

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET****Office of Federal Procurement Policy****Office of Federal Procurement Policy; Determination of Executive Compensation Benchmark Amount Pursuant to Section 808 of Pub. L. 105-85.**

**AGENCY:** Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) is hereby publishing the attached memorandum to heads of agencies concerning the determination of the maximum "benchmark" compensation that will be allowable under government contracts during contractors' FY 1999—\$342,986. This determination is required to be made pursuant to Section 808 of Pub. L. 105-85. It applies equally to both defense and civilian procurement agencies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard C. Loeb, Executive Secretary, Cost Accounting Standards Board, OFPP, on (202) 395-3254.

**Deidre A. Lee,**  
*Administrator.*

April 28, 1999.

**To the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies**

**Subject:** Determination of Executive Compensation Benchmark Amount Pursuant to Section 808 of Pub. L. 105-85

This memorandum sets forth the "benchmark compensation amount" as required by Section 39 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Act (41 U.S.C. 435), as amended. Under Section 39, the "benchmark compensation amount" is "the median amount of the compensation provided for all senior executives of all benchmark corporations for the most recent year for which data is available." The "benchmark compensation amount" established as directed by Section 39 limits the allowability of compensation costs under government contracts. The "benchmark compensation amount" does not limit the compensation that an executive may otherwise receive.

Based on a review of commercially available surveys of executive compensation and after consultation with the Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency, I have determined pursuant to the requirements of Section 39 that the benchmark compensation amount for contractor fiscal year 1999 is \$342,986. This benchmark compensation amount is to be used for contractor fiscal year 1999, and subsequent contractor fiscal years, unless and until revised by OFPP. This benchmark compensation amount applies to contract costs incurred after January 1, 1999,

under covered contracts of both the defense and civilian procurement agencies as specified in Section 808 of Pub. L. 105-85.

Questions concerning this memorandum may be addressed to Richard C. Loeb, Executive Secretary, Cost Accounting Standards Board, OFPP, on (202) 395-3254.

**Deidre A. Lee,**  
*Administrator.*

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES****National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Panel**

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Panel, Folk & Traditional Arts section (Creation & Presentation and Planning & Stabilization categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on June 22, 1999. The panel will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Room 708 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 12, 1999, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection(c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call (202) 682-5691.

Dated: May 19, 1999.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY****Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Literacy.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice sets forth the schedules and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National

Institute for Literacy Advisory Board (Advisory Board). This notice also describes the function of the Advisory Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

**DATE AND TIME:** June 8, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. and June 9, 1999, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shelly Coles, Executive Assistant, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone (202) 632-1507.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Board is authorized under Section 242 of the, Adult Education and Literacy, Title II P.L. 105-220, Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The Advisory Board consists of ten individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Advisory board is established to advise and make recommendations to the Interagency Group, composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, which administers the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL). The Interagency Group considers the Advisory Board's recommendations in planning the goals of the NIFL and in the implementation of any programs to achieve the goals of the NIFL. Specifically, the Advisory Board performs the following functions (a) makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the NIFL; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the NIFL; and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and NIFL's Director. In addition, the NIFL consults with the Advisory Board on the award of fellowships. The Advisory Board meeting will be held in Washington, DC on June 8, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and June 9, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting of the NIFL Advisory board is open to the public. This meeting of the Advisory Board will focus on the following agenda items: administrative Advisory Board business; NIFL proposed 3-year plan; and NIFL's policies/legislation and major projects. Records are kept of all Advisory Board proceeding and are available for public inspection at the National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: May 21, 1999.

**Andrew J. Hartman,**

*Director, National Institute for Literacy.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Conservation Act of 1978; Notice of Waste Permit Application Received

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit application received under the Antarctic Conservation Act and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for the United States Antarctic Program (USAP), submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application on or before June 25, 1999. The permit application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce A. Jatko or Arthur J. Brown at the above address or at (703) 306-1032.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Antarctic Waste Regulations in 45 CFR Part 671 require U.S. citizens, corporations, or other entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of designated pollutants in Antarctica and for the release of any waste in Antarctic. NSF has received a permit application under this regulation for USAP activities in Antarctica. The permit applicant is: Antarctic Support Associates, 61 Inverness Drive East, Suite 300, Englewood, CO 80112.

The permit application applies to USAP activities conducted by all supporting organizations at all USAP facilities and operations in Antarctica. The proposed duration of the permit is from October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2004.

Antarctic Support Associates (ASA) and other supporting organizations provide broadbased logistical support, technical support, and transportation services to the USAP. This includes the transport of both hazardous and non-

hazardous waste from Antarctica to the United States.

ASA operations include procuring, transporting to Antarctica, and tracking materials containing designated pollutants that are required for USAP operations, and for NSF and NSF grantees. ASA is also responsible for fuel operations including fuel storage, distribution, and resupply; and record-keeping of fuel use. ASA collects, stores, and ships both hazardous and non-hazardous waste materials and is responsible for the final disposition of these materials once they are returned to the United States. ASA also provides training and technical guidance to enhance the safety and effectiveness of U.S. waste management practices in Antarctica.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for the review and approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* Voluntary Reporting of Performance Indicators
2. *Current OMB approval number:* New Collection
3. *How often the collection is required:* One-time collection and quarterly thereafter
4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Power reactor licensees
5. *The number of annual respondents:* 66 reactor sites
6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 13,860 hours (210 hours per site), and a one-time start-up effort of 13,200 hours

7. *Abstract:* As part of a joint industry-NRC initiative, the NRC plans to receive information submitted voluntarily by power reactor licensees regarding selected performance attributes known as performance indicators (PIs). PIs provide objective measures of the performance of licensees' systems or programs. The NRC is revising its reactor oversight process to use PI information, along with the results of selected audits and inspections, as the basis for NRC conclusions regarding plant performance and necessary regulatory response. PIs will be transmitted electronically to reduce burden on licensees and the NRC as part of the NRC's revised oversight process which is scheduled for implementation beginning in January 2000.

Submit, by July 26, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC World Wide Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC Home Page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [BJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of May 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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