

of organizations who would like to offer comments related to the Judges Panel general process are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program website at https://patapasco.nist.gov/BoardofExam/Examiners_Judge2.cfm. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, Attention Robyn Verner, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–1020, via fax at 301–975–4967 or electronically by email to robyn.verner@nist.gov.

All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Robyn Verner no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, May 31, 2018, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Non-U.S. citizens must submit additional information; please contact Robyn Verner by email at robyn.verner@nist.gov or by phone at (301) 975–2702. Also, please note that under the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–13), federal agencies, including NIST, can only accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for access to federal facilities if issued by states that are REAL ID compliant or have an extension. NIST also currently accepts other forms of federal-issued identification in lieu of a state-issued driver's license. For detailed information please contact Ms. Verner or visit: http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/.

The portion of the meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time will include discussions on lessons learned from the 2017 judging process and on the 2018 Award process, and is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed. The Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of

the Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation and Information, formally determined on March 7, 2018, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that a portion of the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because for a government agency the meeting is likely to disclose information that could significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Portions of the meeting involve examination of prior year Award applicant data. Award applicant data are directly related to the commercial activities and confidential information of the applicants.

Kevin A. Kimball,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Termination of a Selected National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Service

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Chief of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) announces the termination of the Chemical Calibration: Certifiers of Spectrophotometric NIST Traceable Reference Materials (NTRMs) Program offered by NVLAP. The Chemical Calibration: Certifiers of Spectrophotometric NTRMs Program comprised laboratories that designed, prepared, characterized, certified and distributed NTRM filter reference materials.

DATES: The Chemical Calibration: Certifiers of Spectrophotometric NTRMs Program will be terminated immediately upon publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Chief, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop

2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2140, or by email at nvlap@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dana Leaman, Chief, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, (301) 975–4016 or dana.leaman@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST administers NVLAP under regulations found in 15 CFR part 285. NVLAP provides an unbiased third-party evaluation and recognition of laboratory performance, as well as expert technical assistance to upgrade that performance, by accrediting calibration and testing laboratories found competent to perform specific calibrations or tests. NVLAP is comprised of a set of Laboratory Accreditation Programs (LAPs) which are established on the basis of requests and demonstrated need. Each LAP includes specific test and/or calibration standards and related methods and protocols assembled to satisfy the unique needs for accreditation in the field of testing, field of calibration, product, or service.

Under 15 CFR 285.5, the Chief of NVLAP may terminate a specific LAP when it is determined that a need no longer exists to accredit laboratories for the services covered under the scope of the LAP. A review of the Chemical Calibration: Certifiers of Spectrophotometric NTRMs Program revealed that there are zero (0) laboratories enrolled in the program. Given this, it is unnecessary and not cost effective to continue this LAP. Therefore, the Chief of NVLAP has determined that there no longer exists a need to continue this LAP.

After the comment period, the Chief of NVLAP has determined there is no public support for the continuation of the LAP. NVLAP shall no longer grant or renew accreditations under the terminated program effective upon publication of this notice.

Kevin A. Kimball,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

NIST Consortium for Metrology of Additive Construction by Extrusion (MACE)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), an

agency of the United States Department of Commerce, is establishing the Metrology of Additive Construction by Extrusion (MACE) Consortium and invites organizations to participate in this Consortium. The Consortium will study the measurement science needs for the successful adoption of additive manufacturing by the construction industry. Participation in this Consortium is open to all eligible organizations, as described below. Participants will be required to sign a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA).

DATES: NIST will accept responses for participation in this Consortium until May 15th, 2018. The Consortium's activities will commence on June 1, 2018 ("Commencement Date"). Acceptance of participants into the Consortium after the Commencement Date will depend on eligibility, as determined by NIST based on information provided, and the availability of NIST resources.

ADDRESSES: Information submitted in response to this notice and request for additional information about the Consortium can be directed via mail to the NIST Consortium Manager, Dr. Scott Jones, Materials and Structural Systems Division of NIST's Engineering Laboratory, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8312, or via electronic mail to scott.jones@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about opportunities to join the MACE Consortium, or about the terms and conditions of NIST's Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), please contact Jeffrey DiVietro, CRADA Officer, National Institute of Standards and Technology's Technology Partnerships Office, by mail to 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 2200, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, by electronic mail to jeffrey.divietro@nist.gov, or by telephone at (301) 975-8779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additive construction by extrusion (ACE) has the potential to revolutionize construction by eliminating the need for formwork and enabling architectural or structural designs that cannot be achieved by standard practices. As ACE is in its early stages of development, this Consortium will study the measurement science needs for the successful adoption of ACE by the construction industry. The objective of this consortium will be to identify and then translate cementitious material measurements to in-line or in-process measurements for quality control and quality assurance of the ACE process.

The MACE consortium will undertake the following tasks over a three-year renewable period:

Task 1 will focus on correlating off-line measurements of fresh and hardening cement paste with measures of print quality. The objectives will be to determine material performance characteristics that are critical to the success of ACE.

Task 2 will focus on developing in-situ and in-process measurements that can be used to provide feedback into the control of the ACE process. The objective will be to implement material property measurements in line to the ACE process.

Task 3 will focus on scaling paste and mortar measurements to the concrete scale, including a proper consideration of field issues. This includes, but is not limited to, hardened property measurements; studies on curing practices and finishing procedures; and development of numerical simulations of material deposition. The objectives will be to measure hardened properties of 3-D printed structures and investigate how paste and mortar measurements can inform concrete-based ACE through the use of numerical simulations.

No proprietary information will be shared as part of the Consortium.

Process

Interested parties with relevant ACE capabilities (see below), products, and/or technical expertise to support this Consortium should contact NIST using the information provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Eligibility will be determined by NIST using the information provided by an organization in response to this notice based on the information requested below, and upon the availability of necessary resources to NIST. An eligible member must be involved in current or future efforts to advance ACE, either through commercial technology development or academic research.

An organization responding to this notice should provide the following information to NIST's Consortium Manager by email.

1. Description of organization's interest in ACE and current activities prompting the development of ACE.
2. Topics of interest from the statement of work. There is no limit on the number of areas of participation.
3. List of interested party's anticipated participants.
4. For non-profit institutions, anticipated in-kind donations and cost equivalency.

A responding organization should not include any business proprietary

information in its response to this request for information. NIST will not treat any information provided in response to this request as proprietary information.

NIST will notify each organization of its eligibility. In order to participate in this Consortium, each eligible organization must sign a CRADA for this Consortium. All participants to this Consortium will be bound by the same terms and conditions. Participation fees will be at least \$20,000 annually. For non-profit institutions, in-kind donations equivalent to the membership fee may be accepted, subject to the discretion of NIST and justification of cost equivalency. NIST does not guarantee participation in the Consortium to any organization.

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Kevin A. Kimball,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Board of Overseers) and the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel) will meet in open session on Thursday, June 7, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. The Board of Overseers, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, reports the results of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award) activities to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) each year, along with its recommendations for the improvement of the Award process. The Judges Panel, also appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, ensures the integrity of the Award selection process and recommends Award recipients to the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology and from the Chair of the Judges Panel. The agenda will include: Baldrige Program News, Alliance for