

**Basis (and vote) for Closing the National Science Board's
February 15-16 Meetings**

On February 3, 2011 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the following meetings (or portions thereof):

the National Science Board's Committee on Programs and Plans meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011 having to do with proposals and awards for specific grants, contracts, or other arrangements will be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c), (4), (6), (9) (B), (3) and 42 U.S.C. 1863(k);

the National Science Board's Committee on Strategy & Budget meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011 having to do with discussions that disclosure could be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action or actions and proposed budgets for future fiscal years will be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (9) (B) and (3) and 42 U.S.C. 1863(k);

the National Science Board's Committee on Programs and Plans and Committee on Strategy & Budget joint meeting scheduled for February 15, 2011 having to do with discussions that disclosure could be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action or actions and proposed budgets for future fiscal years will be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (9) (B) and (3) and 42 U.S.C. 1863(k);

the National Science Board's Committee on Audit & Oversight meeting scheduled for February 16, 2011 having to do with proposals and awards for specific grants, contracts, or other arrangements and discussions that disclosure could be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action or actions and will be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (4), (6), and (9) (B); those portions disclosure of which would risk the circumvention of a statute or agency regulation under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2); and those portions having to do with specific Office of the Inspector General investigations and enforcement actions will be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (5), (7) and (10);

the National Science Board's Plenary Executive Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2011 having to do with discussions regarding candidates for honorary or achievement awards will be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (6); and

the National Science Board's Plenary Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2011 having to do with proposals and awards for specific grants, contracts, or other arrangements will be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (4), (6), and (9) (B).

Board Members Drs. Bowen, Gulari, Galloway, Benbow and Suresh participated in the vote through an e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. A majority of the participating members voted "yes" and separately for each meeting (or portion thereof) to close the meetings listed above.

The Board Members and Consultants, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will participate in the closed meetings. The Presiding Officer Statement and Certification required by 5 U.S.C. § 552b(f)(1) will be retained in the National Science Board Office.

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