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#### Written Comments

In the Notice of Proposed Exemption (the Notice), the Department of Labor (the Department) invited all interested persons to submit written comments and requests for a hearing on the proposed exemption within forty-five (45) days of the date of the publication of the Notice in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 1999. All comments and requests for a hearing were due by July 19, 1999.

During the comment period, the Department received no requests for a hearing. However, on June 16, 1999, the Department did receive a favorable comment letter from one commentator. In this regard, the commentator noted that the exemption would move the Plan away from the internal family lawsuits and the transactions posed no risk of loss to the Plan or any of the participants.

After giving full consideration to the entire record, including the written comment from the commentator, the Department has decided to grant the exemption. In this regard, the comment letter submitted to the Department has been included as part of the public record of the exemption application. The complete application file, including all supplemental submissions received by the Department, is made available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of the Pension Welfare Benefits Administration, Room N-5638, U. S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption refer to the Notice of Proposed Exemption published on June 3, 1999, at 64 FR 29908.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angelena C. Le Blanc of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8883 (This is not a toll-free number.)

#### General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions to which the exemptions does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his

duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(B) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) These exemptions are supplemental to and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transactional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(3) The availability of these exemptions is subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application accurately describes all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of July, 1999.

**Ivan Strasfeld,**

*Director of Exemption Determinations,  
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,  
Department of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### Meetings of Humanities Panel

**AGENCY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation

and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* August 2, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for University Teachers in Political Science, International Affairs, and Jurisprudence, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

2. *Date:* August 3, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for University Teachers in American History and Studies II, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

3. *Date:* August 4, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars in Music, Film, and Theater, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

4. *Date:* August 5, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars in Languages and Literatures II, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

5. *Date:* August 5, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars in Languages and Literatures I, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

6. *Date:* August 6, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars in

Philosophy, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

7. *Date:* August 9, 1999.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for University Teachers in American Studies, Rhetoric, Communication, and Media, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

10. *Date:* August 9, 1999.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars in History of Art and Architecture, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

11. *Date:* August 10, 1999.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for University Teachers in Modern European Languages, Literatures, and Criticism, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

12. *Date:* August 11, 1999.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars in Classical and Medieval Studies, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

13. *Date:* August 11, 1999.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for University Teachers in Classical, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

14. *Date:* August 12, 1999.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for University Teachers in History of Art and Architecture, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

15. *Date:* August 12, 1999.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for University Teachers in American Literature, Linguistics, and Theory, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

16. *Date:* August 13, 1999.  
*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Room:* 315.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Fellowships for College Teachers and independent scholars in Sociology, psychology, and Education,

submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the May 1, 1999 deadline.

**Nancy E. Weiss,**  
*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*  
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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacturing, and Industrial Innovation; 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 Design, Manufacturing, and Industrial Innovation (#1194).

*Date & Time:* August 4, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, and 31, 1999 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 340, 360, 370 and 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Joseph Hennessey, Program Manager, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfers Programs, Room 590, Division of Design, Manufacturing, and Industrial Innovation, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 306-1395 x 5283.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs 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 USC 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: July 22, 1999.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Geosciences, Committee of Visitors; 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:* Advisory Committee for Geoscience (1755).

*Date & Time:* August 11, and 12, 1999—8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

*Place:* Rm. 320, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open (see Agenda, below).

*Contact Person:* Dr. Richard Behnke, Section Head for the Upper Atmospheric Research Section, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1518.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials.

### Agenda

*Closed:* August 11 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. and August 12 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of the Upper Atmospheric Research Section.

*Open:* August 11 from 8:30-12. To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Upper Atmospheric Research Section. This shall involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantee outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

*Reason for Closing:* During the closed session, the Committee will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: July 22, 1999.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences, 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 Geosciences (#1756)

*Date and time:* August 13, 1999; 8 a.m.to 5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 770; National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Clifford Jacobs, Section Head, UCAR and Lower Atmosphere Facilities Oversight Section, Room 775, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd.,