

Secretary shall submit written requests for information to the heads of agencies identified by the Committee as having responsibilities pertaining to biodefense (Covered Officials), including the following:

- (i) The Secretary of State;
- (ii) the Secretary of the Treasury;
- (iii) the Secretary of Defense;
- (iv) the Attorney General;
- (v) the Secretary of the Interior;
- (vi) the Secretary of Agriculture;
- (vii) the Secretary of Commerce;
- (viii) the Secretary of Labor;
- (ix) the Secretary of Health and Human Services;
- (x) the Secretary of Transportation;
- (xi) the Secretary of Energy;
- (xii) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;
- (xiii) the Secretary of Homeland Security;
- (xiv) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;
- (xv) the Director of National Intelligence;
- (xvi) the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; and
- (xvii) the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(f) These requests shall ask how agency programs and activities contribute to the objectives of the Strategy. Covered Officials shall respond to these requests within 60 days of receipt of the request through a Biodefense Memorandum, as described in paragraphs (i)–(ii) of this subsection.

(i) The Biodefense Memorandum shall identify those activities, programs, and projects that are planned, programmed, or have been executed that advance or are expected to advance the Strategy; quantify, to the extent feasible, resources allocated to biodefense within the agency; assess the extent to which the goals, objectives, and sub-objectives of the Strategy are being met; and identify impediments to timely and effective implementation and options for their resolution. Each agency shall provide its Biodefense Memorandum to the Committee, the Team, the National Security Council (NSC) staff, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Team shall distribute the collected Memoranda to Covered Officials.

(ii) Covered Officials are not required to provide information on specific law enforcement activities, counterproliferation activities, military plans or operations, intelligence activities, or criminal investigations.

(g) The Team, as informed by each Biodefense Memorandum and consultations with the agencies, shall prepare a Biodefense Assessment (Assessment) to identify any gaps,

shortfalls, and redundancies; describe any challenges to the implementation and execution of the Strategy; and recommend any necessary updates or changes to the Strategy. The Assessment shall include an analysis of the extent to which current United States Government resources support the goals and objectives of the Strategy, how existing programs and resources could be better executed or allocated to align with the Strategy, and how additional resources could, if available, be applied to support the goals of the Strategy. The Team shall coordinate the Assessment with the NSC staff and the OMB prior to its finalization. The Assessment shall be submitted to the Committee for approval and provided to the APNSA and the Director of the OMB within 180 days of the formation of the Team and annually thereafter.

(h) Each year, within 90 days of the approval of the Assessment, the Team shall summarize the Assessment and prepare, subject to the approval of the Committee and in coordination with the NSC staff, a public report describing the actions taken to reduce the risk of biological threats to the American people.

(i) Each year, Covered Officials, in coordination with the APNSA through the NSPM–4 process, shall prepare joint policy guidance (Guidance) on priority areas of biodefense. The Guidance shall be informed by the Assessment, and Covered Officials shall consider the Guidance when they develop their annual budget requests. Based on the Guidance, the Covered Officials shall include in their respective annual budget requests to the OMB information on the programs within the budget requests that support the implementation of the Strategy and conform to budget formulation requirements established by the OMB, including specified funding levels. Concurrently, Covered Officials shall submit a memorandum to the NSC staff and the OMB conveying their response to the policy Guidance. Covered Officials shall ensure that new and existing activities are prioritized and can be accommodated within budget guidance from the OMB.

(j) Within 120 days of the issuance of this memorandum, the Team, in coordination with the NSC staff through the NSPM–4 process, shall develop a proposal for metrics, milestones, end states, and roles and responsibilities of agencies, with respect to biodefense activities, particularly in meeting the goals, objectives, and sub-objectives of the Strategy. This proposal will be approved by Deputies, consistent with the NSPM–4 process.

(k) Within 2 years of the date of this memorandum, and every 2 years thereafter, Covered Officials shall review and, as appropriate, revise the Strategy. The APNSA, acting through the NSC staff, shall coordinate the development of updates to the Strategy. The updates to the Strategy shall be submitted to the President through the APNSA and, to the extent permitted by and consistent with applicable law and policy, released to the public.

(l) The APNSA, with the approval of every member of the Committee, may designate a different member of the Committee to serve as Chair of the Committee and perform the responsibilities specified in subsection 2(c).

*Sec. 3. Earlier Presidential Actions.* (a) Presidential Policy Directive–2 of November 23, 2009 (Implementation of the *National Strategy for Countering Biological Threats*) and HSPD 10/ National Security Presidential Directive–33 of April 21, 2004 (National Policy for Biodefense) are hereby superseded and replaced.

*Sec. 4. General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) The authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the OMB relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable laws and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(d) The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 12, 2018.

**Alex M. Azar II**,  
Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing; Correction**

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health published a Notice in the **Federal Register** on October 9, 2018. That Notice inadvertently contained an error within the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Soukas, J.D., 301–594–8730; [peter.soukas@nih.gov](mailto:peter.soukas@nih.gov). Licensing information and copies of the patent applications listed below may be obtained by communicating with the indicated licensing contact at the Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD, 20852; tel. 301–496–2644. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of unpublished patent applications.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Correction*

In the **Federal Register** of October 9, 2018, in FR Doc. 2018–21764, on page 50667, in the first column, correct “HHS Reference No. E–018–2018/0” to read “HHS Reference No. E–167–2018–0”.

Dated: October 12, 2018.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member

Conflict: Animal Models of Epilepsy, Stroke and Spinal Cord Injury.

*Date:* October 31, 2018.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Paula Elyse Schauwecker, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5211, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–760–8207, [schauweckerpe@csr.nih.gov](mailto:schauweckerpe@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR—Shared Instrumentation: Flow Cytometry.

*Date:* November 6, 2018.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* John Burch, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institute of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3213, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–408–9519, [burchjb@csr.nih.gov](mailto:burchjb@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Eye function Assessments, Genetics and Interventions.

*Date:* November 7, 2018.

*Time:* 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Alessandra C. Rovescalli, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Rm 5205, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1021, [rovescaa@mail.nih.gov](mailto:rovescaa@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Biomaterials, Delivery and Nanotechnology.

*Date:* November 13, 2018.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Washington/Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Nitsa Rosenzweig, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4152, MSC 7760, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 404–7419, [rosenzweig@csr.nih.gov](mailto:rosenzweig@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Health Informatics.

*Date:* November 13–14, 2018.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The William F. Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac, MD 20854.

*Contact Person:* Xin Yuan, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of

Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3141, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–7245, [yuanx4@csr.nih.gov](mailto:yuanx4@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Decision Making and Emotion Function in Aging and AD.

*Date:* November 13, 2018.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Biao Tian, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3089B, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402–4411, [tianbi@csr.nih.gov](mailto:tianbi@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Non-HIV Anti-Infective Therapeutics.

*Date:* November 14–15, 2018.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Cambria Hotel Rockville, 1 Helen Heneghan Way, Rockville, MD 20850.

*Contact Person:* Neerja Kaushik-Basu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3198, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–2306, [kaushikbasun@csr.nih.gov](mailto:kaushikbasun@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Cell and Molecular Biology.

*Date:* November 14–15, 2018.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hotel Nikko San Francisco, 222 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

*Contact Person:* Amy Kathleen Wernimont, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6198, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–6427, [amy.wernimont@nih.gov](mailto:amy.wernimont@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Pain Mechanisms.

*Date:* November 14–15, 2018.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* John Bishop, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5182, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 408–9664, [bishopj@csr.nih.gov](mailto:bishopj@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Topics in Bacterial Pathogenesis and Host Interactions.

*Date:* November 14, 2018.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.