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Monday, November 17, 2003, Chapel Hill, NC

The theme of this workshop will be the "Appropriate Costs of Research Enterprise—Determination, Recovery, and Accountability." 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)): Accountability, information technology, and technology transfer optimization.

- Morning Panel—"IT: Has Technology Made and Can It Make Research Administration More Efficient? How Can Grants.Gov Help the Process?"

- Afternoon Panel—"Compliance Costs: Balancing Requirements with the Public's Interests."

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Tuesday, December 9, 2003 and Wednesday, December 10, 2003, Washington, DC

The agenda of the Washington meeting will be strongly influenced by public comments submitted in response to the prior **Federal Register** notice and by the input from the three regional workshops. The agenda for this meeting will be available on the Subcommittee's Internet site (<http://rbm.nih.gov/>) after the November 17 workshop has taken place. In addition, we plan a satellite broadcast of parts of the Washington meeting. We will identify these broadcast segments in the posted agenda.

Public Participation: Each announced meeting is open to the public. Each workshop allots 90 minutes for public comments from the floor. *Please submit your request to make oral statements to nstc_rbm@ostp.eop.gov (e-mail) or contact Michael Holland at 202-456-6130 (telephone).* You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. We will schedule oral statements during each of the public comment periods in the order in which they are received. The Subcommittee strongly encourages all those scheduled during the public comment periods to file a written copy of their statement via email to nstc_rbm@ostp.eop.gov. You may submit your oral statement in advance or up to five (5) business days after a workshop. We request that this written

statement be limited to three pages. Public comment will follow the 3-minute rule.

Meeting Summaries: Summaries of each regional workshop and the Washington meeting will be available on the Subcommittee's Internet site (<http://rbm.nih.gov/>) for public review and copying within 45 days of each meeting.

Authority

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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 an extension of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: The National Science and Technology Council/Committee on Science/Subcommittee on Research Business Models published a document in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2003 requesting data and specific examples related to its review of policies, procedures, and plans affecting the business relationship between federal agencies and research performers. The Subcommittee, by undertaking this review, seeks to improve the performance and management of federally sponsored basic and applied scientific and engineering research. Due to technical problems with the e-mail address established to receive these comments, the Subcommittee on Research Business Models is extending the public comment period from September 22, 2003 to October 6, 2003 and encouraging anyone who submitted comments electronically before September 4, 2003 to resubmit their comments.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 6, 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." 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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 6, 2003 (68 FR 46631), OSTP announced it was seeking data and specific examples relating to policies, procedures, and plans relating to the business relationship between federal agencies and research performers. During the public comment period, we discovered that the e-mail address established to receive the comments was neither accepting electronic submissions nor responding to electronic submissions with a message stating that incoming e-mails were refused.

All problems with the e-mail account have now been resolved. The Subcommittee is extending the deadline for public comment to no later than October 6, 2003. We encourage anyone who submitted comments electronically prior to September 4, 2003 to resubmit their comments. We have received comments submitted electronically after September 4, 2003.

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