

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****U.S. Healthcare Education Mission to New Delhi, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad, India, January 27–February 1, 2014**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Amendment.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration is amending the Notice published at 78 FR 42505, July 16, 2013, regarding the U.S. Healthcare Education Mission to New Delhi, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad, India to revise the contact.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There is now a new mission contact.

Amendments

For the reasons stated above, the Contact Information section of the Notice of the U.S. Healthcare Education Mission to New Delhi, Hyderabad, and Ahmedabad, India, January 27–February 1, 2014 is amended as follows: U.S. Export Assistance Center Milwaukee: Koreen M. Grube, International Trade Specialist; U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration; Tel: 414–297–1853; Koreen.Grube@trade.gov.

Contact Information

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Trade Program Assistant.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

[Docket No. 130508459–3922–02]

Possible Models for the Administration and Support of Discipline-Specific Guidance Groups for Forensic Science

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

ACTION: Notice, extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: NIST is extending the deadline for submitting comments relating to Possible Models for the Administration and Support of Discipline-Specific Guidance Groups for Forensic Science. Due to the lack of availability of information posted on the NIST Web site, and the lack of NIST staff to respond to questions during the recent government shutdown due to a lapse in appropriations, the public may not have been able to formulate or submit their input. To allow the public sufficient time to formulate and submit their comments, NIST is extending the comment period from 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, November 12, 2013 to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 26, 2013.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, November 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by mail to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, c/o Susan Ballou, 100 Bureau Drive, Mailstop 8102, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Electronic comments may be sent to susan.ballou@nist.gov. Electronic submissions may be in any of the following formats: HTML, ASCII, Word, rtf, or PDF. All email messages and comments received are a part of the public record and will be made available to the public generally without change on the NIST Law Enforcement Standards Office Web site; www.nist.gov/oles/forensics/. For this reason, comments should not include confidential, proprietary, or business sensitive information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this Notice contact: Susan Ballou, Office of Special Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mailstop 8102, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone (301) 975–8750; email susan.ballou@nist.gov. Please direct media inquiries to the NIST's Office of Public Affairs, Media Liaison, Ms. Jennifer Huergo, utilizing the email address: Jennifer.huergo@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 27, 2013, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced that it was soliciting input for possible models for the administration and support of discipline-specific guidance groups for Forensic Science (78 FR 59654). That Notice of Inquiry may be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/09/27/2013-23617>. Due to the lack of availability of information posted on

the NIST Web site, and the lack of NIST staff to respond to questions during the recent government shutdown due to a lapse in appropriations, the public may not have been able to formulate or submit their input. To allow the public sufficient time to formulate and submit their comments, NIST is extending the comment period from 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, November 12, 2013, to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 26, 2013.

Dated: November 5, 2013.

Kevin Kimball,
NIST Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

[Docket No. 131023883–3883–01]

Draft Guidance on Intellectual Property Rights for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation and Draft Institute Performance Metrics for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Advanced Manufacturing National Program Office (AMNPO), hosted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), announces the release for public comment of two AMNPO draft documents entitled *Draft Guidance on Intellectual Property Rights for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation* and *Draft Institute Performance Metrics for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation*. The first document describes draft guidance pertaining to intellectual property (IP) management, and the second document describes draft institute performance metrics, for the proposed National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) and the individual manufacturing innovation institutes that compose the network. These two documents were produced by the federal interagency AMNPO, hosted by NIST. The AMNPO seeks public comments on the two documents. All comments received will be made publicly available.

DATES: Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time December 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments on each document should be provided separately. Comments should be sent to amnpo@nist.gov with the Subject, "NNMI DRAFT IP" or "NNMI DRAFT Metrics." Comments will only be accepted by email.

The AMNPO draft documents are available on the web at the addresses shown below:

- *Draft Guidance on Intellectual Property Rights for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation* at: http://www.manufacturing.gov/docs/nnmi_draft_ip.pdf, and

- *Draft Institute Performance Metrics for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation* at: http://www.manufacturing.gov/docs/nnmi_draft_metrics.pdf.

