

which is located on the 13th floor of the National Press Club. "Higher Education: A Critical Partner in Global Agricultural Development" continues to be the central theme of BIFAD's initiatives and the July meeting.

Dr. Robert Easter, Chairman of BIFAD, will preside over the proceedings. Dr. Easter is Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Food security, including the broadly emerging issues surrounding climate change, and the role of universities in partnership with USAID to achieve critical short and long-term development objectives is the focus of the Board's Agenda as set for the 157th meeting. The 157th meeting continues to build toward the establishment of a special strategic partnership between USAID and the university community and the launching of a university "Brain Trust." Underpinning these initiatives the Board's discussion incorporates the results from its second Conference of Deans (COD II) which was held in Washington, DC on June 28 and 29, 2009. The COD II's theme was "Building a Global Food Security Strategy: The Role of Higher Education in US International Development."

BIFAD's morning session will begin with a panel discussion, "BIFAD's Conference of Deans II: Perspectives on Food Security and the Role of Universities." University recommendations and USAID perspectives from the COD II will be presented. A second panel will compliment the first session with the discussion, "Partners in Development: Business, Cooperatives and NGOs." At mid-morning congressional staff will provide updates on directions and funding implications of the Lugar-Casey and McCollum Agriculture Bills. Particular attention will be directed to the HECTARE component of the legislation. Congressional presenters will be Connie Veillette, Senior Professional Staff Member, House Foreign Relation Committee and Peter Frosch, Legislative Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Time will be made available for questions from the public attending.

After the morning break the Board will hear commentary from the university community on "USAID's Agricultural Development Plans for Afghanistan." Several university perspectives will be presented.

Following an executive luncheon (closed to the public) the Board will continue discussion with an emphasis on agricultural innovation and responses to the impending climate

change, particularly from an agro-ecological perspective. This will be highlighted in a special panel presentation, "Climate Proofing Agriculture: Lessons from the System of Rice Intensification." The presentation will be led by Norman Uphoff, Program Leader for Sustainable Rice Intensification, Cornell University. USDA's response will be provided by Carol Kramer-LeBlanc, Director, Sustainable Development Program, USDA/CREES.

Shifting to a regional focus, USAID's Latin American Bureau will present to the Board key aspects of its trade-led strategy for agricultural diversification to promote agriculture and food security, "Optimizing the Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction Benefits of CAFTA-DR." This USAID presentation will be delivered by a representative from the Office of Sustainable Development, Bureau for Latin America.

Operational and management issues pertaining to the Board and linked to implementation of Title XII will be covered through several reports. First, the Board's sub-committee, Strategic Partnership for Agricultural Research and Education (SPARE), will report on its February 2009 meeting held at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Topics to be covered are SPARE's discussion on the Casey-Lugar Bill, specifically on how the Agency could implement the HECTARE portion of the legislation, and issues related to scaling-up agricultural programming in view of the Agency's increased efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The concluding report will be an update from USAID's Office of Acquisitions and Assistance (OAA) on USAID's rule regarding the use of key subcontractors by prime contractors; particularly with regard to universities as subcontractors.

The Board meeting is open to the public. The Board welcomes open dialogue to promote greater focus on critical issues facing USAID, the role of universities in development, and applications of U.S. scientific, technical and institutional capabilities to international agriculture. **Note on Public Comments:** Due to time constraints public comments to the Board will be limited to two (2) minutes to accommodate as many as possible. The comments must be submitted ahead of the meeting and they must be in writing.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Dr. Ronald S. Senykoff, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Amendments to Alternative Personnel Management System (APMS) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of amendments.

SUMMARY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces amendments to NIST's Alternative Personnel Management System (APMS). The amendments change the performance management system of the Senior Professional (ST) employees at NIST.

