

**Basis for Closing a portion of the National Science Board's
February 14, 2011 Committee on Programs and Plans Meeting**

On February 1, 2011 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close a portion of the February 14, 2011 meeting of the Committee on Programs and Plans. Board Members Drs. Bowen, Gulari, Galloway, Benbow and Suresh participated in the vote through an e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. A majority participating members voted "yes" to close a portion of the February 14, 2011 Committee on Programs and Plans meeting.

The Board Members, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will participate. The justification and authority for closing the teleconference is provided in the attached certification.

[signed]

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CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that a portion of the National Science Board's Committee on Programs and Plans meeting scheduled for February 14, 2011 having to do with proposals and awards for specific grants, contracts, or other arrangements may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (4), (6), and (9) (B).

[signed]
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