

**Basis for Closing the National Science Board's
July 29, 2010 Committee on Strategy and Budget Meeting**

On July 12, 2010, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the July 29, 2010 meeting of the Committee on Strategy and Budget. Board Members Drs. Marrett, Benbow, Bowen, and Gulari participated in the vote through an e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted "yes" to close the July 29, 2010 Committee on Strategy and Budget meeting.

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

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CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the National Science Board's Committee on Strategy and Budget meeting scheduled for July 29, 2010 having to do with proposed budgets for future fiscal years 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); and those portions disclosure of which would risk the circumvention of a statute or agency regulation may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2).

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