DATES: This notice is effective on July 21, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions or comments, please contact Susanne Porch at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, (301) 975-2487.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with Public Law 99-574, the NIST Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987 (15 U.S.C. 275 note), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approved a demonstration project plan, "Alternative Personnel Management System (APMS) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)," and published the plan in the **Federal Register** on October 2, 1987 (52 FR 37082). The project plan has been amended twice to clarify certain NIST authorities (54 FR 21331, May 17, 1989, and 55 FR 39220, September 25, 1990). The project plan and subsequent amendments were consolidated in the final APMS plan, which became permanent on October 21, 1997, (62 FR 54604). NIST published an amendment on May 6, 2005 (70 FR 23996), which became permanent on

June 6, 2005. NIST published an amendment on July 15, 2008 (FR 73 40502), which became permanent on October 1, 2008.

The plan provides for modifications to be made as experience is gained, results are analyzed, and conclusions are reached with regard to the working efficacy of the system. This notice formally amends the APMS plan to exclude NIST ST employees from the APMS performance management system and to include these employees in the Department of Commerce's 5-level performance management system. NIST is making this modification because it has determined that ST employees should be evaluated in the same manner as all other Department of Commerce ST employees, which is under the 5-level performance management system.

Dated: July 16, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,
Deputy Director.

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I. Executive Summary

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is removing its Senior Professional (ST) employees from the Alternative Personnel Management System (APMS) performance management system. Instead, ST employees will be covered under the Department of Commerce's 5-level performance management system.

This amendment modifies the July 15, 2008 (73 FR 40502) amendment. Specifically, NIST will exclude ST employees from the performance management piece of the APMS. NIST ST employees will be covered under the Department of Commerce's 5-level performance management system.

NIST will continually monitor the effectiveness of this amendment.

II. Basis for APMS Plan Modification

NIST determined that ST employees should be evaluated in the same manner as all other Department of Commerce ST employees, which is under the 5-level performance management system.

III. Changes in the APMS Plan

The APMS at the NIST, published in the **Federal Register** on October 21, 1997 (62 FR 54604), as amended May 6, 2005 (70 FR 23996), and July 15, 2008 (73 FR 40502) is amended as follows:

1. *Senior Executive Service (SES) and ST-3104 Positions* (62 FR 54607) is replaced with the following: The personnel systems for SES positions (see 5 U.S.C. 3131–3136 and 5 U.S.C. 5381–

5385) did not change for the NIST APMS. SES classification, staffing, compensation, performance appraisal, awards and reduction in force are based on standard SES methods. ST-3104 positions (see 5 U.S.C. 3104 and 5376) are covered under the Department of Commerce's 5-level performance management system. Classification, staffing and compensation, however, did not change. Neither SES nor ST-3104 employees were subject to the pro rata share payouts upon conversion to the NIST APMS system. Pay adjustments for their positions under the NIST APMS are carried out in accordance with existing Federal rules pertaining to SES and ST-3104 pay adjustments.

2. *Performance Evaluation and Rewards, Coverage* (62 FR 54611) is amended as follows: All employees covered by the NIST APMS are covered by the APMS performance evaluation and rewards system, except that NIST may remove from the system any position not filled by career or career-conditional appointment. ST-3104 employees have their performance evaluated under the Department of Commerce's 5-level performance management system and may receive bonuses under that system. Members of the Senior Executive Service remain under the DOC-NIST SES performance appraisal, pay and bonus system.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Tissue Paper Products from the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Smith or Brandon Custard, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1766 or (202) 482-1823, respectively.

Background

On April 6, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the administrative review of

the antidumping duty order on certain tissue paper products from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), covering the period March 1, 2007, through February 29, 2008. See *Certain Tissue Paper Products from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the 2007-2008 Administrative Review and Intent Not to Revoke Order in Part*, 74 FR 15449 (April 6, 2009). The current deadline for the final results in this review is August 4, 2009.

Extension of Time Limits for Final Results of Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires the Department to issue the final results of the review of an antidumping duty order within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results is published in the **Federal Register**. If it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, the Department may extend that 120-day period to 180 days.

Having provided the interested parties more time to submit publicly available information and case and rebuttal briefs for consideration in the final results of this review, the Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review within the current time frame, as it requires additional time to properly analyze the data and arguments submitted by the interested parties.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of this review until October 5, 2009, which is the next business day after 180 days after the date on which the notice of the preliminary results was published in the **Federal Register**.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 14, 2009.

John M. Andersen,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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