

and officially filed April 7, 2006 for Group 937 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of The Tenth Standard Parallel North (north boundary), and the survey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 40 North, Range 3 West, accepted March 27, 2006 and officially filed April 7, 2006 for Group 940 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and the survey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 40 North, Range 5 West, accepted July 5, 2006 and officially filed July 7, 2006 for Group 964 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of The Tenth Standard Parallel North (north boundary), a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of sections 11 and 14 and a metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of The Paiute Wilderness Area Boundary, Township 40 North, Range 15 West, accepted July 10, 2006 and officially filed July 14, 2006 for Group 962 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the east boundary and the survey of the north boundary and the subdivisional lines, Township 41 North, Range 3 West, accepted May 9, 2006 and officially filed May 18, 2006 for Group 959 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of The Tenth Standard Parallel North (south boundary), and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the survey of a portion of the north boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, accepted May 9, 2006 and officially filed May 18, 2006 for Group 960 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary identical with a portion of The Paiute Wilderness Area Boundary, Township 41 North, Range 14 West,

accepted July 10, 2006 and officially filed July 14, 2006 for Group 963 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of The Arizona and Utah State Boundary (north boundary), from the 70 mile post to the 76.453 mile post and the survey of the east and west boundaries and the subdivisional lines, Fractional Township 42 North, Range 4 West, accepted March 27, 2006 and officially filed April 7, 2006 for Group 938 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of The Arizona and Utah State Boundary (north boundary), from the 76.453 mile post to the 82 mile post and the survey of the subdivisional lines, Fractional Township 42 North, Range 3 West, accepted May 10, 2006 and officially filed May 18, 2006 for Group 965 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of The Arizona and Utah State Boundary (north boundary), from the 67 mile post to the 70 mile post and a portion of the subdivisional lines and the survey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Fractional Township 42 North, Range 5 West, accepted May 10, 2006 and officially filed May 18, 2006 for Group 961 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office.

If a protest against a survey, supplemental and or amended protraction diagram as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the Arizona State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

These plats will be available for inspection in the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004-4427.

Dated: November 13, 2006.

**Stephen K. Hansen,**  
*Chief Cadastral Surveyor.*

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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection**

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct employee surveys for a period of three years from the approval date. Before submitting the Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval, MSPB is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per respondent, including time for reviewing instructions and completing the survey. In addition, the MSPB invites comments on (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSPB's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of MSPB's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.10, MSPB plans to submit an ICR to OMB for review and approval following the 60 day comment period. Comments must be received on or before January 31, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments via any of the following methods:

E-mail: [anne.marrelli@mspb.gov](mailto:anne.marrelli@mspb.gov). Please Include "Employee Surveys" in the subject line of the message. Fax: (202) 653-7211. Mail: Dr. Anne Marrelli, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Room 515, 1615 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20419.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the survey questions, contact Anne Marrelli by phone on 202-653-6772, ext. 1341, by FAX on 202-653-7211, or by e-mail [anne.marrelli@mspb.gov](mailto:anne.marrelli@mspb.gov). You may contact Dr. Marrelli via V/TDD at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Proposed Project: "Merit Principles Survey"**

As part of its purpose, MSPB is responsible for conducting studies of the Federal civil service to ensure that all Federal government agencies follow merit systems practices and avoid prohibited personnel practices. To support this research agenda, MSPB periodically conducts surveys of samples of Federal employees. To obtain insight into employees' current perspectives, MSPB requests approval to conduct additional surveys over the next three years.

The surveys will ask employees to share their perceptions of the implementation of the merit system in the workplace including topics such as agency and work unit performance, job satisfaction, compensation and rewards, fair treatment, performance management, training and development, and leadership.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per respondent.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Participants are selected via stratified random sampling to facilitate a representative sample of Federal employees.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80,000.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 40,000.

Dated: November 20, 2006.

**Bentley M. Roberts, Jr.,**

*Clerk of the Board.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883) meeting:

*Date and Time:* December 19, 2006 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. EST.

*Place:* Teleconference. National Science Foundation, Room 1020, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. G. Wayne Van Citters, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-4908.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

*Agencies:* To discuss the Report of the National Science Foundation Division of Astronomical Sciences Senior Review Committee.

Dated: November 21, 2006.

**Susanne E. Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**National Science Foundation, National Science Board and Its Subdivisions Sunshine Act Meetings Notice**

**DATE AND TIME:** November 29-30, 2006.

**Wednesday November 29, 2006, 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.**

7:30-7:45 Open  
7:45-8 Closed  
8-8:45 Open  
8:45-9:30 Open  
9:30-10 Open  
10-11:30 Open  
11:30-12 Closed  
12:45-2:15 Open  
2:15-3:45 Open  
3:45-5:15 Closed

**Thursday November 30, 2006, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

8-8:45 Open  
8:45-9:30 Open

9:30-10 Closed  
10-12 Open  
1:15-1:30 Closed  
1:30-1:45 Closed  
1:45-3 Open

**PLACE:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

**PUBLIC MEETING ATTENDANCE:** All visitors must report to the NSF's visitor's desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please refer to the National Science Board Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) for any schedule updates. *NSB Office:* Dr. Robert Webber, (703) 292-7000.

**STATUS:** Part of this meeting will be closed to the public; Part of this meeting will be open to the public.

**Matters To Be Considered**

*Wednesday, November 29, 2006*

Open

Executive Committee

(7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Updates or New Business from Committee Members

CPP Task Force on Transformative Research (8 a.m.-8:45 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks
- Review of Draft Report, "Enhancing Support of Transformative Research at the National Science Foundation" and Recommendations

CPP Subcommittee on International Science (8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks
- Discussion of the September 25 Roundtable Discussion Summary Notes
- Information Item: Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)
- Discussion of Future Task Force Activities

CPP Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering (9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Task Force Co-Chairmen's Remarks
- Discussion of the Draft NSB Report, Hurricane Warning: Critical Need for a National Hurricane Research Initiative
- Future Activities of the Task Force Committee on Audit and Oversight (10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)
- Approval of Minutes of September, 2006 Meeting
- Committee Chairman's Remarks