

under part 1614. The Order further provided that if a section 501 complaint filed against the EEOC in the part 1614 process includes a separate section 508 claim, OEO will process the section 501 claim through the part 1614 process, and will separately process the section 508 claim pursuant to the procedures set forth in 29 CFR 1615.170(d)–(m). By this Order, the EEOC did not alter any of its existing procedures for processing complaints under section 501 or section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The delegation of authority became effective on July 22, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: July 22, 2003.

Cari M. Dominguez,
Chair.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Research Business Models

ACTION: Request for information regarding National Science and Technology Council/Committee on Science/Subcommittee on Research Business Models.

SUMMARY: The Subcommittee on Research Business Models is undertaking a review of policies, procedures, and plans relating to the business relationship between federal agencies and research performers with the goal of improving the performance and management of federally sponsored basic and applied scientific and engineering research. As part of that effort, the Subcommittee will hold a series of regional workshops in the Fall of 2003 to solicit input and feedback from the research performer community. This notice is intended to collect data that will assist the Subcommittee in setting agendas for those regional workshops.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Due to potential delays in OSTP's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we encourage respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. We cannot guarantee that comments sent via surface mail will be

received before the comment closing date.

Electronic comments may be submitted to: nstc_rbm@ostp.eop.gov. Please include in the subject line the words "NSTC Research Business Models Comments" and a reference to the relevant items, enumerated below as A–J. Please put the full body of your comments in the text of the electronic message and as an attachment. Be certain to include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and E-mail address in the text of the message.

Comments may be mailed to Michael J. Holland; Office of Science & Technology Policy; 1650 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20502. But again, we strongly encourage respondents to submit comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please call Michael Holland, Office of Science & Technology Policy, (202) 456–6069 (direct) and e-mail: mholland@ostp.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This notice requests data and specific examples from the general public and all interested parties regarding the activities of the Subcommittee on Research Business Models chartered under the Committee on Science of the National Science and Technology Council. The Committee on Science realizes that much has changed about the practice of scientific research over the last several years. The purpose of the Subcommittee on Research Business Models is to advise and assist the Committee on Science and the NSTC on policies, procedures, and plans relating to business models to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the Federal research and development enterprise in a manner cognizant of currently available resources. The Subcommittee will

- Facilitate a strong, coordinated effort across federal agencies to identify and address important policy implications arising from the changing nature of basic and applied research.
- Examine the concomitant influence these changes have had or should have on business models and business practices for the conduct of basic and applied research sponsored by the Federal government and carried out by academic, industrial, and government entities.
- Review the challenges to improved performance and mechanisms for more

transparent accountability of the research enterprise.

The membership of the Subcommittee includes representatives from fifteen Federal departments and agencies that support or are engaged in research activities. The Subcommittee on Research Business Models will consult and coordinate with other ongoing, relevant efforts including, but not limited to, those of the Interagency Electronic Grants Committee (IAEGC) and the CFO Grants Management Council (GMC) Public Law 106–107 Workgroups.

Request for Information

In order to assist the public in its response, the Subcommittee has identified the following areas in which they would like to receive comments, including how changes in these areas have impacted research costs. However, the Subcommittee welcomes comments and suggestions in other areas that may not be included in the following questions.

A. Accountability. What constitutes accountability for the Federally-supported research enterprise? How can performers best demonstrate results or return on Federal research investments? Please suggest mechanisms whereby research managers can more transparently demonstrate responsible use of public resources.

B. Inconsistency of policies and practices among Federal agencies. Can you identify specific Federal policies and practices that if simplified would improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the research enterprise? Can the impact of inconsistent policies and practices among Federal agencies on the research environment be quantified? Among the variations in policies and practices, which practices appear to be the best? Why?

C. Inconsistency of policies and practices among universities. Can you identify specific university policies and practices that if simplified would improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the research enterprise?

D. State and Institutional requirements. What is the prevalence and impact of state and institutional requirements that are added to Federal requirements for research funding?

E. Regulatory requirements. Is there a more efficient approach to meeting the intent of the current suite of administrative requirements and regulations? Please provide examples.

F. Research support. How can public funding mechanisms and policies encourage or discourage innovative approaches to research? Does the current process for research funding