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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.

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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

Community Service, Department of Research and Policy Development; Attention Brooke Nicholas, Policy Analyst, 10th Floor; 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20525. (2) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. (3) By fax to: (202) 606-6627, Attention Brooke Nicholas, Policy Analyst. (4) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system: bnicholas@cns.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brooke Nicholas, (202) 606-6627, or by e-mail at bnicholas@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 agency'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 through 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.

Background

In partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, the Corporation for National and Community Service hosts an annual conference on volunteering. The conference encourages the volunteering community to share information and practices, learn new skills and establish relationships. Attendees include leaders from: Nonprofits and civic infrastructures, academic institutions, businesses and government agencies.

As a part of learning the extent in which we reached these objectives, we need to collect outcome data through four surveys that reveals: How well the conference compares with past conferences; what improvements have been made; and what are some suggestions for the future.

Current Action

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: National Conference Survey.

OMB Number: None.

Frequency: Annual.

Affected Public: Individuals, community and faith-based organizations, non-profits, federal, international, state and local government, education institutions and businesses.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: Fifteen minutes per survey (with four or more surveys).

Total Burden Hours: 4,000 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Annual Cost (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): None.

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Bob Grimm,

Director, Department of Research and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-18]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08-18 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: January 17, 2008.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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