

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 2, 2017.

Loren Sweatt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (17-073)]

Notice of Intent To Grant Partially-Exclusive Term License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant partially-exclusive term license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant a partially exclusive term license in the United States to practice the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 8,163,972 entitled, "Zero-Valent Metallic Treatment System and its Application for Removal and Remediation of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)," KSC-12878-2-CIP, to Marley Environmental, Inc., having its principal place of business in Avon, CT. Marley Environmental, Inc. has requested exclusivity for all fields of use in a limited geographic area. This area shall include EPA Region 1 (which includes the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine), New York, and New Jersey.

DATES: The prospective partially-exclusive license may be granted unless NASA receives written objections, including evidence and argument, no later than October 23, 2017 that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements regarding the licensing of federally owned inventions as set forth in the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations. Competing applications completed and received by NASA no later than October 23, 2017 will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

ADDRESSES: Objections relating to the prospective license may be submitted to Patent Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, NASA John F. Kennedy Space Center, Mail Code CC-A Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899. Telephone: 321-867-2076; Facsimile: 321-867-1817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Leahy, Patent Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, NASA John F. Kennedy Space Center, Mail Code CC-A, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899. Telephone: 321-867-6553; Facsimile: 321-867-1817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of intent to grant a partially-exclusive patent license is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective exclusive license will comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Information about other NASA inventions available for licensing can be found online at <http://technology.nasa.gov>.

Mark P. Dvorscak,

Agency Counsel for Intellectual Property.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences; Notice of Meeting

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

Name and Committee Code: Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (#1171).

Date and Time:

November 2, 2017; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 3, 2017; 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room W2210/W2220, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Deborah Olster, Office of the Assistant Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703-292-8700.

Summary of Minutes: Posted on SBE advisory committee Web site at: <https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/advisory.jsp>.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation on major goals and policies pertaining to Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences

Directorate (SBE) programs and activities.

Agenda

- SBE Directorate and Division Updates
- Graduate Training in the Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Social Science Surveys
- SBE Strategic Planning/Grand Challenges
- Science Communications
- Meeting with NSF Leadership
- Evidence-Based Policymaking
- Future Meetings, Assignments and Concluding Remarks

Dated: October 3, 2017.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; National Science Board

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

TIME AND DATE: Open meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Science Board, to be held Tuesday, October 10, 2017, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by teleconference at the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Committee Chair's Opening Remarks; approval of Executive Committee Minutes of July 17, 2017; approval of Addendum to the Plenary Closed Minutes of the NSB Meeting of May 2017; discuss issues and topics for an agenda of the NSB Meeting scheduled for November 8-9, 2017.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Point of contact for this meeting is: James Hamos, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: (703) 292-8000. You may find meeting information and updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An audio listening line will be available for the public. Members of the public must contact the Board Office to request the number by sending an email to

nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference.

Dated: October 3, 2017.

Ann Bushmiller,

Senior Counsel to the National Science Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Information (RFI)—Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Request for Information (RFI).

SUMMARY: This Request for Information (RFI) is issued in response to the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act (AICA). NSF seeks information on existing and future needs for mid-scale research infrastructure projects from the US-based NSF science and engineering community. The AICA requires NSF to “evaluate the existing and future needs, across all disciplines supported by the Foundation, for mid-scale projects” and “develop a strategy to address the needs.” The input will be used to assess the needs for mid-scale RI from the US-based NSF science and engineering community in order to develop a strategy, in accordance with the AICA.

DATES: To be considered, submissions must be received no later than December 8, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: midscale@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Definitions: For the purposes of this RFI, NSF defines Research Infrastructure (RI) as any combination of facilities, equipment, instrumentation, computational hardware and software, and the necessary human capital in support of the same. This includes upgrades to existing major research facilities. Mid-scale RI requires an investment that falls between the maximum award funded by NSF’s Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI; \$4 million) and that of a major multi-user research facility project (\$100 million or more), as defined in AICA.

Background: *Enabling Mid-scale Research Infrastructure* is one of NSF’s Ten Big Ideas. Given priorities in the current budget climate, NSF has been able to fund smaller mid-scale RI projects through its individual scientific directorates. Instrumentation and equipment up to \$4 million has been routinely funded through the MRI program. Large-scale RI projects have been successfully funded through the

Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) Account. In November 2016, the eligibility threshold for potential inclusion in the MREFC Account was lowered from approximately a \$100 million Total Project Cost (TPC), *i.e.*, total cost to NSF, depending on the directorate, to a fixed \$70 million TPC. This adjustment was an initial step to support potential priorities in mid-scale science and infrastructure.

Objective: The purpose of this RFI is to assess the needs for mid-scale RI from the US-based NSF science and engineering community in order to develop a strategy, in accordance with the AICA. The AICA requires NSF to “evaluate the existing and future needs, across all disciplines supported by the Foundation, for mid-scale projects” and “develop a strategy to address the needs.” *This RFI focuses on mid-scale research infrastructure projects with an anticipated NSF contribution of between \$20 million and \$100 million towards construction and/or acquisition.* This range is of primary interest to NSF as it will help us anticipate the potential impact of lowering the MREFC threshold as well as identifying promising projects that remain difficult to address within program budgets due to the comparatively large investment needed in a relatively short period of time. After the submission period ends, and the information is analyzed, NSF will summarize the high-level insights drawn from this analysis for the science community and internal NSF use. Please note that funding for mid-scale RI projects in this range of investment has not been identified; nor does this RFI imply an intent on the part of NSF to issue a call for proposals. In addition, responses to this RFI do not constitute any commitment on behalf of the submitters or their institutions to submit a proposal or carry out an RI project.

What We Are Looking For: Submissions should identify ideas for mid-scale RI projects in the following format:

1. Concept title and description. The description should include the potential for any inter-agency or international partnerships and contributions that are part of the TPC;
2. Point of contact (in case additional clarification is needed);
3. Contact of your Authorized Organizational Representative. Note, this contact will receive a copy of the survey submission;
4. New, transformative science or scientific breakthroughs to be enabled by project;

5. Evidence of research community support (list of reports, decadal surveys, other publications);

6. Rough order of magnitude TPC (fully loaded, *i.e. inclusive* of indirect and/or Facility and Administration costs) with a percentage breakdown by the following major budget categories: (1) Physical components including structures, equipment, instrumentation, and hardware; (2) other computational resources, including software and firmware; and (3) human capital;

7. Concept of operations: anticipated duration and level of federal and non-federal support.

Who should respond:

Researchers, users, and leaders at U.S. based colleges and universities as well as non-profits who are well positioned to advance and support a mid-scale project throughout its lifecycle.

How should you respond:

To submit your concept, please use this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/midscale_2017 and complete the online questionnaire no later than December 8, 2017. Please use the email contact field provided to enable a courtesy copy of your response to your Authorized Organizational Representative or institutional leadership to ensure institutional awareness of your submission.

What We Will Do with the Information: All information submitted is subject to the Privacy Act. Summary information would be presented in aggregate form as part of the high-level analysis shared publicly.

Dated: October 3, 2017.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2016–0094]

Agreement State Program Policy Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Revision to policy statement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has revised and consolidated two policy statements on the NRC’s Agreement State Programs: The “Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs” and the “Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement