

Notice (PN) designating 10 MHz of non-Federal spectrum to be used in the Test-Bed pilot program and providing guidance for participants.² As described in the Notice and the PN, the Test-Bed pilot program will evaluate the ability of Dynamic Spectrum Access (DSA) devices employing spectrum sensing and/or geo-location techniques to share spectrum with land mobile radio (LMR) systems operating in the 410–420 MHz Federal band and in the 470–512 MHz non-Federal band.³ To address potential interference to incumbent spectrum users, the Test-Bed will include both laboratory and field measurements performed in three phases:

Phase I Equipment Characterization. Equipment employing DSA techniques will be sent to the NTIA Institute for Telecommunication Sciences in Boulder, Colorado to undergo characterization measurements of the DSA capabilities in response to simulated environmental signals.

Phase II Evaluation of Capabilities. After successful completion of Phase I, the DSA spectrum sensing and/or geo-location capabilities of the equipment will be evaluated in the geographic area of the Test-Bed.

Phase III Field Operation Evaluation. After successful completion of Phase II, the DSA equipment will be permitted to transmit in an actual radio frequency signal environment. An automatic signal logging capability will be used during operation of the Test-Bed to help resolve interference events if they occur. A point-of-contact will also be established to stop Test-Bed operations if interference is reported.

Eleven parties submitted solicitations of interest to participate in the Test-Bed pilot program. As a result of selection criteria specified in the February 2008 Federal Register Notice, the following parties were selected to participate in the Test-Bed pilot program: Adapt4 LLC, Adaptrum Inc., BAE Systems, Motorola Inc., Shared Spectrum Company, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.⁴

² See Federal Communications Commission Designates Spectrum and Provides Guidance For Participation in a Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed, *Public Notice*, ET Docket No. 06-89, 23 FCC Rcd. 1654 (Feb. 5, 2008).

³ Dynamic Spectrum Access technology allows a radio device to (i) evaluate its radio frequency environment using spectrum sensing, geo-location, or a combination of spectrum sensing and geo-location techniques, (ii) determine which frequencies are available for use on a non-interference basis, and (iii) reconfigure itself to operate on the identified frequencies.

⁴ Additional information on the Test-Bed pilot program is available at the following website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/frnotices/2006/spectrumshare/comments.htm>.

II. Request for Comments

As discussed in the February 2008 Federal Register Notice, a peer review process will be employed to give the public an opportunity to participate in the development of test plans for the Test-Bed pilot program.⁵ A copy of the draft Phase I test plan is available in HTML, Word, and PDF formats on the following website:

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/frnotices/2006/spectrumshare/comments.htm>.

On or before December 30, 2008, interested parties wishing to comment on the draft Phase I test plan should submit to the address set forth above, their name, address, phone number, e-mail address and their comments. NTIA will publish the final version of the Phase I test plan on its website.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–00xx.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 40 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 1,600 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: 40 hours. The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 40 hours to gather and prepare the necessary information, and submit the information to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: The public uses the National Medal of Technology and

⁵ There are certain limitations on the peer review process to take into account the proprietary rights of the developers participating in the Test-Bed. As part of the Test-Bed, NTIA may enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements or Joint Project Agreements with the equipment developers.

Innovation Nomination Application to recognize through nomination an individual's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The application must be accompanied by at least six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail: Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov. Once submitted, the request will be publically available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at www.reginfo.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.

Include "0651–00xx National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- **Fax:** 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- **Mail:** Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before January 14, 2009 to Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov or by fax (202) 395–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: December 8, 2008.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Evaluation of Export Offers

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),