

agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by January 31, 2025 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite E6300, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. 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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title of Collection: 2026 U.S. NSF Integrated Data and Evidence Maturity and Capacity (IDEMC) Assessment.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection.

Abstract: The "2026 NSF Integrated Data and Evidence Maturity and Capacity (IDEMC) Assessment" encompasses planning, execution, and reporting to evaluate NSF's data and evidence capabilities. Conducted periodically, this assessment supports compliance with the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act (Evidence Act) and promotes continuous improvement in evidence-based decision-making. Building on the 2022 baseline assessment, the 2026 IDEMC Assessment will refine the evaluation framework to align with updated Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance.

The project will assess strengths, gaps, and opportunities across NSF's evidence and data capabilities by:

1. Conducting a review of agency artifacts;

2. Administering a survey to all NSF staff;

3. Organizing focus groups and individual interviews; and

4. Deploying interactive, real-time dashboards for decision-making.

The findings will be summarized in detailed reports and data briefs, offering actionable insights to enhance evidence capacity, maturity of foundational capabilities, and a culture of continuous learning and innovation. Additionally, the project will deliver a repeatable methodology, tools, and templates to support NSF in independently conducting the IDEMC Assessment in future years, if desired.

Expected Respondents: A census survey will be distributed to all 1,600 NSF staff, with a response burden of 30 minutes per respondent. Focus groups and interviews will be conducted with representative subsets of the population. Based on NSF's workforce size, approximately 10 focus groups (each with 6-8 participants, totaling ~70 participants) and 30 interviews will be conducted to ensure a range of perspectives and sufficient qualitative data.

Estimate of Burden: The overall annualized cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$46,750. The following table shows the estimated burden and costs to respondents:

| Collection title | Total number of respondents | Burden hours per respondent | Total hour burden | Average hourly rate | Estimated annual cost |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Census Survey | 1,600 | 0.5 | 800 | \$50 | \$40,000 |
| Focus Groups | 70 | 1.5 | 105 | 50 | 5,250 |
| Interviews | 30 | 1 | 30 | 50 | 1,500 |
| Total | 1,700 | | 935 | | 46,750 |

Justification for \$50/hour Average Rate: The estimated average hourly rate of \$50 reflects data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Comparable Federal roles, such as "Management Analysts," have an average hourly rate of approximately \$50 (BLS, May 2022 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates). Additionally, General Schedule (GS) rates for GS-12 and GS-13 employees, typical of NSF staff roles, average around \$50/hour when factoring in locality adjustments for the Washington, DC area.

Use of the Information: Aggregate findings will inform NSF's strategic planning, management, and evaluation efforts. Reports summarizing the results will support compliance with Evidence Act requirements and enhance NSF's

capacity for evidence-based decision-making.

Dated: November 25, 2024.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board (NSB) hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, December 3, 2024, from 8:45 a.m.-5:25 p.m. and

Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 9:00 a.m.-2:25 p.m. Eastern.

PLACE: These meetings will be held at NSF headquarters, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, and by videoconference. All open sessions of the meeting will be webcast live on the NSB YouTube channel.

December 4, 2024: <https://youtube.com/live/auhWaHXqe9w?feature=share>

December 5, 2024: <https://youtube.com/live/3yUcMZ2hsU0?feature=share>

STATUS: Parts of these meetings will be open to the public. The rest of the meetings will be closed to the public. See the full description below.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024*Plenary Board meeting*

Open Session: 10:00 a.m.–1:05 p.m.

- NSB Chair's Opening Remarks
 - Welcome and Agenda Preview
 - NSB Swearing-in Ceremony
- NSF Director's Presentation on Multi-sector Partnerships and Investments
 - Taking stock of NSF's progress to date
- NSB External Panel—*Vision for American Science and Technology/ Science & Technology Action Committee*
 - Panelists: France Cordova, President of the Science Philanthropy Alliance, 14th Director of the NSF
 - Monica Dus, Associate Professor in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan
 - Darío Gil, NSB Chair
 - Marcia McNutt, President of the National Academy of Sciences
 - Sudip Parikh, American Association for the Advance of Science, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Publisher of Science Journals
- NSB External Panel—*A New National Defense Education Act for a Changed Landscape*
 - Panelists: Maria Klawe, President of Math for America
 - Tsu-Jae King Liu, Dean of the UC Berkeley College of Engineering
 - Nick Moore, Director of Governor's Office of Education and Workforce Transformation, State of Alabama

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 1:50 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

- Approval of July 2024 Open Meeting Minutes
- NSB Committee Reports
 - Committee on Strategy
 - Development of NSF's 2026–2030 Strategic Plan and Learning Agenda
 - Committee on External Engagement
 - NSF 75th Anniversary Planning
 - Committee on National Science and Engineering Policy
 - *Science & Engineering Indicators 2026*
- NSF Director's Remarks
 - Engagement, Updates, and Senior Staff introductions

Plenary Board Meeting

Closed Session: 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

- Strategic-Level Thinking and Discussion about the NSF Budget

Thursday, December 5, 2024*Plenary Board Meeting*

Open Session: 9:00 a.m.–11:10 a.m.

- NSB Chair's Welcome
- NSB External Panel—*The Center for Strategic and International Studies, Institution Building as it Relates to Multi-sectoral Partnerships and Investments*
 - Panelists: Erica Fuchs, Professor, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University
 - Navin Girishankar, President of the Economic Security and Technology Department at the CSIS
 - Andrew Reamer, Research Professor at the George Washington University, Institute for Public Policy
- Commission Reports
 - Committee on Awards & Facilities
 - Indigenous community engagement
 - Antarctic Engineering and Science Support Contract—Discussion and vote on resolution
 - NSB–NSF Commission on Merit Review
 - High-level summary of activities

Plenary Board Meeting

Closed Session: 11:10 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

- NSB Chair's Remarks and Welcome
 - Approval of closed meeting minutes July and September 2024
- NSF Director's Remarks
 - Agency Operations updates
- Committee Reports
 - NSB–NSF Commission on Merit Review
 - Presentation and discussion of final recommendations and guidance
 - Committee on Awards & Facilities
 - Annual Report of the Chief Officer for Research Facilities
 - U.S. Extremely Large Telescope report
- Vote to enter Executive Plenary Closed Session

Executive Closed Session: 1:30 p.m.–2:25 p.m.

- NSB Chair's Remarks and Welcome
 - Approval of May 2024 Executive Plenary Closed Minutes
- NSB honorary Awards—Discussion and Vote
 - 2025 Vannevar Bush and Science and Society Awards
- NSB Chair's closing remarks

Plenary Meeting Adjourns: 2:25 p.m.

Portions Open to the Public

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Portions Closed to the Public

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Plenary NSB

Thursday, July 25, 2024

11:10 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Plenary NSB

1:30 p.m.–2:25 p.m. Executive Plenary closed

Members of the public are advised that the NSB provides some flexibility around start and end times. A session may be allowed to run over by as much as 15 minutes if the Chair decides the extra time is warranted. The next session will start no later than 15 minutes after the noticed start time. If a session ends early, the next meeting may start up to 15 minutes earlier than the noticed start time. Sessions will not vary from the times noticed by more than 15 minutes.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The NSB Office contact is Christopher Blair, cblair@nsf.gov, 703–292–7000. The NSB Public Affairs contact is Nadine Lymn, nlymn@nsf.gov, 703–292–2490. Please refer to the NSB website for additional information: <https://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**[NRC–2024–0001]****Sunshine Act Meetings**

TIME AND DATE: Weeks of December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024 and January 6, 2025. The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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