

maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.” 2 CFR 176.60. However, section 1605(b)(1) and (2) of the Recovery Act also allow the head of a Federal department or agency to issue a “determination of inapplicability” of these provisions to any procurement of the listed items if the restrictions would be inconsistent with the public interest; if the iron, steel, or relevant manufactured good is only available at an unreasonable cost; or if it is not produced or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality (“non-availability”). Pursuant to sections 1605(b)(1) and (2), NIST has determined that the required heat recovery ventilator is not available in the United States.

In September 2010, NIST awarded an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or Recovery Act) contract in the amount of \$2,580,110 to Therrien Waddell for the construction of a NETZERO Energy Residential Test Facility (NZERTF) at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD. The objective of the NZERTF is to demonstrate that a home, similar in aesthetics to a home in surrounding communities, can produce as much energy on an annual basis as it uses in on-site renewable resources.

The contract required that the contractor purchase and install one Venmar EKO 1.5 heat recovery ventilator (HRV), which was estimated to cost \$1,600. The specified HRV is manufactured in Germany. An HRV is a piece of mechanical equipment that provides mechanical (as opposed to natural) ventilation for facilities like the NZERTF and allows the building to be sealed tight against air leakage.

The specified HRV is essential to meet the project objective, as it reduces the energy required to heat and cool the home while providing acceptable indoor air quality. Without the specified residential-sized HRV, the annual energy required for the home exceeds the amount that can be produced by the solar panels and thus the facility would not meet its design objective of net zero energy on an annual basis.

Based on NIST’s and the contractor’s review of the market place and various vendors’ product availability, NIST determined there were no HRVs manufactured in the United States that met the contract specifications or NIST’s requirements. Pursuant to section 1605, NIST has determined that the required heat recovery ventilator is “not available.”

Authority: Pub. L. 111–5, section 1605.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance Structure for the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology announces the release of a paper entitled Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance Structure on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. This paper supports the implementation of the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace and responds to comments received in response to the related Notice of Inquiry published in the *Federal Register* on June 14, 2011.

DATES: The Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance Structure paper was made available on February 7, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance Structure paper is available at www.nist.gov/nstic/2012-nstic-governance-recs.pdf. The NIST Web site for the NSTIC and its implementation is www.nstic.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The paper entitled Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance Structure was written in support of the implementation of the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC). On June 14, 2011, NIST published a Notice of Inquiry in the *Federal Register* (76 FR

34650), requesting input from the public regarding Models for a Governance Structure for the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace. On August 16, 2011, NIST published a Notice in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 50719), extending the deadline for comments. The paper summarizes the comments received in response to the NOI and provides recommendations and intended government actions to serve as a catalyst for establishing such a governance structure. The recommendations result from comments and suggestions received from the NOI respondents as well as best practices and lessons learned from similarly scoped governance efforts. To accelerate the launch of the Steering Group, the paper integrates the recommendations into a proposed Steering Group charter.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Presentation of Final Conventional Conformance Test Criteria and Common Air Interface (CAI) Features/Functionalities Under Test in the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program and Meeting To Seek Comment on Conventional Conformance Tests for Inclusion in the Program

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

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce’s (DOC) National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Law Enforcement Standards Office (OLES), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office for Interoperability and Compatibility (OIC), will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 1 p.m. Mountain Time, via teleconference. The purpose of the meeting is to present the final criteria for assessing the suitability of P25 Compliance Assessment Program (CAP) conventional conformance tests, as well as the final, prioritized list of features and functionalities that will require conformance testing in the P25 CAP.