

effect the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat; (2) the authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks; (3) the authorized takes represent small numbers of marine mammals relative to the affected stock abundances; (4) Vineyard Northeast's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes as no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals are implicated by this action, and (5) appropriate monitoring and reporting requirements are included.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS OPR consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

NMFS has authorized the incidental take of five species of marine mammals which are listed under the ESA, including the North Atlantic right, fin, sei, blue, and sperm whale, and has determined that this activity falls within the scope of activities analyzed in NMFS GARFO's programmatic consultation regarding geophysical surveys along the U.S. Atlantic coast in the three Atlantic Renewable Energy Regions (completed June 29, 2021; revised September 2021).

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment. This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance

of the IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Vineyard Northeast for the potential harassment of small numbers of 19 marine mammal species incidental to marine site characterization surveys offshore of Massachusetts to southern New Jersey provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are followed.

Dated: July 27, 2023.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund Grant Program

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 17, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Commerce.

Title: Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0660-XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular. New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 22.

Average Hours per Response: 20.

Burden Hours: 440.

Needs and Uses: With this information collection, NTIA will be able to monitor the grant recipients' spending habits and activities. In the absence of collecting this information, NTIA would fail to evaluate the grant

recipients' progress toward the grant program priority areas and program goals. Moreover, without these reports, the grants could be the subject of waste, fraud, and abuse of Federal funds. Therefore, it is necessary for the Agencies to collect information using the Baseline Report form.

Affected Public: Grant award recipients.

Frequency: Once at the beginning of the award period.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
Legal Authority: Section 9202(a)(1) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Pub. L. 116-283, 134 stat. 3388 (Jan. 1, 2021).

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[Docket No. ARH-221221A-PL]

Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations, the Department of the Air Force hereby gives notice of its intent to grant a partially exclusive (the field to include outdoor recreation) patent license agreement to Bowerbags, LLC, a corporation of the State of Ohio, having a place of business at 601 East 3rd St., Dayton, Ohio 45402.

DATES: Written objections must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to Jaclyn Lauren Williams, Technology Business Specialist, 2510 Fifth Street, Bldg. 840, Room 413.30, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433; Phone: (702) 715-4402; or Email: jaclyn.williams.2@us.af.mil. Include Docket No. ARH-221221A-PL in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jaclyn Lauren Williams, Technology Business Specialist, 2510 Fifth Street, Bldg. 840, Room 413.30, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433; Phone: (702) 715-4402; or Email: jaclyn.williams.2@us.af.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Air Force intends to grant the partially exclusive patent license agreement for the invention described in: U.S. Patent No. 8,857,681 B2, entitled, "Load Carriage Connector and System," filed March 8, 2013, and issued October 14, 2014.

Abstract of Patent

A load carriage connector and system for rapid mounting and demounting of a user-carried load. The connector utilizes two mating halves comprising a male connector half and a female connector half. The connector is configured to allow mating under various angles of approach, allowing the user to reliably couple the system even under conditions in which the user is unable to view the orientation of the connectors. Additionally, the configuration of the connector system allows the user to quickly and efficiently decouple the connector halves, even while under tensile or shear load.

The Department of the Air Force may grant the prospective license unless a timely objection is received that sufficiently shows the grant of the license would be inconsistent with the Bayh-Dole Act or implementing regulations. A competing application for a patent license agreement, completed in compliance with 37 CFR 404.8 and received by the Air Force within the period for timely objections, will be treated as an objection and may be considered as an alternative to the proposed license.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 209; 37 CFR 404.

Tommy W. Lee,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

[Docket ID: COE-2023-0009]

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Water Resources Development Act 2020, Section 128 Harmful Algal Bloom Demonstration Program Draft Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to solicit comment on an environmental assessment of implementation of section 128 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 which directs the Secretary of the Army to implement a demonstration program to determine the causes of, and implement measures to effectively detect, prevent, treat, and eliminate, harmful algal blooms associated with water resources development projects.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 31, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number COE-2023-0009, using any of these methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
2. *Email:* usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asa-cw.mbx.asa-cw-reporting@army.mil and include the docket number, COE-2023-0009, in the subject line of the message.
3. *Mail:* HQ, U.S. Army Office of the Assistant secretary of the Army, ATTN: Mr. Gib Owen, at U.S. Army, 108 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0108.
4. *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Due to security requirements, we cannot receive comments by hand delivery or courier.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket number COE-2023-0009. The public docket will include all comments exactly as submitted and without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. This will include any personal information provided, unless the commenter indicates that the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information where disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI, or otherwise protected, through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an anonymous access system, which means

we will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email directly to the U.S. Army without going through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. If you submit an electronic comment, we recommend that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment. No alternative media thumb drive or CD-ROM can be submitted. If we cannot read your comment because of technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, we may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic comments should avoid the use of any special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, such as CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gib Owen at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asa-cw.mbx.asa-cw-reporting@army.mil or 571-274-1929.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to solicit comment on an environmental assessment prepared to support the implementation of a demonstration program to determine the causes of, and implement measures to effectively detect, prevent, treat, and eliminate, harmful algal blooms associated with water resources development projects. Section 128 requires the Secretary to consult with and leverage data from Federal and State agencies, and leverage activities of the Secretary carried out through the Engineer Research and Development Center pursuant to section 1109 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C. 610 note). The Secretary is directed to undertake program activities in the Great Lakes, tidal and inland waters of New Jersey, coastal and tidal waters of Louisiana, waterways of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in California, Allegheny Reservoir Watershed in New York, and Lake Okeechobee, Florida. Section 128 directs the Secretary to undertake