

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Located in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico, the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary includes three separate areas, known as East Flower Garden, West Flower Garden, and Stetson Banks. The Sanctuary was designated on January 17, 1992. Stetson Bank was added to the Sanctuary in 1996. The Sanctuary Advisory Council will consist of no more than 21 members; 16 nongovernmental voting members and 5 governmental non-voting members. The Council may serve as a forum for consultation and deliberation among its members and as a source of advice to the Sanctuary manager regarding the management of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary. Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: October 4, 2011.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Membership of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Membership on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Performance Review Board Membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314 (c)(4), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce (DOC), announce the appointment of those individuals who have been selected to serve as members of NTIA's Performance Review Board. The Performance Review Board is responsible for (1) reviewing performance appraisals and rating of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and (2) making recommendations to the appointing authority on other performance management issues, such as pay adjustments, bonuses and Presidential Rank Awards for SES

members. The appointment of these members to the Performance Review Board will be for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

DATES: The period of appointment for those individuals selected for NTIA's Performance Review Board begins on October 17, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DATES: The period of appointment for those individuals selected for NTIA's Performance Review Board begins on October 17, 2011. The name, position title, and type of appointment of each member of NTIA's Performance Review Board are set forth below by organization:

Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)

Renee A. Macklin, Chief Information Officer, ITA, Career SES.

Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Leonard M. Bechtel, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration, Career SES, Chairperson, (*New Member*).

Bernadette A. McGuire-Rivera, Associate Administrator for Telecommunications and Information Applications, Career SES.

Karl B. Nebbia, Associate Administrator for Spectrum Management, Career SES.

Alan W. Vincent, Associate Administrator for Telecom Sciences and Director Institute for Telecom Sciences, Career SES.

Dated: October 11, 2011.

Susan Boggs,

Director, Office of Staffing, Recruitment and Classification, Department of Commerce Human Resources Operations Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2011-0056]

Request for Comments on Intellectual Property Enforcement in China

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: As China has become a major trading partner for the United States, U.S. rights holders are increasingly seeking to protect and enforce their intellectual property (IP) in that country. China's patent and trademark offices are now among the largest in the world in terms of filings, and its IP enforcement system is being increasingly utilized by U.S. rights holders. Ensuring that the Chinese IP system works in a fair and timely manner for U.S. innovators is a top priority for the U.S. Government.

To that end, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in collaboration with other U.S. Government agencies, is leading an effort to identify and assess the challenges U.S. inventors are facing with China's judicial and administrative patent enforcement systems. The USPTO would like to address the concerns of rights holders by working with them to identify problems—such as difficulties in gathering evidence, meeting evidentiary requirements, protecting proprietary information, obtaining adequate damages, and enforcing preliminary injunctions—to then find ways to address these issues with the Chinese Government.

As part of this effort, the USPTO, in coordination with the White House Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC), has conducted a series of roundtables to obtain the views of diverse members of the patent community who have first-hand experience enforcing their patents in China. Roundtables were held on July 19, 2011, in Washington, DC; on July 26, 2011, in Beijing, China; on July 29, 2011, in Shanghai, China; and on August 1, 2011, in Guangzhou, China.