

or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. ARRA 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination under 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the **Federal Register**. The finding relevant to this waiver is at ARRA 1605(b)(1), that applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest.

In drafting this waiver, IHS considered the fact that these types of components are used in State of Alaska and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funded projects as well as those funded by the IHS. The State's remote maintenance worker program, which provides technical assistance to village operators on the operation and maintenance of their systems, is dependent on the standardization of those items since almost all travel to assist Native village system operators must be accomplished on small single engine aircraft with limited cargo capacity. The disproportionate cost and delay that would be imposed on projects if the IHS did not issue this waiver would jeopardize project completion and related jobs in remote areas including Alaska villages where the only means of transporting such components is by air. In addition, the majority of Alaska sanitation facilities construction projects occur in remote locations, the summer construction season is very short, and water and wastewater systems and their component equipment must be reliable during the long Alaska winters with its sub-zero temperatures.

Based on the findings discussed above and pursuant to Section 1605(c), the IHS is hereby granting waivers to the ANTHC for the projects listed above. The IHS has determined that imposing the Buy American requirement for the items incorporated into the listed projects would be inconsistent with the public interest and particularly with ARRA's directives to ensure expeditious construction consistent with prudent management. Accordingly, IHS is hereby issuing waivers from the requirements of ARRA Section 1605(a) to ANTHC for the components described for the listed projects.

The ANTHC must retain relevant documentation as to these project items in their project files, including the types and/or categories of items to which this waiver is applied, the total cost of components covered by the waiver for each type or category, and the calculations by which they determined the total cost of materials used in and incorporated into the project.

The IHS has determined that the ANTHC's waiver request is late, but for the reasons set forth below the IHS will evaluate the request as if it were timely made even though the request was made after the project execution. Pursuant to the OMB guidance at 2 CFR 176.120, the IHS may determine that the ANTHC's request can be evaluated as timely if the recipient demonstrates why it could not request the determination before making the obligation or if the need for a waiver was not reasonably foreseeable. For those waivers which do not have a reasonably foreseeable basis for lateness, but for which the waiver basis is valid and there is no apparent gain by the ARRA recipient or loss on behalf of the government, then IHS will still consider granting the waiver.

The waiver request was not submitted earlier because of extensive legal discussions regarding waiver qualifications and whether Tribal community systems were considered public works. Tribal land status under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act is complex, and differs from that of Tribal lands on lower 48 reservations, and could have affected the applicability of Buy American provisions.

Delaying ongoing construction projects of needed water and wastewater systems will create public health implications in remote Alaska communities and there is no indication that ANTHC failed to request a waiver to avoid the requirements of the ARRA. In the interest of the Alaska Natives benefitting from the sanitation facilities constructed in the communities in this notice, the ANTHC decided to request this waiver. Accordingly, the IHS will evaluate the request as if it were timely made.

The IHS has determined, based on its 50-year experience constructing sanitation facilities for Alaska Native communities and the professional engineering judgment of the IHS Alaska Area Office, that it is in the overall public interest and benefit to incorporate the items in the listed sanitation facilities construction projects.

Further, as described above, in some cases projects are jointly funded by IHS and the EPA. The waivers apply to the

listed projects regardless of whether the funding for the projects originated from IHS or EPA.

Authority: Public Law 111-5, Section 1605.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Betty Gould, Regulations Officer, 801 Thompson Avenue, TMP, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852-1627; call non-toll free (301) 443-7899; send via facsimile to (301) 443-9879; or send your email requests, comments, and return address to: Betty.Gould@ihs.gov.

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Yvette Roubideaux,
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group Subcommittee J—Population and Patient-Oriented Training
Date: February 16, 2012.

Time: 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Contact Person: Ilda M. McKenna, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Research Training Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, 6116 Executive Boulevard, ROOM 8111, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-7481, mckennai@mail.nih.gov.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/irg/irg.htm>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention

Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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Jennifer S. Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

Date: January 27, 2012.

Closed: 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Open: 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Agenda: Staff reports on divisional, programmatic, and special activities.

Place: National Institutes of Health Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Craig A. Jordan, PhD, Director, Division of Extramural Activities,

NIDCD, NIH, Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, 6120 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892-7180, (301) 496-8693, jordanc@nidcd.nih.gov.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/groups/ndcdac/ndcdac.htm, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel Special Emphasis Panel Two

Date: January 24-25, 2012.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel & Executive M, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Shakeel Ahmad, Ph.D. Scientific Review Officer, Research Programs Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Room 8139, Bethesda, MD 20892-8328, (301) 594-0114, ahmads@mail.nih.gov.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/sep/sep.htm>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Agency Information Collection Activities: Screening Requirements for Carriers

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning: Screening Requirements for Carriers. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 21, 2012, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 799 9th Street NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC. 20229-1177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information