

The external entity (or entities) would not perform any inherently governmental functions such as procurement policy, procurement decisions, or strategic implementation decisions.

## V. Request for Comments

EPA is seeking public input on the draft Guidelines and the concept of assessing non-governmental standards and ecolabels for voluntary use in Federal procurement. Recognizing that implementation of these draft Guidelines will call for additional stakeholder engagement and assessment processes, EPA also welcomes comment on the overall approach, including the potential pilot project. In particular:

1. How might the Guidelines benefit the broader marketplace?
2. Are there any draft Guidelines that should be removed or modified? Are there gaps in the draft Guidelines that could be addressed by a new Guideline(s)?
3. Are the designations of "baseline" and "leadership" in the draft Guidelines understandable? Can the designations be easily implemented? Do they appropriately reflect varying approaches in the marketplace today?
4. How should the leadership Guidelines be applied to standards and ecolabels in different product categories (e.g., different weightings in an overall conformity assessment scheme)?
5. What processes, approaches, measures, and mechanisms should be used to determine conformance with the Guidelines, if they are finalized and implemented?
6. Under what circumstances and under what authorities, if any, should the Federal Government require a particular type of conformity assessment to provide adequate confidence that the products have met a particular environmental performance standard or ecolabel?
7. Are there alternatives to the pilot project that EPA should consider?
8. If EPA were to move forward with a pilot project to test the proposed standards and ecolabels assessment approach, which product categories should be prioritized?
9. What challenges need to be addressed/resolved in implementing the proposed Guidelines in order to be a transparent, fair, and consistent process?

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, government procurement, standards, ecolabels, Guidelines.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Great Lakes Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces a public teleconference of the Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB). The purpose of the teleconference is to conclude discussions that will inform the development of a draft Great Lakes Restoration Initiative FY 2015-2019 Action Plan.

**DATES:** The public teleconference will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. Central Time, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Time. The teleconference number is: (877) 744-6030; Participant code: 11645588.

**ADDRESSES:** The public teleconference will take place by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this teleconference may contact Taylor Fiscus, Acting Designated Federal Officer (DFO), GLAB, by telephone at 312-353-6059 or email at [mailto:Fiscus.Taylor@epa.gov](mailto:mailto:Fiscus.Taylor@epa.gov). General information on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and the GLAB can be found on the GLRI Web site at <http://www.glri.us>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The GLAB is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. EPA established the GLAB in 2013 to provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator in her capacity as Chair of the federal Great Lakes Interagency Task Force. The GLAB conducts business in accordance with FACA and related regulations.

The GLAB consists of 18 members appointed by EPA's Administrator. Members serve as representatives of state, local and tribal government, environmental groups, agriculture, business, transportation, foundations, educational institutions, and as technical experts.

The GLAB held a teleconference and meeting on May 21-22, 2013 (as noticed in 78 FR 26636-26637) and on November 13, 2013 (as noted in 78 FR 66356) to discuss the development of a draft FY 2015-2019 GLRI Action Plan.

The teleconference will provide opportunity for members of the public to submit oral comments in response to the draft of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative FY 2015-2019 Action Plan.

#### Availability of Teleconference

**Materials:** The agenda and other materials in support of the teleconference will be available on the GLRI Web site at <http://www.glri.us> in advance of the teleconference.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Federal advisory committees provide independent advice to federal agencies. Members of the public can submit relevant comments for consideration by the GLAB. Input from the public to the GLAB will have the most impact if it provides specific information for the GLAB to consider. Members of the public wishing to provide comments should contact the Acting DFO directly.

**Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at this public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, subject to the number of people wanting to comment. Interested parties should contact the Acting DFO in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by December 9, 2013 to be placed on the list of public speakers for the teleconference.

**Written Statements:** Written statements must be received by December 9, 2013 so that the information may be made available to the GLAB for consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the Acting DFO in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via email. Commenters are requested to provide two versions of each document submitted: one each with and without signatures because only documents without signatures may be published on the GLRI Web page.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact the Acting DFO at the phone number or email address noted above, preferably at least 10 days prior to the teleconference, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: November 20, 2013.

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