

**Basis for Closing the National Science Board's
June 15, 2010 Committee on Strategy and Budget Teleconference**

From May 25-28, 2010, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the June 15, 2010 teleconference of its Committee on Strategy and Budget. Board Members Drs. Bement, Benbow, Bowen, and Gulari participated in the vote through an e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. A majority of the members voted "yes" to close the June 15, 2010 teleconference of its Committee on Strategy and Budget.

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.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Strategy and Budget, National Science Board (NSB) scheduled for June 15, 2010, 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 the 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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