

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Telecommunications and Information Administration****The Continued Transition of the Technical Coordination and Management of the Internet Domain Name and Addressing System: Midterm Review of the Joint Project Agreement**

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce (Department), will hold a public meeting on February 28, 2008, to discuss the mid-term review of the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) between the Department and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 28, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Auditorium at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Please enter at the main entrance on 14th Street). The handicapped accessible entrance is located at the 14th Street Aquarium Entrance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meeting, contact Ashley Heineman, Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at (202) 482-0298 or ahaineman@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTIA and ICANN entered into the JPA on September 29, 2006. (The text of the agreement is available on NTIA's website at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/domainname/agreements/jpa/ICANNJPA_09292006.doc.) The JPA provides for the Department to conduct a midterm review of progress achieved on each ICANN activity and responsibility contained in the JPA and envisions consultation with interested stakeholders. To that end, on November 2, 2007, NTIA published a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) seeking comments on ICANN's progress towards achieving the responsibilities identified in the JPA. 72 Fed. Reg. 62220 (Nov. 2, 2007). (The text of the NOI is available on NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/domainname/jpamidtermreview.html>.)

On February 28, 2008, NTIA will hold a public meeting to discuss comments

received in response to the NOI and other stakeholder views and to facilitate further public discussion on the progress ICANN has made in fulfilling its responsibilities contained in the JPA. The agenda for the public meeting will be posted on NTIA's website at least one week prior to the meeting. This meeting will be webcast. The agenda and webcast information will be available on NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/domainname/jpamidtermreview.html>.

The meeting will be open to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should communicate their needs to Ashley Heineman at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

Due to security requirements and to facilitate entry to the Department of Commerce building, anyone wishing to attend must contact Ashley Heineman at (202) 482-0298 or ahaineman@ntia.doc.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting in order to provide the necessary clearance information. Attendees should arrive at least one-half hour prior to the start of the meeting and must present a valid passport or other photo identification upon their arrival. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting.

Dated: January 18, 2008.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-C-2008-0001]

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Call for 2008 Nominations

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office.

ACTION: Notice and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (United States Patent and Trademark Office) is accepting nominations for its National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI) program.

Since establishment by Congress in 1980, the President of the United States has awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (formerly

known as the National Medal of Technology) annually to our Nation's leading innovators. If you know of a candidate who has made an outstanding, lasting contribution to the economy through the promotion of technology or technological manpower, you may obtain a nomination form from: <http://www.uspto.gov/nmti>.

Eligibility and Criteria: Information on eligibility and nomination criteria is provided on the Nominations Guidelines Form at <http://www.uspto.gov/nmti>.

DATES: The deadline for submission of an application is May 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The NMTI Nomination form for year 2008 may be obtained by visiting the Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/nmti>. Nomination applications should be submitted to Jennifer Lo, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, by electronic mail to: NMTI@uspto.gov or by mail to: Jennifer Lo, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22323-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Lo, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, telephone (571) 272-7640, or electronic mail: nmti@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Enacted by Congress in 1980, the Medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985. On August 9, 2007, the President signed the America COMPETES (Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science) Act of 2007. The Act amended Section 16 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, changing the name of the Medal to the "National Medal of Technology and Innovation." The Medal is the highest honor awarded by the President of the United States to America's leading innovators in the field of technology, and is given annually to individuals, teams, or companies who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology or technological manpower for the improvement of the economic, environmental or social well-being of the United States.

The primary purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize American innovators whose vision, creativity, and brilliance in moving ideas to market has had a profound and lasting impact on our economy and way of life. The Medal highlights the national importance of

fostering technological innovation based upon solid science, resulting in commercially successful products and services.

Dated: January 16, 2008.

Jon W. Dudas,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–C–2007–0053]

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office.

ACTION: Notice and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (United States Patent and Trademark Office) is requesting nominations of individuals to serve on the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee. The United States Patent and Trademark Office will consider nominations received in response to this notice as well as from other sources. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides Committee and membership criteria.

DATES: Please submit nominations within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted to Jennifer Lo, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450. Nominations also may be submitted via fax: (571) 270–9100 or by electronic mail to: nmti@uspto.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Lo, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450, telephone (571) 272–7640, or electronic mail: nmti@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2). The following provides information about the Committee and membership:

- Committee members are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee provides advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96–480 (15 U.S.C. 3711), as amended August 9, 2007.

- The Committee functions solely as an advisory body under the FACA. Members are appointed to the 12-member Committee for a term of three years. Each will be reevaluated at the conclusion of the three-year term with the prospect of renewal, pending Advisory Committee needs and the Secretary's concurrence. Selection of membership is made in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines.

- Members are responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendations for the Nation's highest honor for technological innovation, awarded annually by the President of the United States. Members of the Committee must have an understanding of, and experience in, developing and utilizing technological innovation and/or be familiar with the education, training, employment and management of technological manpower.

- Under the FACA, membership on a committee must be balanced. To achieve balance, the Department is seeking additional nominations of candidates from small, medium-sized, and large businesses or with special expertise in the following sub-sectors of the technology enterprise:

Medical Innovations/Bioengineering and Biomedical Technology
Technology Management/Computing/
IT/Manufacturing Innovation
Technological Manpower/Workforce
Training/Education

Committee members generally are Chief Executive Officers or former Chief Executive Officers, former winners of the National Medal of Technology; presidents or distinguished faculty of universities; or senior executives of non-profit organizations. As such, they not only offer the stature of their positions but also possess intimate knowledge of the forces determining future directions for their organizations and industries. The Committee as a whole is balanced in representing geographical, professional, and diverse interests.

Nomination Information

- Nominees must be United States citizens, must be able to fully participate in meetings pertaining to the review and selection of finalists for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, and must uphold the

confidential nature of an independent peer review and competitive selection process.

- The United States Patent and Trademark Office is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Committee membership.

Dated: January 16, 2008.

Jon W. Dudas,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed conference surveys of persons attending the annual National Conference on Volunteering. The surveys will be used to assess workshops, presenters, and the conference overall.

Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by March 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods: (1) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and