An electronic version of the Comment Form that is to be used to provide comment for either report is available on the web at: http://www.manufacturing.gov/docs/comment_matrix.pdf. The Web site for the AMNPO is <http://www.manufacturing.gov/welcome.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this announcement, contact Frank Gayle, Advanced Manufacturing National Program Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 100 Bureau Drive, Mailstop 4040, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone (301) 975-8280; email amnpo@nist.gov. Please direct media inquiries to Mark Bello, NIST Office of Public Affairs, telephone (301) 975-3776; email mark.bello@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's manufacturing agenda includes his vision for an NNMI, first announced on March 9, 2012.¹ The NNMI focuses on strengthening and ensuring the long-term competitiveness and job-creating power of U.S. manufacturing by creating a network of individual manufacturing innovation institutes. Each institute would serve as a regional hub designed to bridge the gap between basic research and product development, bringing together companies, universities and community colleges, and Federal agencies to co-invest in technology areas that encourage investment and production in the U.S. This type of innovation infrastructure provides a unique "teaching factory" that allows for education and training of students and workers at all levels, while providing

the shared assets to help companies, most importantly small and medium-sized manufacturers, access the cutting-edge capabilities and equipment to design, test, and pilot new products and manufacturing processes.

Each institute will serve as a regional hub of manufacturing excellence, providing the innovation infrastructure to support regional manufacturing and ensuring that our manufacturing sector is a key pillar in an economy that is built to last. Each institute also will have a well-defined focus to address industrially relevant manufacturing challenges on a large scale and to provide the capabilities and facilities required to reduce the cost and risk of commercializing new technologies.

On December 15, 2011, Commerce Secretary John Bryson announced the establishment of a national program office within the Department of Commerce to coordinate and help implement the President's advanced manufacturing partnership.² The AMNPO, hosted by NIST, is charged with convening and enabling industry-led, private-public partnerships focused on manufacturing innovation, engaging U.S. universities, and designing and implementing an integrated national advanced manufacturing initiative to facilitate collaboration and information-sharing across Federal agencies. AMNPO partner agencies include Department of Commerce's NIST, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing Office, Department of Labor, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and National Science Foundation.

On May 4, 2012, the AMNPO issued a Request for Information (RFI), seeking public comment on specific questions related to the structure and operations of the NNMI and the individual Institutes for Manufacturing Innovation. The RFI was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 26509) and may be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-04/pdf/2012-10809.pdf>. Comments in response to the RFI were due on or before 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on October 25, 2012. All comments received in response to the RFI are available online at http://www.manufacturing.gov/rfi_responses.html. In August of 2013, NISTIR G2013-1050, entitled *Request for Information: Response Summary for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation*, was published and is

available at: http://www.manufacturing.gov/docs/RFI_summary.pdf.

The AMNPO also held four NNMI workshops as part of its strategy for soliciting nation-wide input on building the NNMI in conjunction with the published RFI. The first workshop was held on April 25, 2012, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, the second on July 9, 2012, at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, the third on September 27, 2012, at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering in Irvine, California, and the fourth on October 18, 2012, at the Millennium Harvest House in Boulder, Colorado. A final workshop was held on January 16, 2013, at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Davidson Center for Space Exploration, Huntsville, Alabama, after the conclusion of the RFI solicitation period, and included review of the comments received. Summary reports for all five workshops are available on the web at: http://www.manufacturing.gov/pubs_resources.html.

As part of his *We Can't Wait* efforts, President Obama announced in March of 2012, that immediate steps would be taken to launch a pilot institute to serve as a proof-of-concept demonstration for the NNMI Institutes.³ A collaborative inter-agency team of technical experts led by the Department of Defense, in partnership with the Department of Energy, NASA, National Science Foundation, and the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology, determined that Additive Manufacturing showed great promise for the defense, energy, space and commercial sectors of the Nation. In August, 2012, the selection of the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute (NAMII), a partnership that includes manufacturing firms, universities, community colleges, and nonprofit organizations from the Ohio-Pennsylvania-West Virginia "Tech Belt," was announced.⁴

On January 16, 2013, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) released a report based on the input of nearly 900 stakeholders that describes an approach for implementing and managing the proposed NNMI. The development of the report, *National Network for Manufacturing Innovation: A Preliminary Design*, was informed by

¹ President Obama to Announce New Efforts to Support Manufacturing Innovation, Encourage Insourcing; <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/03/09/president-obama-announce-new-efforts-support-manufacturing-innovation-en>.

