

**Basis for Closing Portions of the  
July 28-29, 2011 National Science Board Meeting**

On June 29-30, 2011, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close certain portions of the July 28-29, 2011 meeting. Board Members Drs. Bowen, Droegemeier, and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. A majority of the members voted “yes” to close portions of the July 28-29, 2011 meeting.

The Board Members, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will attend the closed portions of the meeting. The justification for closing particular portions of the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

## C E R T I F I C A T E

It is my opinion that portions of the meeting of the National Science Board (NSB) or its subdivisions scheduled for July 28-29, 2011 having to do with nominees for appointments as NSB members and National Science Foundation (NSF) staff, or with specific staffing or personnel issues or actions, may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2) and (6); those portions having to do with proposed budgets for a particular fiscal year may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. 1863(k); those portions 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); 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 may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (5), (7) and (10).

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