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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) Program.

Evaluation for the National Science Foundation

OMB Number: 3145-New.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of request: Initial clearance.

Abstract: Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) is a National Science Foundation program that responds to current concerns and projections about the growing demand for professionals and information technology workers in the U.S. and seeks solutions to help ensure the breadth and depth of the STEM workforce. Information technologies are integral to both the workplace and everyday activities of most Americans. They are part of how people learn, how they interact with each other and information, and how they represent and understand their world. Attaining a basic understanding of these technologies and mastery of essential technical skills is a requirement for anyone to benefit from innovation in the modern world. The technological growth of the nation depends on a technologically literate citizenry. ITEST is designed to increase the opportunities for students and teachers to learn about, experience, and use information technologies within the context of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including Information Technology (IT)

courses. Supported projects are intended to provide opportunities for K-12 children and teachers to build the skills and knowledge needed to advance their study, and to function and to contribute in a technologically rich society. Additionally, exposure to engaging applications of IT is a means to stimulate student interest in the field and an important precursor to the academic preparation needed to pursue IT careers.

The ITEST program evaluation will characterize the variety of ITEST projects, measure the rigor of individual project evaluations, estimate outcomes for students and teachers involved in a sample of projects, and identify exemplary project models. In order to accomplish these tasks, the ITEST program evaluation will employ a mixed-method approach including case studies, quasi-experiments, and extensive document review. This information collection request will include a series of protocols to be used while conducting site visit interviews, a list of documents to be requested during visits, and a student-survey instrument to measure project outcomes.

Estimate of Burden:

Respondents: Individuals.

Frequency: Annual.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 984.

Estimated Burden Hours on Respondents: 984 hours.

Comments: 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 estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 10, 2012.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences; 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: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates: April 18–April 19, 2012; 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Melissa Lane, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703-292-8500.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for geosciences.

Reason for Late Notice: Scheduling complications and last minute changes to the agenda.

Agenda

April 18, 2012 8:30 am–5:30pm

- Update on Directorate Activities and Plans
- Updates on FY 2013 Budget Requests
- Meeting with the Director and Deputy Director
- Division Subcommittee Meetings

April 19, 2012 8:30 am–2:00pm

- Division Subcommittee Reports
- Updates on the U.S. Global Change Research Program, Education Program Planning, and International Activities
- Action Items/Planning for Fall Meeting

Dated: April 10, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,
Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2012-0073]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.