

Advisory Committee will focus on the NSF Performance Plan in response to the Government Performance and Results Act requirements.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; 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 Materials Research (1203).

*Date and Time:* October 30, 1998; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms, 330, 340, 360; National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. H. Hollis Wickman, Program Director, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1816.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Condensed Matter Physics Program 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; 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 Physics (1208).

*Date:* October 27-29, 1998.

*Place:* LIGO site, Hanford, Washington.

*Type of meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. David Berley, Program Manager, Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory, Physics Division, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1892.

*Purpose of meeting:* To review the technical aspects and management of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) project.

*Agenda:* An overview of the project. Detailed examination of the technical aspects of the project and the management of the technical systems.

*Reason for Closing:* The Project plans being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

### Request for a Collection of Information Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Customer Satisfaction Survey

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget approve a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this information collection, which will be conducted through customer satisfaction surveys, is to help the agency assess the efficiency and effectiveness with which it serves participants in pension plans it becomes trustee of, and to design actions to address identified problems.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted to OMB at the address below within 30 days after October 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. The request for approval and copies of the proposed collection of information will be available for public inspection at the PBGC Communications and Public

Affairs Department, suite 240, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc L. Jordan, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 340, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC is requesting OMB approval of a collection of information consisting of customer satisfaction surveys. The collection is in furtherance of the goals described in Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, which states that, in order to carry out the principles of the National Performance Review, the Federal Government must be customer-driven. The Executive Order directs all executive departments and agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to provide those services in a manner that seeks to meet the customer service standards established in the Executive Order.

The customer satisfaction survey information collection will be accomplished by mailing questionnaires to a random sample of participants and beneficiaries who have had recent contact with the PBGC.

This voluntary collection of information will put a slight burden on a very small percentage of the public. The PBGC will collect information annually from 1,280 participants and beneficiaries in pension plans trustee by the PBGC. The PBGC estimates that the total annual burden will be 106.66 hours.

On July 24, 1998, the PBGC published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intention to request OMB approval of this collection. No comments were received in response to the notice.

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