

development and evolution of the digital library will be informed by the research communities that NSF supports, and it will serve as a living resource of multimedia materials that may be used to train current and future generations of scientists and engineers in the responsible and ethical conduct of research.

*Invitation to Comment:* The Foundation welcomes public comment on any aspect of the proposed Implementation Plan. Issues that responders may wish to address include, but are not limited to, the following:

- What challenges do institutions face in meeting the new RCR requirement?
- What role should Principal Investigators play in meeting NSF's RCR requirement?
- There are likely to be differences in the RCR plans that institutions develop to respond to this new requirement. What are the pros and cons of exploring a diversity of approaches?
- How might online resources be most effective in assisting with training students and postdocs in the responsible and ethical conduct of research?
- Discuss possible approaches to verifying that the requisite RCR training has been provided.

*Comments:* Comments regarding NSF's proposed implementation should be e-mailed to [RCRinput@nsf.gov](mailto:RCRinput@nsf.gov) by March 31, 2009. Please include your comments in the body of the e-mail and in an attachment. Include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and e-mail address in your message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the NSF's implementation of the America COMPETES Act, contact Jean Feldman; Head, Policy Office, Division of Institution & Award Support; National Science Foundation; 4201 Wilson Blvd.; Arlington, VA 22230; e-mail: [jjfeldman@nsf.gov](mailto:jjfeldman@nsf.gov); telephone: (703) 292-8243; fax: (703) 292-9171.

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Federal Regulatory Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is developing a set of recommendations to the President for a new Executive Order on Federal Regulatory Review, and invites public comments on how to improve the process and principles governing regulation.

**DATES:** Comments must be in writing and received by March 16, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*  
[oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov).
- *Fax:* (202) 395-7245.
- *Mail:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Records Management Center, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Mabel Echols, Room 10102, NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. We are still experiencing delays in the regular mail, including first class and express mail. To ensure that your comments are received on time, we recommend that comments be electronically submitted.

All comments submitted in response to this notice will be made available to the public on OMB's Web site. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an e-mail comment directly to OMB, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mabel Echols, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Records Management Center, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202) 395-6880.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For well over two decades, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) at OMB has reviewed Federal regulations. The purposes of such review have been to ensure consistency with Presidential priorities, to coordinate regulatory policy, and to offer a dispassionate and analytical "second opinion" on agency actions.

In a recent Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, published in the **Federal Register** [74 FR 5977], the President directed the Director of OMB to produce a set of recommendations for a new Executive Order on Federal regulatory review. Among other things, he stated

that the recommendations should offer suggestions for the following:

• The relationship between OIRA and the agencies;

- Disclosure and transparency;
- Encouraging public participation in agency regulatory processes;
- The role of cost-benefit analysis;
- The role of distributional considerations, fairness, and concern for the interests of future generations;
- Methods of ensuring that regulatory review does not produce undue delay;
- The role of the behavioral sciences in formulating regulatory policy; and
- The best tools for achieving public goals through the regulatory process.

Executive Orders are not subject to notice and comment procedures, and as a general rule, public comment is not formally sought before they are issued. In this case, however, there has been an unusually high level of public interest, and because of the evident importance and fundamental nature of the relevant issues, the Director of OMB invites public comments on the principles and procedures governing regulatory review. These comments will be read and considered seriously even though no responses will be given.

This public process is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Notice of Meeting of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ITAC-11)

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of a partially opened meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ITAC-11) will hold a meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and opened to the public from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2009, unless otherwise notified.