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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time. The Judges Panel is composed of twelve members, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, chosen for their familiarity with quality improvement operations and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, services companies, small businesses, health care providers, and educational institutions. Members are also chosen who have broad experience in for-profit and nonprofit areas. The Judges Panel will assemble to discuss and review the role and responsibilities of the Judges Panel and information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology in order to ensure the integrity of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award selection process. The agenda will include: Judges Panel roles and processes; Baldrige Program updates; new business/public comment; lessons learned from the 2013 judging process; and the 2014 Award process. A portion of this meeting is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed.

The portion of the meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eastern time, will include discussions on the Judges Panel roles and processes and Baldrige program updates and is open to the public. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Panel of Judges' general process are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/>

overseers.cfm. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, Attention Nancy Young, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899-1020, via fax at 301-975-4967 or electronically by email to nancy.young@nist.gov.

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 Nancy Young no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, June 5, 2014, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Non-U.S. citizens must submit additional information; please contact Nancy Young. Contact Ms. Young, by email at nancy.young@nist.gov or by phone at (301) 975-2361.

The portion of the meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time, will include discussions on lessons learned from the 2013 judging process and on the 2014 Award process, and is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed. The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the Assistant General Counsel for Administration, formally determined on March 25, 2014, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that a portion of the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(b) [*sic*] because for a government agency the meeting is likely to disclose information that could significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Portions of the meeting involve examination of prior year Award applicant data. Award applicant data are directly related to the commercial activities and confidential information of the applicants.

Dated: May 20, 2014.

Phillip Singerman,

Associate Director for Innovation & Industry Services.

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

[Docket Number: 131211999-3999-01]

Solicitation of Letters of Interest To Form Participating Research Teams at the NIST Center for Neutron Research

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) announces its intent to form collaborations, called "Participating Research Teams" (PRTs), to develop and apply advanced cold and thermal neutron beam measurement capabilities at the NCNR to assist crucial and timely U.S. R&D on the structure and dynamics of advanced materials that enhance technology and manufacturing. The NCNR is therefore soliciting letters of interest in forming PRTs, which will be open to one or more U.S. companies, universities, and/or government agencies. Any resulting PRTs will be implemented through a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with NCNR. The appropriate percentage of cost sharing among the non-federal partners will be determined as part of the negotiations to form the PRT, and will be documented in the CRADA.

DATES: Letters of interest will be received on an ongoing basis, anticipated to continue for up to five years following publication of this notice. Should a date be reached when letters of interest will cease to be accepted, a notice will be posted at www.ncnr.nist.gov.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should send letters to Dr. Robert Dimeo, Director, NIST Center for Neutron Research, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-6100, or via email to robert.dimeo@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Dan Neumann, Group Leader, Neutron Condensed Matter Science (NCMS), NIST Center for Neutron Research, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 6102, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-6102, (301)

975-5252, or via email to dan.neumann@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Center for Neutron Research (NCNR), which is located at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD, intends to form collaborations, called PRTs, to develop and apply advanced cold and thermal neutron beam measurement capabilities at the NCNR to assist crucial and timely U.S. R&D on the structure and dynamics of advanced materials of technological relevance, such as polymers, nanomaterials, lightweight alloys, biomaterials, magnetic materials, and colloidal systems. The collaboration agreements will be based upon the statutory technology transfer authorities available to NIST, including the Federal Technology Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. § 3710a). Under these collaborations, new or existing NCNR neutron-scattering instrumentation, which are uniquely sensitive to the structure, behavior, and nanoscale properties of advanced materials, would be developed, upgraded, modified, and operated to permit the study of critical materials and devices under conditions that are directly relevant to their use and performance in technological applications. Organizations participating in a PRT would share the costs of developing and constructing neutron instrumentation and/or the operation. In return, PRT members would share access to a portion of the total time available on the capabilities developed and/or operated under the partnership. At the same time, at least 25% of the total available time would be made available to non-PRT U.S. organizations for non-proprietary research on a competitive, merit-based basis. The modes of PRT access could be tailored for either individual or joint research, and the subsequent data would be made available to the U.S. science and technology community through open publication in archived and peer-reviewed journals, or in publicly available reports. Proprietary research by both PRT and non-PRT organizations would require separate approval and the payment of established fees by the partnership organizations to assure full cost recovery to the Federal Government, including a commensurate share of the overhead operating expenses of the NCNR.

PRTs will be open to one or more U.S. companies, universities, and/or government agencies. It is anticipated that PRT agreements will be established for three-year periods, with renewal for three-year terms subject to the requirements and interests of the

collaborators and the NCNR. Letters of interest for PRT's will be evaluated by an internal panel of NCNR staff on the basis of rationality and technical merit. Specifically, the following criteria and assigned weights will be used to evaluate PRT letters submitted to NCNR:

(1) *Rationality.* The rationality, feasibility, and coherence of the proposer's approach, including the extent to which the proposed PRT would effectively develop and apply advanced cold and/or thermal neutron beam measurement capabilities at the NCNR to assist crucial and timely U.S. R&D on the structure and dynamics of advanced materials that enhance technology and manufacturing, and an appropriately-scaled level of effort. (0 to 65 points)

(2) *Technical Merit of Contribution.* The potential technical effectiveness of the proposed work, including the value it would contribute to neutron research, and the extent to which the proposed work supports the statutory mission of NIST (to promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life). (0 to 35 points)

Letters of interest scoring 80 points or higher as a result of the evaluation will be offered the opportunity to enter into a PRT using a CRADA or multiple CRADAs. NIST intends to form up to four PRTs and will announce on the NCNR Web site (www.ncnr.nist.gov) when any agreement has been executed. The NCNR Director will make one or more final PRT selections, taking into consideration the results of the reviewers' evaluations and relevance to the NCNR objectives described in this notice. Letters of interest should be submitted in accordance with the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this notice.

Dated: May 21, 2014.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director of Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Billfish Certificate of Eligibility

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 28, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Margo Schulze-Haugen, (301) 427-8503 or Margo.Schulze-Haugen@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et. seq.*), NOAA is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' (U.S.) obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et. seq.*). A Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for Billfishes is required under 50 CFR part 635 to accompany all billfish, except for a billfish landed in a Pacific state and remaining in the state of landing. This documentation certifies that the accompanying billfish was not harvested from the applicable Atlantic Ocean management unit (described on the NOAA sample certificate), and identifies the vessel landing the billfish, the vessel's homeport, the port of offloading, and the date of offloading. The certificate must accompany the billfish to any dealer or processor who subsequently receives or possesses the billfish. A standard certificate format is not currently required to document the necessary information, provided it contains all of the information required. The extension of this collection is necessary to implement the Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan, which contains an objective to reserve Atlantic billfish for the recreational fishery.