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All written comments will be available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title

Application for LINCS Content Hub Awards to organizations to support the creation of subject specific sets of literacy-related information on the Internet.

Abstract

The National Literacy Act of established the National Institute for Literacy and required that the Institute conduct basic and applied research and demonstrations on literacy; collect and disseminate information to Federal, State and local entities with respect to literacy; and improve and expand the system for delivery of literacy services. The form will be used by organizations to apply for funding to create literacy contents hubs that will be in-depth collections of subject specific information on the Internet. Evaluations to determine successful applications will be made by a panel of literacy experts and information specialists using the published criteria. The Institute will use this information to make a maximum of four cooperative agreement awards for a period of up to two years.

Burden Statement: The burden for this collection of information is estimated at 15 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, complete the ICR, and review the collection of information.

Respondents: Governors of States and Trust Territories, State Departments of Adult Education, other public and non-profit Literacy and Adult Basic Education organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 80 hours.

Frequency of Collection: One time. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: Jaleh Behrooz Soroui, National Institute

for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

Request for Comments: NIFL solicits comments to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility. (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information. (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Andrew J. Hartman,
Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

Title of Proposed Collection: An Evaluation of Design and Manufacturing Research Program Awards made in FY 1986.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is publishing this announcement of its intention to collect evaluation data from Principal Investigators receiving awards under the Design, Manufacture and Industrial Innovation (DMII) program for the fiscal year cited above. Such a notice was published at Federal Register 59468, dated November 22, 1996. No comments were received.

The materials are now being sent to OMB for review. Send any written comments to Desk Officer, OIRA, OMB, Washington, DC 20503. Comments should be received by April 1, 1997.

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) 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 from respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: *An Evaluation of DMII Awards made in FY 1986.* The ability of the National Science Foundation to continue a high level of support for university-based research is becoming increasingly dependent on the ability of the NSF and its research partners to explain the impact of funded research on the lives of the U.S. citizens who provide those funds. While NSF has anecdotal accounts of manufacturing-related NSF projects that ultimately led to major new technologies with a significant impact on commerce, the Foundation has no systematic evidence regarding the frequency of such events, nor the process by which these outcomes may have occurred. Therefore, the NSF Director has requested that a pilot project be initiated to perform an exhaustive study of the outcomes of design and manufacturing-related awards made in FY1986.

Some 200 Principal Investigators who were recipients of an award from DMII in FY1986 will be asked to provide a one-page narrative describing the impact of their work. They will need to consider their project in light of their knowledge of progress in the broad field in which it may have been applied. For instance, did their work provide key insights which led to important follow-on projects, in their lab or at other labs, carried out by the PI, by his or her students or industry engineers with whom they consulted? If so, they will be asked to describe the chain of discovery in their narrative.

The DMII is asking that PIs assist in this evaluation by providing the following information:

(1) A brief one page narrative regarding the outcomes and impacts of the project;

(2) Citations to no more than 3 key journal articles, books or patents that resulted from the project, or in which the project played an important role;

(3) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of between 3 and 5 other individuals who are familiar with the work carried out under the project, and who could provide additional insights as to its outcomes and impacts; and

(4) One hard copy of each of the journal articles and patent(s) that are cited.

With regard to the narrative materials, the following information will be requested:

(A) Complete project title.

(B) PI, Co-PI and institutional affiliations.

(C) Time frame during which project was conducted.

(D) Principal outputs or results of the project.

(E) Longer term outcomes and follow-on impacts of the project.

(F) The PI's best assessment of the impact of this NSF-funded research on the current (1996) state of design and manufacturing technology, including any known commercial implementations.

(G) Any other observations that the PI wishes to make (e.g., regarding the promotion of a significant discovery, creation of a significant research capability, promotion of new knowledge flowing to society).

The narratives, citations, and names of others knowledgeable about the project may be submitted using the Internet or regular mail.

The DMII will organize a panel of experts in the field who are knowledgeable about the types of projects funded, and the nature of innovations that have occurred over the past decades. The expert panel's first assignment will be to conduct a thorough review and assessment of the narratives submitted by the PIs. Once the narratives have been reviewed, a subset of 20 outstanding examples of awards with significant impacts will be chosen, and brief case studies will be prepared by the contractor in order to better understand the process by which the impacts occurred.

Under the final phase of this evaluation, the expert panel will then review the case studies and, based upon findings from both the project narratives and the individual case studies, prepare an overall assessment of the contributions made by these awards. The DMII program staff will then review the findings and assess their implications for future program priorities and actions.

DMII has contracted with Abt Associates Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to assist it in the survey and reports preparation process.

Use of Information: The information collected will be used to assist the Foundation in the evaluation of this program, and in considering various program priorities and selection procedures for future projects in this area. NSF will also consider how best to satisfy the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) in reporting outcomes and impacts of programs of this type. Finally, NSF will determine how to improve future evaluation activities applied to subsequent awards made under this program.

Confidentiality: Copies of the narratives will be reviewed by a panel

of experts selected by NSF. The subsequent case studies will also be reviewed by this expert panel. Some materials may be disseminated by NSF as a part of the program evaluation process. No sensitive information is being requested in the survey.

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates that, on average, two hours will be required to prepare the narratives, or a total of 400 hours for all PIs. In addition, it anticipates 4 hours of interviews for each of 20 case studies, or 80 hours. Thus, total burden is estimated at 480 hours.

Dated: February 28, 1997.
Gail A. McHenry,
Reports Clearance Officer.
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Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences: Notice of Meeting

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

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences (1754).
Date and Time: March 24-25, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Room 340, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Eve Ida Barak, Program Director for Cellular Organization, Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, Room 655, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: 703/306-1442.

Purpose of Advisory Panel: To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research in Molecular and Cellular Biosciences.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences in responses to Program Announcement number 93-130, as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposal 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 (4) and (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552(c) Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 3, 1997.
Linda Allen-Benton,
Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Cross Disciplinary Activities; 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 Cross Disciplinary Activities (1193).

Date and Time: March 25, 1997 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1150, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person(s): Rita V. Rodriguez, Program Director, CISE/CDA, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1980.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate CISE Minority Institutions Infrastructure 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.

Dated: March 3, 1997.
Linda Allen-Benton,
Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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Partial Differential Equations in Mathematical Sciences; 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 and Committee Code: Partial Differential Equations in Mathematical Sciences (1204).

Dates and Times: March 24-26, 1997; 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 1060, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. William Faris, Program Director, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1879.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate the Analysis/Applied Program nominations/