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NSF invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Suzanne Plimpton at the address specified above.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Survey of 1996 and 1997

Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations.

**Abstract:** OMB clearance for the NSF Survey of Research and Development Funding and Performance by Nonprofit Organizations (NPOs) expired June 30, 1998. The proposed information clearance request is for an extension of the time period for the survey that is now in the field. The survey collects information on the science and engineering (S&E) research and development (R&D) activities of nonprofit organizations in 1996 and 1997. A prior study with similar objectives was conducted in 1973. The purposes of the study are to: (1) develop estimates of the amounts of R&D funding provided by NPOs and the types of organizations supported; (2) develop estimates of the amount of R&D performed by NPOs; and (3) develop estimates of R&D researchers' employment in NPOs.

**Expected Respondents:** Respondents are nonprofit organizations (NPOs) that funded and/or performed science and engineering research and development in 1996. It will be a mail survey with telephone follow-up as necessary.

NSF is proposing the time extension of one form (Form 1400, the screening survey); the change in format of one form (Form 1402, the Funders survey form); and the reduction in the number of questions in one form (Form 1401, the Performers survey form).

As the table below shows, 2,432 respondents will be asked to complete the qualifying screening survey Form 1400. If they are eligible to participate in the survey, they will also receive either a Form 1401 Performer survey or a Form 1402 Funder survey. Some NPOs have already responded to the Form 1400 (screener) and the 705 eligible organizations will be sent either a Form 1401 or 1402.

Since the answers on the Form 1400 (screener) will determine whether

newly contacted organizations will receive the Performer or Funder survey form, we are estimating the number that will be eligible based on the percentage of NPOs that reported themselves eligible in the March 31, 1998 screener mailing. The estimate for the Funders Form 1402 is 245 organizations; the estimate for the Performers Form 1401 is 766 organizations. These figures include both the NPOs that we estimate will be eligible in the next screener mailing and the NPOs that responded after June 30, 1998 to the March 31, 1998 screener (606 Performers, 99 Funders).

**Need for data:** Failure to continue and complete this survey will result in the U.S. Government continuing to use 1973 data in estimating the nonprofit sector's R&D and the national totals of R&D funding and performance. A complete accurate description of R&D funding and performance is necessary for policymakers for planning, reporting, and tax purposes. Considerable work in drawing the sample has already been completed and \$568,000 has been spent. The most efficient and cost effective way for the U.S. Government to obtain the needed data is to complete this survey. Therefore, we are asking for extension of the OMB clearance that we can mail out the survey forms, complete the survey and publish the report in a timely manner.

**Burden on the Public:** The Foundation estimates that a total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of 3,294 hours will result from the collection of information. The calculation is:

2,432 NPOs (1,030 Funders 1,402 Performers) × 1 screening survey Form 1400 × 12.5 minutes = 506 hours

766 Performers × 1 revised Form 1401 × 3 hours = 2,298 hours

245 Funders × 1 reformatted Form 1402 × 2 hours = 490 hours

Total: 3,443 responses, 3,294 hours

**Frequency:** One-time survey; second form only to eligible Not-for-profit institutions.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions.

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**Suzanne Plimpton,**

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## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

### Meetings; Sunshine Act

*Time and Date:* 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 12, 1999.

*Place:* NTSB Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20594.

*Status:* Open.

*Matters to be Considered:* 7108 Highway Special Investigation Report: Selective Motorcoach Issues.

*News Media Contract:* Telephone: (202) 324-6100

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rhonda Underwood, (202) 314-6065.

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## NORTHEAST DAIRY COMPACT COMMISSION

### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Northeast Dairy Compact Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Compact Commission will hold its monthly meeting to consider matters relating to administration and enforcement of the price regulation, including the reports and recommendations of the Commission's standing Committees. The Commission will also hold its deliberative meeting to consider whether the price regulation should be amended regarding income distribution from the producer-settlement fund, supply management policies, organic milk or the administrative assessment.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 1999 to commence at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tuck Library Building, 30 Park Street, Concord, NH Building, (exit 14 off I-93).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Becker, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 34 Barre Street, Suite 2, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

(Authority: U.S.C. 7256. Article V, Section 11 of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, and 7 U.S.C. 7256.)

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