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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: 2003 Survey of Doctorate Recipients.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0020.

Abstract: The Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR) has been conducted biennially since 1973. The 2003 SDR will consist of a sample of individuals under the age 76 who have earned research doctoral degrees in science and engineering from U.S. institutions. The purpose of this longitudinal study is to provide national estimates on the doctoral science and engineering workforce and changes in employment, education and demographic characteristics. The study is one of three components of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to “* * * provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis

of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government.” The SDR is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of nation's doctorate level scientists and engineers. Collected data will be used to produce estimates of the characteristics of these individuals. They will also provide necessary input into the SESTAT labor force data system, which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the country's science and engineering population.

The Foundation uses this information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disability in Science and Engineering* and *Science and Engineering Indicators*. The NSF publishes statistics from the survey in many reports, but primarily in the biennial series, *Characteristics of Doctoral Scientists and Engineers in the United States*. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, will be made available to research on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

The National Opinion Research Corporation at University of Chicago will conduct the study for NSF. Data will be obtained by self-administered mail and web questionnaires, and computer assisted telephone interviews beginning October 2003. The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for research or statistical purposes, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

Expected Respondents: A statistical sample of approximately 40,000 U.S. doctorates will be contacted in 2003. A total response rate in 2001 was 83%.

Burden on the Public: The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. We estimate that the total annual burden will be 14,167 hours during the year.

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National Science Board

Committee on Education and Human Resources; Sunshine Act Meetings

DATE AND TIME: May 5, 2003, 1 p.m.–2 p.m. Open session.

PLACE: The National Science Foundation, Stafford One Building, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 130, Arlington, VA 22230.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Monday, May 5, 2003.

Open Session (1 p.m. to 2 p.m.)

Consideration of the recommendation of the NSB/EHR Committee Task Force on National Workforce Policies for Science and Engineering to transmit its draft report (NSB/NWP 03-09) to the full Board to be considered for approval as a draft NSB report for public comment.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

(1) *Collection title:* Railroad Service and Compensation Reports.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* BA-3a, BA-4, BA-4 (Internet).

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0008.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 2-28-2005.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 579.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 1,028.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 37,927.

(10) *Collection description:* Under the Railroad Retirement Act and the