

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Prospectuses

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce the availability of draft Prospectuses for three of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products (Products) for public comment. These draft Prospectuses address the following CCSP Topics:

Product 2.1 Scenarios of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Atmospheric Concentrations and Review of Integrated Scenario Development and Application;

Product 2.2 North American Carbon Budget and Implications for the Global Carbon Cycle; and

Product 3.1 Climate Models and Their Uses and Limitations: Climate Sensitivity, Feedbacks, and Uncertainties.

After consideration of comments received on the draft Prospectuses, the final Prospectuses along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 7, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The draft Prospectuses are posted on the CCSP Program Office web site. The web addresses to access the draft Prospectuses are:

Product 2.1 (emissions scenarios): www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap2-1/sap2-1prospectus-draft.htm

Product 2.2 (North American carbon budget):

www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap2-2/sap2-2prospectus-draft.htm

Product 3.1 (climate models): www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap3-1/sap3-1prospectus-draft.htm.

Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Prospectuses are provided with each Prospectus. Comments should be prepared in accordance with these instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard H. Moss, Ph.D., Director, Climate Change Science Program Office (202) 419-3476.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCSP was established by the President in 2002

to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that support climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues. The Prospectuses addressed by this notice provide a topical overview and describe plans for scoping, drafting, reviewing, producing, and disseminating three of 21 final synthesis and assessment Products that will be produced by the CCSP.

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Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Director, Climate Change Science Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Suspension of the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Businesses**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of 1-year suspension of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy has suspended the use of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) in DoD procurements, as required by 10 U.S.C. 2323(e)(3), because DoD exceeded its 5 percent goal for contract awards to SDBs in fiscal year 2004. The suspension will be in effect for 1 year and will be reevaluated based on the level of DoD contract awards to SDBs achieved in fiscal year 2005.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 24, 2005.

Applicability Date: This suspension applies to all solicitations issued during the period from February 24, 2005, to February 23, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Schneider, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(P), 3015 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3015, telephone (703) 614-4840; facsimile (703) 614-1254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 10 U.S.C. 2323(e), DoD has previously granted SDBs a 10 percent price preference in certain acquisitions. This price

preference is implemented in Subpart 19.11 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Section 801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Pub. L. 105-261) amended 10 U.S.C. 2323(e)(3) to prohibit DoD from granting such a price preference for a 1-year period following a fiscal year in which DoD achieved the 5 percent goal for contract awards established in 10 U.S.C. 2323(a). Since, in fiscal year 2004, DoD exceeded this 5 percent goal, use of this price preference in DoD acquisitions must be suspended for a 1-year period, from February 24, 2005, to February 23, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Types of Contracts

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through June 30, 2005. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through June 30, 2008.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by April 5, 2005.