

the EEOC. Accordingly, the EEOC has issued regulations set forth in Title 29, chapter XIV, subpart 1, § 1602.30. State and local governments with 100 or more full-time employees have been required to submit EEO-4 reports since 1973 (biennially in odd-numbered years since 1993). The individual reports are confidential.

EEO-4 data are used by EEOC to investigate charges of employment discrimination against state and local governments and to provide information on the employment status of minorities and women. The data are shared with several other Federal government agencies. Pursuant to section 709(d) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, EEO-4 data are also shared with 86 State and Local Fair Employment Practices Agencies (FEPAs). Aggregated data are also used by researchers and the general public.

**Burden Statement:** The estimated number of respondents included in the EEO-4 survey is 5,000 state and local governments. The estimated number of responses per respondent is approximately two (2) reports. The annual number of responses is approximately 10,000 reports and the total annual burden is 40,000 hours. In order to help reduce survey burden, respondents are encouraged to report data on electronic media as much as possible.

Dated: September 8, 2003.

For the Commission.

**Cari M. Dominguez,**

*Chair.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### National Science and Technology Council; Committee on Science; Subcommittee on Research Business Models

**ACTION:** Notice of open meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces four workshops sponsored by the National Science and Technology Council / Committee on Science / Subcommittee on Research Business Models.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The Subcommittee will hold three one-day regional workshops:

- Monday, October 27, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (PST). Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Building 50 Auditorium; Berkeley, CA 94720.
- Wednesday, November 12, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (CST). Coffman

Memorial Union, University of Minnesota; 300 Washington Ave. S.E.; Minneapolis, MN 55455.

- Monday, November 17, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). The University of North Carolina, Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516.

The Subcommittee will subsequently hold a two-day agenda setting meeting:

- Tuesday, December 9, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) and Wednesday, December 10, 2003, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST). Jefferson Auditorium, South Building; U.S. Department of Agriculture; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, DC, 20250.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Meetings:** The three regional workshops will assist the Subcommittee in its review of policies, procedures, and plans relating to the business relationship between federal agencies and research performers. A subsequent two-day meeting in Washington, DC will assess the input from the regional meetings and help prioritize the agenda of the Subcommittee.

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. Our goal is 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.

These workshops are based upon a request for information published

August 6, 2003 by OSTP in the **Federal Register** (vol. 68, No. 151, p. 46631; available at [http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request for Info 03-19935.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request%20for%20Info%2003-19935.pdf)).

**Tentative Agenda Topics:** (Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meetings. The most current agendas will be found on the Subcommittee's Internet site at <http://rbm.nih.gov/>). The three regional workshops will have the following structure:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Summary of **Federal Register** comments

• Morning Panel Discussion (see below for themes of each workshop's panels)

- Afternoon Panel Discussion
- Public Comment Period

Each regional workshop will focus on a subset of the questions posed in the August 6, 2003 **Federal Register** request for information ([http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request for Info 03-19935.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request%20for%20Info%2003-19935.pdf)) as described below.

#### Monday, October 27, 2003, Berkeley, CA

The theme of this workshop will be "Alignment of Funding Mechanisms with Scientific Opportunities." Our focus will include the following issues published in the August 6, 2003 **Federal Register** notice ([http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request for Info 03-19935.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request%20for%20Info%2003-19935.pdf)): Research support, multidisciplinary/collaborative research, and research Infrastructure.

• Morning Panel—"Does How We Support Research Determine What We Get: Perspectives from the S&E Community."

• Afternoon Panel—"New Models for Supporting Science & Engineering Research."

• Information concerning pre-registration, accommodations and directions is available at <http://isswprod.lbl.gov/ConferenceReg/Registration.asp?ID=33>.

#### Wednesday, November 12, 2003, Minneapolis, MN

The theme of this workshop will be "Common Practices among Agencies." Our focus will include the following issues published in our August 6, 2003 **Federal Register** notice ([http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request for Info 03-19935.pdf](http://www.ostp.gov/html/Request%20for%20Info%2003-19935.pdf)): Inconsistency of policies and practices among Federal agencies, inconsistency of policies and practices among universities, state and institutional requirements, and regulatory requirements.

• Morning Panel—"When Policies and Practices Collide: What Do Feds Ask for?"

• Afternoon Panel—"Post-Collision: What Should Feds Ask for?"