

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Nanoscale Science and Engineering proposals as part of the evaluation process for funding.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals 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.

Dated: January 8, 2001.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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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/Time:* February 8-9, 2001; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Richard Isaacson, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-7375.

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

*Agenda:* Review and evaluate 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; 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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## 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/Time:* January 25-26, 2001; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Richard Isaacson, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-7375.

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

*Agenda:* Review and evaluate 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, 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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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Advisory Panel for Physiology and Ethology (1160).

*Date and Time:* February 7-9, 2001, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Persons:* Dr. Kimberlyn Williams, and Dr. Stephen Vessey, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 685, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8421.

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

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person(s) listed above.

*Agenda:* Open Session: February 8, 2001, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—discussion or research trends, opportunities and assessment procedures in Integrative Biology and Neuroscience.

*Closed Session:* February 7, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; February 8, 2001, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; February 9, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To review and evaluate the Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants 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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**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Notice of a Public Meeting on Assessing Future Regulatory Research Needs

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a third meeting of nuclear experts from the government, the nuclear industry, academia, and the public on January 24-25, 2001. As a result of the first two meetings, the nuclear experts issued a draft report composed of the individual views of the experts on the role and direction of regulatory research. The draft report contains a number of recommendations. The purpose of this meeting is to evoke and evaluate strategies for implementing the recommendations. RES will provide the panel with RES perspectives. The licensing offices and the Regions will also provide an overview of their technical assistance and research activities. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties may attend.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on January 24 and 25, 2001, at the Marriott Residence Inn located at 7335 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda, Maryland 20804. The telephone number of the hotel is 301-718-0200.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions with respect to this meeting should be referred to James W. Johnson, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-6293; fax 301-415-5153; E-mail [jwj@nrc.gov](mailto:jwj@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parking is available in the hotel for a modest cost. Additional parking in Bethesda is somewhat limited. The hotel can also be reached by Metro.

The hotel is located one block south of the Bethesda Metro stop on the Red Line and is on the opposite side of the street from the Metro station. Seating for the public is limited and therefore will be on a first-come, first serve basis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of January 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Ashok C. Thadani,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Special Nuclear Material of Less Than Critical Mass Licenses

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is announcing the availability of final NUREG-1556, Volume 17, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Special Nuclear Material of Less Than Critical Mass Licenses," dated November 2000.

The NRC is using Business Process Redesign techniques to redesign its materials licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports. This final NUREG report is the 17th guidance document developed to support an improved materials licensing process.

This guidance is intended for use by applicants, licensees, and the NRC staff, and will also be available to Agreement States. This document combines and updates the guidance found in Regulatory Guide 10.3 "Guide for the preparation of Applications for Special Nuclear Material Licenses of Less Than Critical mass Quantities." This final report takes a more risk-informed, performance-based approach to licensing quantities of special nuclear material of less than critical mass, and reduces the information (amount and level of detail) needed to support an application to use this material.

A free single copy of final NUREG 1556, Volume 17, may be requested by writing to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Carrie Brown, Mail Stop TWFN 9-C24, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to [cxb@nrc.gov](mailto:cxb@nrc.gov). A copy of this final

NUREG 1556 Volume 17, is available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Carrie Brown, TWFN 9-F-24, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-8092.

*Electronic Access:* Final NUREG-1556, Vol. 17 is available electronically by visiting the NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html>)

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of December, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Patricia K. Holahan,**

*Chief, Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rule 15g-9; SEC File No. 270-325; OMB Control No. 3235-0385]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comment on the collection of information described below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

### Rule 15g-9, Sales Practice Requirements for Certain Low-Priced Securities

Section 15(c)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules that prescribe means reasonably designed to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative practices in connection with over-the-counter ("OTC") securities transactions. Pursuant to this authority, the Commission in 1989 adopted rule 15a-6 (the "Rule"), which was subsequently redesignated as rule 15g-9, 17 CFR 240.15g-9. The Rule requires broker-dealers to produce a written suitability determination for, and to obtain a written customer agreement to, certain recommended transactions in low-priced stocks that are not registered on

a national securities exchange or authorized for trading on NASDAQ, and whose issuers do not meet certain minimum financial standards. The Rule is intended to prevent the indiscriminate use by broker-dealers of fraudulent, high-pressure telephone sales campaigns to sell low-priced securities to unsophisticated customers.

The staff estimates that approximately 270 broker-dealers incur an average burden of 78 hours per year to comply with this rule. Thus, the total annual burden to comply with the Rule is estimated at 21,060 hours (270 × 78).

Written 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: January 4, 2001.

**Jonathan G. Katz,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (Ceridian Corporation, Common Stock, \$.50 Par Value) File No. 1-01969

January 4, 2001.

Ceridian Corporation ("Company") has filed applications with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 12d2-2(d) thereunder,<sup>2</sup> to withdraw its Common Stock, \$.50 par value ("Security"), from

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78j(d).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.12d2-2(d).