

corporation, or organization), but not to members of the U.S. Government.

Eligibility includes any individual or group (company, corporation or organization) that has increased the public understanding of science or engineering. Members of the U.S. Government are not eligible for consideration.

Candidates for the individual and group (company, corporation or organization) award must have made contributions to public service in areas other than research, and should meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Increased the public's understanding of the processes of science and engineering through scientific discovery, innovation and its communication to the public.
2. Encouraged others to help raise the public understanding of science and technology.
3. Promoted the engagement of scientists and engineers in public outreach and scientific literacy.
4. Contributed to the development of broad science and engineering policy and its support.
5. Influenced and encouraged the next generation of scientist and engineers.
6. Achieved broad recognition outside the nominee's area of specialization.
7. Fostered awareness of science and technology among broad segments of the population.

#### Nomination Procedures

1. Prepare a summary of the nominee's activities as they relate to the selection criteria. Include the nominator's name, address and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee, as well as the nominee's vita, if appropriate (no more than three pages).

2. The selection committee recommends the most outstanding candidate(s) for each category to the NSB, which approves the awardees.

3. Nominations remain active for a period of three years, including the year of nomination. After that time, candidates must be renominated for them to be considered by the selection committee.

4. Nominations should be mailed or faxed to the NSB Public Service Award Advisory Committee. Electronic mail does not protect confidentiality and should not be used for this purpose. Facsimile copies should be followed up by the original, signed document in order for the nomination to be reviewed by the selection committee.

*Estimate of Burden:* These are annual award programs with application deadlines varying according to the

program. Public burden also may vary according to program; however, it is estimated that each submission is averaged to be 8 hours per respondent for each program. If the nominator is thoroughly familiar with the scientific background of the nominee, time spent to complete the nomination may be considerably reduced.

*Respondents:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, universities, non-profit institutions, and Federal and State governments.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Award:* 137 responses, broken down as follows: For the President's National Medal of Science, 45; for the Alan T. Waterman Award, 60; for the Vannevar Bush Award, 12; for the Public Service Award, 20.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,242 hours, broken down by 450 hours for the President's National Medal of Science (10 hours per 45 respondents); 600 hours for the Alan T. Waterman Award (10 hours per 60 respondents); 72 hours for the Vannevar Bush Award (6 hours per 12 respondents); and 120 hours for the Public Service Award (6 hours per 20 respondents).

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Comments:* 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.

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Special Emphasis Panel in Computer & Computation Research; 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 Computer-Communications Research (1192).

*Date:* February 5, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Robert B. Grafton, Program Director, Design Automation, CISE/C-CR, Room 1145, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1936.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

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

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

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Special Emphasis Panel in Engineering Education and Centers; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Engineering Education and Centers (173).

*Date/Time:* February 2, 1999, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 310, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Joy Pauschke, Program Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Engineering Research Centers 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 the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.