

**Basis for Closing the July 13, 2006 Meeting of the National Science Board  
Committee on Strategy and Budget**

On July 5-10, 2006, The National Science Board voted to close the July 13, 2006 teleconference meeting of the NSB Committee on Strategy and Budget after determining that the meeting is likely to disclose information about the National Science Foundation's fiscal year 2008 budget prior to the President's submission of that budget to Congress.

Drs. Arvizu, Barish, Beering, Bement, Bowen, Clough, Droegemeier, Ford, Hastings, Hoffman, Lanzerotti, Leshner, Strauss, Sullivan, and Vasquez participated in the vote through an e-mail polling of the Board. No Member voted against the closure of this meeting.

The Board Members, the Board's Executive Officer, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will attend this meeting.

## **CERTIFICATE**

It is my opinion that the meeting of the National Science Board's Committee on Strategy and Budget, scheduled for July 13, 2006, having to do with the National Science Foundation's FY 2008 budget submission to the Office of Management and Budget, may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k).

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