

well as U.S. companies seeking to enter this market for the first time are encouraged to apply.

Fees and Expenses:

After a company has been selected to participate in the mission, a payment to the U.S. Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The participation fee is \$4,800 for a single participant for a small- or medium-sized enterprise (SME)¹ and \$5,245 for a single participant for a large firm. Participants per company will be limited due to space constraints. The fee for each additional participant is \$1,500. Applicants are encouraged to provide a clear business purpose and clarification of role of any additional participants proposed to participate in the mission.

Interpretation services for official activities are included in the fee. Expenses for travel, lodging, meals, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant. Lodging and meals for each participant will cost approximately \$150 USD per day.

Conditions for Participation:

- An applicant must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the U.S. Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the application.

- Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least fifty-one percent U.S. content.

Selection Criteria for Participation:

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of the company's products or services to the mission goals.
- Applicant's potential for business in Afghanistan.
- Consistency of the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission.

(Additional factors, such as diversity of company, size, type and location,

may be considered during the selection process)

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and will not be considered during the selection process.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including posting on the U.S. Department of Commerce trade missions calendar—<http://www.trade.gov/trade-missions/>—and other Internet Web sites, publication in domestic trade publications and association newsletters, direct outreach to the Department's clients and distribution lists, publication in the **Federal Register**, and announcements at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than January 3, 2012, by the close of business. Applications received after January 3, 2012, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Disclaimer, Security, and Transportation

Business development mission members participate in the mission and undertake related travel at their own risk and are advised to obtain insurance accordingly. Any question regarding insurance coverage must be resolved by the participant. The U.S. Government does not make any representations or guarantees as to the safety or security of participants. Companies should consult the State Department's travel warning for Afghanistan: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_2121.html; http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_2121.html.

ITA will coordinate with the U.S. Embassy in Kabul to arrange for transportation of the mission participants to and from the airport and lodging facilities. The primary venue for the mission has security measures in place.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

President's Export Council: Meeting of the President's Export Council

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

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's Export Council will hold a meeting to discuss topics related to the National Export Initiative, and to provide advice regarding how to promote U.S. exports, jobs, and growth.

DATES: November 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. (ET)

ADDRESSES: The President's Export Council will convene its next meeting via live webcast on the Internet at <http://whitehouse.gov/live>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Masserman, President's Export Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4501, email: Michael.Masserman@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The President's Export Council was first established by Executive Order on December 20, 1973 to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. export trade and report to the President on its activities and on its recommendations for expanding U.S. exports. The President's Export Council was renewed most recently by Executive Order 13585 of September 30, 2011, for the two-year period October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2013. This Committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Public Submissions: The public is invited to submit written statements to the President's Export Council by C.O.B. November 1, 2011 by either of the following methods:

Electronic Statements

Submit electronic statements via the President's Export Council Web site at <http://trade.gov/pec/peccomments.asp>; or

Paper Statements

Send paper statements to Michael Masserman, President's Export Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

All statements will be posted on the President's Export Council Web site (<http://trade.gov/pec/peccomments.asp>) without change, including any business or personal information provided such

¹ An SME is defined as a firm with 500 or fewer employees or that otherwise qualifies as a small business under SBA regulations. See <http://www.sba.gov/contractingopportunities/owners/basics/whatis-small-business/index.html>. Parent companies, affiliates, and subsidiaries will be considered when determining business size. The dual pricing reflects the Commercial Service's user fee schedule that became effective May 1, 2008. See <http://www.export.gov/newsletter/march2008/initiatives.html>.

as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

Meeting minutes: Copies of the Council's meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting and the meeting will be available for replay at <http://www.trade.gov/pec>.

Dated: October 24, 2011.

Michael Masserman,

President's Export Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 110727437-1613-02]

Extension of the Due Date for Submitting Comments on Research and Development Priorities for Desirable Features of a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for Comments; extension.

SUMMARY: On September 12, 2011, NIST published a Request for Comment in the **Federal Register**, inviting interested parties to submit written comments on various possible features of a new nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. The comments will be used by NIST to help determine research and development priorities in anticipation of the President's Wireless Innovation (WIN) Fund to help drive innovation of next-generation network technologies. NIST is publishing this notice to extend the deadline for the submission of comments pertaining to the September 12, 2011 notice until 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. No other changes are being made to the originally published Request for Comment.

DATES: Comments are due on or before 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Comments received between 5 p.m. on October 12, 2011, and the publication date of this notice are deemed to be timely.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Dereck Orr, dereck.orr@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dereck Orr, Office of Law Enforcement

Standards, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 325 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80305, telephone number (303) 497-5400. Mr. Orr's e-mail address is dereck.orr@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Obama Administration has announced its support for legislation that would create a not-for-profit Public Safety Broadband Corporation to oversee the deployment of a nationwide network that meets the needs of local, state, Tribal, and Federal public safety communities.¹ The Administration has also proposed a \$3 billion WIN Fund to help drive innovation through research, experimentation, testbeds, and applied development. Of the \$3 billion, \$500 million will be devoted to research and development (R&D) for the new public safety broadband network.² The Public Safety Innovation Fund (PSIF), NIST's component of the proposed WIN Fund, helps spur the development of cutting-edge wireless technologies.

On September 12, 2011, NIST published a Request for Comment in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 56165), inviting interested parties to provide written comments on proposed features of a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network for this R&D, which were identified by the NIST Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology with the input of public safety and their identified operational requirements. The due date for the submission of comments as set forth in the original Request for Comment was 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on October 12, 2011. NIST is extending the due date for submission of comments until 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 in order to provide interested parties additional time to submit their comments. Comments received between 5 p.m. on October 12, 2011, and the publication date of this notice are deemed to be timely. No other changes are being made to the originally published Request for Comment.

¹ Comments of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration before the Federal Communications Commission in the matter of Service Rules for the 698-747, 747-762 and 777-792 Band (WT Docket No. 06-150); Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band (PS Docket No. 06-229); Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules (WP Docket No. 07-100). http://www.ntia.doc.gov/filings/2011/NTIA_Public_Safety_Network_Comments_06102011.pdf.

² President Obama Details Plan to Win the Future through Expanded Wireless Access. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/02/10/president-obama-details-plan-win-future-through-expanded-wireless-access>.

Dated: October 13, 2011.

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Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a three-day meeting on November 15-17, 2011 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 15-17, starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, and at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Newport Marriott Hotel, 25 America's Cup Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island 02840; *telephone:* (401) 849-1000; *fax:* (401) 849-3422.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Following introductions and any announcements, brief reports will be presented by the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director, NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator (Northeast Region), Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel, representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and staff from the Vessel Monitoring Systems Operations and Law Enforcement offices. A Coast Guard representative also will provide the Council with a report on the implementation of the Coast Guard Authorization Act. That discussion will be followed by a review of any experimental fishery permit