<u>BASIS FOR CLOSING</u> <u>A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES</u> <u>ON APRIL 11, 2017</u>

On March 22, 2017 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F), scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT. Board Members Drs. Córdova, Zuber, Souvaine, and Peterson participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members participating voted "yes" to close the teleconference. The agenda of the teleconference is: Committee Chair opening remarks; and Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science (AIMS).

The Board Members, senior NSF Office of the Director and Program staff, Executive Secretaries, NSBO Executive Officer, Committee Liaisons, Board Counsel, and senior NSBO staff are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Awards and Facilities, scheduled for April 11, 2017 may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) regarding the disclosure of budget information for upcoming fiscal years.

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