

mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request of Office of Management and Budget approval.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 20, 2004.

Michael W. Yost,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets: Nominations

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that nominations are being sought for fifteen (15) qualified persons to serve on the Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets (the Committee). The role of the Committee is to provide information and advice, based upon knowledge and expertise of the members, useful to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing the Emerging Markets Program (EMP). The Committee also advises USDA on ways to increase the involvement of the U.S. private sector in emerging markets in food and rural business systems and reviews proposals submitted to the Program for funding technical assistance activities.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) by 5 p.m. on May 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: All nominating materials should be sent to Mr. Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 4932—Stop 1042, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250—1042. Forms may also be submitted by fax to (202) 720-9361.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons interested in serving on the Committee, or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact Mr. Douglas Freeman, Foreign Agricultural Service, by telephone (202) 720-4327, by fax (202) 720-9361, or by electronic mail to emo@fas.usda.gov and request Form AD-755 and Form SF-181. Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's

Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is authorized by section 1542 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990, as amended. The overall purpose of the Committee is to provide USDA with information that may be useful in carrying out the provisions of the Emerging Markets Program. The Committee is composed of representatives of the various sectors of the food and rural business systems of the United States. More information about the purpose and function of the Committee and about the Emerging Markets Program may be found at the FAS/Emerging Markets Program Web site: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/em-markets.html>. Form AD-755 is required and is available on the EMP home page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/mos/em-markets/Form%20AD-755.doc>. Form SF-181 is requested, but optional, and is available at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdfimage/sf181.pdf>. The members of the Committee are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and serve at the discretion of the Secretary. Committee members serve without compensation, but can receive reimbursement for travel expenses to attend committee meetings, if requested, in accordance with USDA travel regulations.

The Committee has a balanced membership of up to 20 members, representing a broad cross-section of the U.S. agricultural and agribusiness industry. All appointments will expire two years from the date of appointment. The Secretary may renew an appointment for one or more additional terms.

Most meetings will be held in Washington, DC, though other locations may be selected on an occasional basis. Committee meetings will be open to the public, unless the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the Committee will be discussing issues, the disclosure of which justify closing all or a portion of a meeting, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that the work of the Committee takes into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the interest of minorities, women and persons with disabilities.

Members should have experience, expertise and knowledge of

international agriculture and of trade and development issues as they affect emerging markets. No person, company, producer, farm organization, trade association or other entity has a right to representation on the Committee. In making selections, every effort will be made to maintain balanced representation of the various broad industries within the United States as well as geographic diversity.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 9, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability (NOA) Record of Decision (ROD) for the Clarification of Provisions Relating to the Aquatic Conservation Strategy in the 1994 Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan; National Forests and Bureau of Land Management Districts Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl; Western Oregon and Washington, and Northwestern California

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, USDI.

ACTION: Notice of availability of record of decision.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and the National Forest Management Act, the USDI Bureau of Land Management and the USDA Forest Service announce the decision to amend selected portions of the 1994 Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan. The Aquatic Conservation Strategy (ACS) of the Northwest Forest Plan is intended to maintain or restore watersheds. The Under Secretary of Agriculture and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior have made limited changes to clarify how to implement the ACS. Projects needed to achieve Northwest Forest Plan goals have been delayed or stopped due to misapplication of certain passages in the ACS. The agencies are responding to the underlying need for increased agency success planning and implementing projects, to the extent that the current

wording has hindered the agencies' ability to follow Northwest Forest Plan principles and achieve its goals.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD may be requested from the address below or accessed on line at <http://www.reo.gov/acs/>. ACS EIS, 333 SW. First Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208; FAX: (503) 808-2255 [please address fax to "ACS EIS"].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Casey, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208; phone (503) 808-2286; E-mail: jcasey01@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ROD for the Clarification of Provisions Relating to the Aquatic Conservation Strategy in the 1994 Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan makes limited changes to language within Attachment A of the 1994 (ROD) for the Northwest Forest Plan. These changes amend Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management plans throughout the Northwest Forest Plan area. The limited changes clarify that the proper scale for federal land managers to evaluate progress toward achievement of the ACS objectives is the fifth-field watershed and larger scales. Current land allocations, standards and guidelines, and Northwest Forest Plan goals and objectives would be retained. Readers should note that the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management are the responsible officials for this proposed action. Therefore, no administrative review ("appeal") through the Forest Service will be available on the Record of Decision (ROD) under 36 CFR part 217, and no administrative review ("protest") through the Bureau of Land Management will be available on the ROD under 43 CFR 1610.5-2. The decision is effective upon signature of the Record of Decision by the responsible officials.

Dated: March 22, 2004.

Linda Goodman,

Regional Forester, Region 6, Forest Service.

Dated: March 19, 2004.

Elaine M. Brong,

State Director, Oregon/Washington, Bureau of Land Management.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Jersey Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a planning meeting with briefing session of the New Jersey Advisory Committee will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the New Jersey State House Annex, Room 4, 125 W. State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The Committee will review the status of current activities and plan new projects. For its briefing session, the Committee has invited New Jersey Governor James McGreevey to comment on civil rights protection efforts by state government, to describe state implementation of the Committee's recommendations regarding law enforcement policies and practices, and to respond to the Committee's statement of concern on employment of Asian Americans in State government.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Edward Darden of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TTY 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who plan to attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least seven (7) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 20, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee, National Institute

of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Thursday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, education, and management consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update of the Economic Assessment Office—New ATP Research Directions and Results, a Competition Update, a discussion on Assessment of State Technology Programs and an open discussion. A discussion scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and to end at 3 p.m. on May 13, 2004, on ATP budget issues will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Friday, May 7, 2004, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Peters's e-mail address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is 301/975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 9 a.m. and will adjourn at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Employees' Lounge, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn J. Peters, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 24, 2003, that portions of the meeting of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because that portion will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be