (RFP).

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. This material is being submitted for OMB review with no changes. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the NSF Clearance Officer on (703) 306-1125 x2010.

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.

*Proposed Project:* The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Subpart 15.4—"Solicitation and Receipt of Proposals" prescribes policies and procedures for preparing and issuing Requests for Proposals. The FAR System has been developed in accordance with the requirement of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act of 1974, as amended. The NSF Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1870, Sec. II, states that NSF has the authority to:

(c) Enter into contracts or other arrangements, or modifications thereof, for the carrying on, by organizations or individuals in the United States and foreign countries, including other government agencies of the United States and of foreign countries, of such scientific or engineering activities as the Foundation deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and, at the request of the Secretary of Defense, specific scientific or engineering activities in connection with matters relating to international cooperation or national security, and, when deemed appropriate by the Foundation, such contracts or other arrangements or modifications thereof, may be entered into without legal consideration, without performance or other bonds and without regard to section 5 of title 41, U.S.C.

*Use of the Information:* Request for Proposals (RFP) is used to competitively solicit proposals in response to NSF need for services. Impact will be on those individuals or organizations who

elect to submit proposals in response to the RFP. Information gathered will be evaluated in light of NSF procurement requirements to determine who will be awarded a contract.

*Burden on the public:* The Foundation estimates that approximately 120 hours may be required in the process for submitting a proposal.

Send comments to Gail A. McHenry, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 245, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Written comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

Dated: March 10, 1997.  
Gail A. McHenry,  
Reports Clearance Officer.  
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**Special Emphasis Panel for Geosciences; 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 for Geosciences (1756).  
*Date:* April 2-4, 1997.  
*Time:* 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day.  
*Place:* Room 340 & 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of meeting:* Closed.  
*Contact person:* Dr. Maryellen Cameron, Program Director, Petrology and Geochemistry Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1554.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate environmental geochemistry and biogeochemistry proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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 proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 10, 1997.  
Linda Allen-Benton,  
Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.  
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**Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; 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 the Geosciences (1756).  
*Date and time:* April 1-2, 1997, 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.  
*Place:* National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), 1850 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80303 and the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), 3300 Mitchell Lane, Boulder, CO 80301.

*Type of meeting:* Closed.  
*Contact person:* Dr. Clifford Jacobs, Section Head for the UCAR and Lower Atmospheric Facility Oversight Section, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, Room 775, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone number is (703) 306-1521.

*Purpose of meeting:* Site visit and review of UCAR/NCAR Advanced Studies Program.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate UCAR/NCAR Advanced Studied Program.

*Reason for closing:* The materials being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempted under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 10, 1997.  
Linda Allen-Benton,  
Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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**Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; 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 the Geosciences (1756).  
*Date and time:* March 31-April 4, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
*Place:* National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), 1850 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80303 and the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), 330 Mitchell Lane, Boulder, CO 80301.

*Type of meeting:* Closed.  
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