² <http://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2011/12/16/commerce-secretary-john-bryson-lays-out-vision-department-commerce>.

³ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/03/09/president-obama-announce-new-efforts-support-manufacturing-innovation-en>.

⁴ <http://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2012/08/16/obama-administration-announces-new-public-private-partnership-support>.

public comment received.⁵ Most recently, on May 9, 2013, the President announced competitions to create three new manufacturing innovation institutes, and the Administration continues to call on Congress to act on the President's proposal and FY 2014 Budget that includes a one-time \$1 billion investment at the Department of Commerce to create the NNMI.⁶

Request for Comments: The AMNPO requests public comments from all interested parties on two AMNPO draft documents, entitled *Draft Guidance on Intellectual Property Rights for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation* and *Draft Institute Performance Metrics for the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation*. These documents address topics identified by stakeholders, as high priorities for the NNMI identified in the RFI and in the four NNMI workshops. Documents related to additional high priority NNMI matters may be issued in this manner in the future. Public comments must be submitted by email, using the template that can be found at http://www.manufacturing.gov/docs/comment_matrix.pdf, to the address given above in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments on each document should be provided separately using the template referenced within the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. All comments will be made publicly available without redaction, so the public should not include personal or proprietary information in comments. See the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice should problems be encountered submitting comments.

Dated: November 6, 2013.

Phillip Singerman,

Associate Director for Innovation and Industry Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 1206013325-3912-03]

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Notice of 12-Month Finding on a Petition To List the Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) as an Endangered or Threatened Distinct Population Segment (DPS) in the Gulf of Mexico

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

ACTION: Status review; notice of finding.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, announce a 12-month finding on a petition to list the sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) in the Gulf of Mexico as an endangered or threatened distinct population segment (DPS) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended (ESA). We conducted a review of the status of this population, as described below. Based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we find that the petitioned action is not warranted.

DATES: The finding announced in this notice was made on November 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Information used to make this finding is available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at NMFS Headquarters, Protected Resources Office, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. This file includes the information provided by the public and scientific and commercial information gathered for the status review. The petition and a list of the references we used can also be found at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marta Nammack, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 427-8469.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 2011, we received a petition from WildEarth Guardians to list the sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) population in the Gulf of Mexico as an endangered or threatened Distinct Population Segment (DPS) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); sperm whales are currently listed as a single endangered species throughout their global range (35 FR 8495; June 2, 1970). The petitioner also requested designation of critical habitat concurrent with the listing.

After reviewing the petition, the literature cited in the petition, and other

literature and information available in our files, we found that the petition met the requirements of the regulations under 50 CFR 424.14(b)(2) and determined that the petition presented substantial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted (78 FR 19176; March 29, 2013). At that time, we commenced a status review of the sperm whale in the Gulf of Mexico and solicited information pertaining to the population. Section 4(b)(3)(B) of the ESA requires that when a petition to revise the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants is found to present substantial scientific and commercial information, we make a finding on whether the petitioned action is (a) not warranted, (b) warranted, or (c) warranted but precluded from listing by other pending proposals of higher priority. This finding is to be made within 12 months of the date the petition was received, and the finding is to be published promptly in the **Federal Register**.

There are two key tasks associated with conducting an ESA status review. The first is to determine whether the petitioned entity qualifies as one or more species under the ESA. The ESA defines the term "species" to include "any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate fish or wildlife which interbreeds when mature." If the petitioned entity qualifies as a species, the second task is to conduct an extinction risk assessment to determine whether the species is threatened or endangered. The ESA defines the term "endangered species" as "any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range." The term "threatened species" is defined as "any species which is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range." Thus, we interpret an "endangered species" to be one that is presently in danger of extinction. A "threatened species," on the other hand, is not presently in danger of extinction, but is likely to become so in the foreseeable future (that is, at a later time). In other words, the primary statutory difference between a threatened and endangered species is the timing of when a species may be in danger of extinction, either presently (endangered) or in the foreseeable future (threatened).

Species Background

The sperm whale (Linnaeus, 1758) is listed as an endangered species under the ESA. It was first listed under the precursor to the ESA, the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969, and remained on the list of threatened and

⁵ http://www.manufacturing.gov/docs/NNMI_prelim_design.pdf.

⁶ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/05/09/obama-administration-launches-competition-three-new-manufacturing-innova>.