

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Tuesday, November 18, 2003, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 19, 2003, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 20, 2003, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, November 21, 2003, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the site visit process, review the final judging process and meeting procedures, review of feedback discussion approach with site visit team leaders, final judging of the 2003 applicants, learnings and improvements for 2004 judging cycle, update on the 2004 program and review 2004 judges calendar. The review process involves examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

DATES: The meeting will convene November 18, 2003 at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on November 21, 2003. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 222, Red Training Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 3, 2002, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and a discussion of this data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, because the meetings are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: October 20, 2003.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC)

AGENCY: Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Recruitment for Additional Members for NMTNEC.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, Technology Administration (TA), requests nominations of individuals for appointment to the National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC). The Committee provides advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. Public Law 105-309; 15 U.S.C. 3711, Section 10, approved by the 105th Congress in 1998, added the National Technology Medal for Environmental Technology.

DATES: Please submit nominations within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to the National Medal of Technology Program Office, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230. Materials may be faxed to 202-482-5107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mildred Porter, Director, 202-482-5572.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee will be re-chartered for a period of two years to provide advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The Committee serves as an advisory body to the Under Secretary. 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 have an understanding of, and experience in, developing and utilizing technological innovation and/or they are familiar with the education,

training, employment and management of technological human resources.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, membership in a committee constituted under the Act 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 subsectors of the technology enterprise:

- Human Resources/education/technology management/technology manpower
- Chemistry, product development
- Industry analysts (including manufacturing, environmental technology, transportation, telecommunications, advanced materials, and microelectronics)

Typically, Committee members are present 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 diversity interests. Nominees must be U.S. citizens, must be able to fully participate in meetings pertaining to the review and selection of finalists for the National Medal of Technology, and must uphold the confidential nature of an independent peer review and competitive selection process.

The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Committee membership.

Benjamin H. Wu,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology, Technology Administration.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Submission for OMB Emergency Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), submitted the following information collection request (ICR), utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Corporation has requested OMB to review and approve its emergency request for reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, by November 7, 2003. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Corporation for National and Community Service, National Senior Service Corps, Attn: Ms. Angela Roberts, (202) 606-5000, Ext. 111, or by e-mail at Aroberts@cns.gov.

The Corporation requests that all public comments be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Fumie Yokota, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC, 20503, (202) 395-3147. Comments should be received by the OMB Desk Officer no later than November 3, 2003.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the Corporation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Type of Review: Emergency request for reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: National Senior Services Corps Project Progress Report.

OMB Number: 3045-0033.

Agency Number: CNCS Form 1020.

Affected Public: Sponsors of National Senior Service Corps grants.

Total Respondents: 1,350.

Frequency: Semi-annual. It is estimated that 1,350 will respond semi-annually and 50 quarterly.

Average Time Per Response: 8.7 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 11,000 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$2,000.

The Corporation is soliciting comments concerning a revised version of its National Senior Service Corps Project Progress Report. The previously approved Progress Report (OMB Control Number 3045-0033) expired on August 31, 2003. This emergency request for reinstatement with changes reflects the Corporation's intention to modify selected sections of the collection instrument to reflect changes in data considered "ore reporting" information to meet a variety of needs, including:

- Removing data elements no longer required after January 2004; and
- Adding new data elements as needed to ensure information collection captures appropriate data for the Corporation's required performance measurement and other reporting.

Background

The Progress Report (PPR) was designed to assure that National Service Corps (NSSC) grantees address and fulfill legislated program purposes, meet agency program management and grant requirements, and assess progress toward work plan objectives agreed upon in the granting of the award.

Current Action

The Corporation seeks OMB approval to reinstate the previously used PPR to: (a) Enhance data elements collected via this information collection tool; (b) migrate the paper version of the form to the Corporation's electronic grants management system, eGrants; and (c) establish reporting periods consistent with the Corporation's integrated grants management and reporting policies.

The Corporation anticipates making available to all NSSC grantees an OMB approved revised PPR by April of 2004.

The revised PPR will be used by NSSC grantees to report progress toward accomplishing work plan goals and objectives, reporting actual outcomes related to self-nominated performance measures meeting challenges encountered, describing significant activities, and requesting technical assistance. Submission requirements are proposed to be revised as follows:

- Established multi-year NSSC grantees will submit the complete report semi-annually within 30 days of the end of their annual budget cycle.
- New projects in their first year, new components of statewide projects,

demonstrations, and projects experiencing problems or with substantial project revisions may, upon review and recommendations of project managers, submit the PPR quarterly.

Dated: October 20, 2003.

Tess Scannell,

Director, National Senior Service Corps.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for a Permit Application for the Berths 136-147 Terminal Improvement Project, Also Known as the TraPac Container Terminal in the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Los Angeles District in conjunction with the Los Angeles Harbor Department (Port) is examining the feasibility of waterside, terminal and transportation improvements at Berths 136-147 in the Port of Los Angeles. The Corps is considering the Port's application for a Department of the Army permit under Clean Water Act section 404 and River and Harbor Act section 10 to conduct dredge and fill activities and construct one new wharf approximately 705 feet and seismically upgrade two wharves approximately 3,022 feet in length associated with the proposed project.

Major project elements to be covered in the Draft EIS/EIR include: Wharf construction and landside improvements. The landside developments will include expansion, redevelopment and construction of marine terminal facilities, and transportation infrastructure improvements including construction of grade separations, and potential realignment of road and railways.

The primary Federal involvement is the discharge of dredge and/or fill materials within waters of the United States, work (e.g. dredging) and structures in or affecting navigable waters of the United States, and potential impacts on the human environment from such activities. Therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps is requiring the