

Signed at Washington, DC this 16th day of August, 1996.

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Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to establish a new information collection for submitting requests for copies of pages of Federal land entry case files that are in the National Archives of the United States. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 28, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (PIRM-POL), Room 4100, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-7270; or electronically mailed to nancy.allard@arch2.nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Nancy Allard at telephone number 301-713-6730, ext. 226, or fax number 301-713-7270.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. The comments

that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: National Archives Order for Land Claim Records.

OMB number: New collection; number to be assigned.

Agency form number: NATF 84.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals who wish to order copies of land claim records in the National Archives of the United States.

Estimated number of respondents: 14,000.

Estimated time per response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion (when respondent wishes to search for or order copies of land claim records).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 2,334 (rounded off number).

Abstract: The NATF form 84 will be used by researchers to request that NARA search for and make copies of pages from Federal land entry case files (land claim records) in the custody of the National Archives. These records generally date from 1800 to approximately 1965. Submission of requests on a form is necessary to handle in a timely fashion the volume of requests received for these records (approximately 14,000 per year) and the need to obtain specific information from the researcher to search for the records sought. The form will be printed on carbonless paper as a multi-part form to allow the researcher to retain a copy if his request and NARA to respond to the researcher on the results of the search or to bill for copies if the researcher wishes to order the copies. As a convenience, the form will allow researchers to provide credit card information to authorize billing and expedited mailing of the copies. NARA is not able at present to accept electronic submission of requests; however, we intend to address security of financial information and other issues as we continue our efforts to increase electronic access to NARA and its holdings.

Dated: August 16, 1996.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Policy and IRM Services.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

National Communications System Directive; Communications Resource Information Sharing Initiative

AGENCY: National Communications System (NCS).

ACTION: Notice of NCS Directive.

SUMMARY: This directive establishes National Communications System (NCS) policies pertaining to administering and using the NCS Communications Resource Information Sharing (CRIS) initiative.

Information: Telephone (703) 607-6104 or write the Manager, National Communications System, 701 S. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, VA 22204-2198.

Dennis Bodson,

Chief, Technology and Standards Division.

NCS Directive 3-9

Telecommunications Operations

Communications Resource Information Sharing Initiative

1. *Purpose.* This directive establishes National Communications System (NCS) policies pertaining to administering and using the NCS Communications Resource Information Sharing (CRIS) initiative.

2. *Applicability.* This directive is binding upon NCS and other Executive entities that voluntarily elect to participate in the CRIS initiative.

2. *Authority.* This directive is issued under the authority of Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," April 3, 1984; 49 Federal Register 13471, April 5, 1984; and NCS Directive 1-1, "National Communications System (NCS) Issuance System," November 30, 1987.

4. *References.*

a. Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," April 3, 1984, 49 Federal Register 13471.

b. Executive Order No. 12656, "Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities," November 18, 1988.

c. "A Concept of Operations for the NCS Communications Resource Information Sharing (CRIS) Initiative," April 2, 1994.

5. *General.*

a. Many Federal departments and agencies possess communications resources in the form of assets, services, and capabilities which could be shared

voluntarily with other Federal departments and agencies. The NCS CRIS initiative establishes an information source which provides resource points of contact, associated communications resources, and supporting information for use by CRIS participants.

b. The CRIS information source will facilitate on a voluntary basis the sharing of communications resources in non-Presidentially declared disasters, emergencies, or as necessary for critical needs.

c. Use of CRIS shall not interfere with departmental or agency missions and operations.

d. Participants will identify resource points of contact to facilitate the rapid coordination and sharing of resources.

e. Participants having centralized control points or operations centers for managing communications assets may elect to identify only the control point as the point of contact. If the resources are regionally based and administered, the controlling entity may elect to decentralize CRIS participation and identify regional control points as the points of contact.

f. Identification of CRIS resources may include government-owned and -leased or otherwise government-controlled communications resources.

g. Supporting information in the CRIS information source will include minimum coordination guidance to ensure non-interference.

h. Providers of CRIS resources may establish terms and conditions related to the sharing of CRIS resources.

6. Responsibilities.

a. The NCS Committee of Principals is the approving body for the CRIS Initiative. The Office of the Manager, NCS (OMNCS), will provide technical, administrative, and maintenance support in developing and implementing CRIS. Upon implementation, the OMNCS will also act as a coordinator for CRIS.

b. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), General Services Administration (GSA), and OMNCS will coordinate on implementing and maintaining the CRIS information source, and distributing the information to ensure CRIS activities do not conflict with the disaster and emergency management responsibilities of FEMA and GSA during Presidentially declared emergencies.

c. CRIS participants will:

(1) Help develop the CRIS information source and maintain the currency and accuracy of their information contained in the information source.

(2) Use CRIS in conjunction with other activities (e.g., national security

and emergency preparedness exercises) to assess its effectiveness.

(3) Ensure that the missions and operations of departments and agencies are not adversely impacted when using CRIS.

(4) Coordinate the use of existing radio frequency authorizations to ensure that interference with other authorized radio services does not occur when loaning spectrum-dependent resources.

7. *Authorizing Provisions.* An NCS Handbook to support this directive is authorized.

8. *Effective Date.* This Directive is effective immediately.

9. *Expiration.* This Directive is in effect until superseded or canceled.

Dated: February 12, 1996.

John H. Gibbons,

Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee of Visitors Meeting in Design, Manufacture, 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: Committee of Visitors in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation—(1194).

Date and Time: September 10-11, 1996, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Rooms 530 and 580, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Georgia-Ann Klutke, Program Director, Operations and Productions Systems Program, (703) 306-1330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

Closed Session: September 10-11, 1996, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., to provide oversight review of the Operations and Production Systems Program.

Reason for Closing: The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they were 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: August 19, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, 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, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation—(1194).

Date and Time: September 10, 1996, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Darryl Gorman, SBIR Program Manager, SBIR Office, (703) 306-1391, Liselotte Schioler, Program Officer, Materials Research, (703) 306-1836, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate SBIR Phase I proposals concerning Materials Research and NanoMaterials 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: August 19, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; Notice of Meeting

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