

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Monday, June 24, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Monday, June 24, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time and will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time the same day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech, 7800 E. Tufts Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80237. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Lellock, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-4269, email: [Karen.Lellock@nist.gov](mailto:Karen.Lellock@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MEP Advisory Board (Board) is authorized under Section 3003(d) of the America COMPETES Act (Pub. L. 110-69) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The Board is composed of 10 members, appointed by the Director of NIST. MEP is a unique program consisting of centers across the United States and Puerto Rico with partnerships at the state, federal, and local levels. The Board provides a forum for input and guidance from the MEP program stakeholders in the formulation and implementation of tools and services focused on supporting and growing the U.S. manufacturing industry, provides advice on MEP's programs, plans, and policies, assesses the soundness of MEP's plans and strategies, and assesses current performance against MEP's program plans.

Background information on the Board is available at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/advisory-board.cfm>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Monday, June 24, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. This meeting will focus on (1) an update on MEP's strategic planning efforts, (2) system collaborations, (3) upcoming program evaluations and (4) partnership opportunities. The agenda may change to accommodate other Board business. The final agenda will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/advisory-board.cfm>. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the MEP regional meeting that will be held June 25-26 also at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center in Denver, Colorado.

Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must submit their name, email address and phone number to Karen Lellock by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, June 17, 2013. Ms. Lellock's email address is [karen.lellock@nist.gov](mailto:karen.lellock@nist.gov) and her phone number is 301-975-4269.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the MEP Advisory Board's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments at the beginning of the meeting. 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 no more than three to five minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board Web site as <http://www.nist.gov/mep/advisory-board.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 MEP Advisory Board, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, or via fax at (301) 963-6556, or electronically by email to [karen.lellock@nist.gov](mailto:karen.lellock@nist.gov).

Dated: May 22, 2013.

**Phillip Singerman,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Oro Verde Solar Project at Edwards Air Force Base and County of Kern, CA**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Air Force is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with the County of Kern, California to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the development of the Oro Verde Solar Project (OVSP) on Edwards AFB. The OVSP is a solar photovoltaic (PV) facility that involves the lease of non-excess Air Force lands to a private energy developer, SunEdison LLC, who will pursue the development of up to 450 Megawatts of renewable energy on Edwards Air Force Base (AFB). The Proposed Action includes construction, operation, and maintenance of the OVSP facility. As part of the Proposed Action, the developer would construct a 230-kilovolt (kV) generation interconnection (Gen-tie) line connecting the OVSP to Southern California Edison's Windhub substation or to the Los Angeles Department of Power and Water (LADWP) Barren Ridge-Rinaldi transmission line. The Gen-tie line would be constructed to support the delivery of the energy generated by the project. For the County of Kern, the Proposed Action is to approve a franchise agreement for routing of the Gen-tie line, and to amend land use plans to provide rights-of-way for the project in select locations along the proposed transmission route.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OVSP would be sited on 1,500 to 4,000 acres of available, non-excess Air Force land located on Edwards AFB. Alternatives which meet the purpose and need for Proposed Action have been identified and include the No Action Alternative and two additional alternatives. Alternative A includes full-scale project development of a 450 Megawatt solar PV project on up to 4,000 acres of Edwards AFB property located in the northwestern corner of the base. The project would include construction of a Gen-tie line of approximately 10-14 miles in total length. Alternative B represents a reduced-scale alternative for the construction and operation of a 150-200 Megawatt OVSP facility. Under Alternative B, the reduced-scale project would be sited on up to 2,000 acres of