

EP program enhancements. The NRC staff's evaluation of licensee responses to the bulletin indicate that all licensees are considering or have implemented enhancements to their programs. NEI developed the attached guidance to clarify the various options available to licensees to implement these enhancements, and requested NRC endorsement in a letter dated November 22, 2005.

#### Summary of Issue

The NRC staff endorses the NEI guidance entitled "Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Programs Hostile Action" (May 2005, Revised November 18, 2005). The NEI guidance clarifies issues, enhances emergency action levels and provides implementation methods in support of Bulletin 2005-02. The NEI guidance remains consistent with the intent of the bulletin and is appropriate for licensee use.

The NRC staff recognizes the need for U.S. Department of Homeland Security involvement in drill and exercise program enhancements to ensure appropriate evaluation of security-event-based exercises. It may be appropriate to revise the current Exercise Evaluation Methodology and extent-of-play agreements to ensure the necessary objectives are demonstrated.

Licensees using the NEI guidance to change its emergency plan should ensure that plan changes are coordinated with offsite response organizations. Although the NEI guidance provides an acceptable method for implementing enhancements, a licensee may select other methods. If licensees adopt changes as written in the NEI guidance and Bulletin 2005-02, the NRC staff believes that those changes, on their own, would probably not pose a decrease in effectiveness and could be performed under Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) § 50.54(q) without prior NRC approval. However, licensees have the responsibility to ensure that changes do not decrease the effectiveness of the emergency plans and that the plans, as changed, continue to meet the standards of 10 CFR 50.47(b) and the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50. Other methods for implementing the enhancements may also be acceptable, but should be evaluated by licensees to ensure they do not decrease effectiveness. Proposed changes that decrease the effectiveness of the approved emergency plans may not be implemented without application to, and approval by the NRC.

#### Backfit Discussion

This RIS endorses NEI guidance entitled "Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Programs Hostile Action", November 2005, as an adequate methodology to implement the enhancements discussed in Bulletin 2005. Any action on the part of addressees to use the guidance endorsed by this RIS is strictly voluntary. This RIS does not impose new or modified NRC staff requirements, or prescribe a unique way to comply with the regulations, nor does it require any action or written response. Therefore, this RIS is not a backfit under 10 CFR 50.109 and the NRC staff did not perform a backfit analysis.

#### Congressional Review Act

This RIS is a rule as designated by the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808) and, therefore, is subject to the Act.

#### Federal Register Notification

A notice of opportunity for public comment on this RIS was published in the **Federal Register** on XX XX XX. Comments were received from the public and comment resolution can be found in the Adams with accession No. YYYYYYYY.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This RIS does not contain information collection requirements that are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Existing collection requirements under 10 CFR Part 50 were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), approval number 3150-0011. The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless the requested document displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Contact

Please direct any questions about this matter to the technical contact listed below.

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*Technical Contact:* Michael B. Norris, NSIR/DPR/EPD, (301) 415-4098. *E-mail:* [mbn@nrc.gov](mailto:mbn@nrc.gov).

*Enclosure:* NEI Guidance, "Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Programs Hostile Action", May 2005, Revised November 18, 2005.

**Note:** NRC generic communications may be found on the NRC public Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>, under Electronic Reading Room/Document Collections.

#### End of Draft Regulatory Issue Summary

Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if you have problems in accessing the documents in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of March 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget announces two meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or "Panel") established in accordance with the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

**DATES:** There are two meetings announced in this **Federal Register** notice. Public meetings of the Panel will be held on March 29th, 2006 and April 21, 2006, both beginning at 10 a.m. eastern standard time and ending no later than 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Both public meetings will be held at the White House Conference Center, Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance for both meetings due to security and/or seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public wishing further information concerning these meetings

or the Panel itself, or to pre-register for the meetings, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: [laura.auletta@gsa.gov](mailto:laura.auletta@gsa.gov), phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time must contact Ms. Rosanne Tarapacki, AAP Staff Analyst, in writing at: [rosanne.tarapacki@gsa.gov](mailto:rosanne.tarapacki@gsa.gov) or by FAX at 202-501-3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO, no later than one week prior to the meeting at which they wish to speak.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) *Background*: The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meetings. Opportunity for public comments will be provided at both meetings. Any change will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

*All Meetings*—While the Panel may hear from additional invited speakers, the focus of these meetings will be discussions of working group findings and recommendations. Selected working groups, established at the February 28, 2005 and May 17, 2005 public meetings of the AAP (see <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap> for a list of working groups), will discuss with the full Panel the draft findings and recommendations briefed at the October, November and December 2005 public meetings. It is anticipated that some voting may occur at one or both of these meetings. The Panel welcomes oral public comments at these meetings and has reserved one-half hour for this purpose at each meeting. Members of the public wishing to address the Panel during the meeting must contact Ms. Rosanne Tarapacki, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see contact information above).

(b) *Posting of Draft Reports*: Members of the public are encouraged to regularly visit the Panel's Web site for draft reports. Currently, the working groups are staggering the posting of various sections of their draft reports at <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap> under the link for

“Working Group Reports.” New versions of the reports from the Small Business and Interagency Contracting Working Groups are available and the public is encouraged to submit written comments on any and all draft reports.

(c) *Adopted Recommendations*: The Panel has adopted recommendations presented by the Small Business and Interagency Contracting Working Groups. While additional recommendations from these two working groups are likely, the public is encouraged to review and comment on the recommendations adopted by the Panel to date by going to <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>, selecting the link for “Meeting Materials” and opening the files that include the words “with votes” in their titles for the January 31st and February 23rd meetings.

(d) *Availability of Meeting Materials*: Please see the Panel's Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas and minutes (<http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>). Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this Web site on its front page, including “Questions for Government Buying Agencies,” “Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government,” “Questions for Commercial Organizations,” and an issue raised by one Panel member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities of the parties entitled “Revised Commercial Practices Proposal for Public Comment.” The Panel encourages the public to address any of these questions/issues when presenting either oral public comments or written statements to the Panel.

(e) *Procedures for Providing Public Comments*: It is the policy of the Panel to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented at Panel meetings will be focused on the Panel's statutory charter and working group topics, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

*Oral Comments*: Speaking times will be confirmed by Panel staff on a “first-come/first-served” basis. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, oral public comments must be no longer than 10 minutes. Because Panel members may ask questions, reserved times will be approximate. Interested parties must contact Ms. Rosanne Tarapacki, in writing (via mail, e-mail, or fax identified above for Ms. Tarapacki) at least one week prior to the

meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Oral requests for speaking time will not be taken. Speakers are requested to bring extra copies of their comments and/or presentation slides for distribution to the Panel at the meeting. Speakers wishing to use a Power Point presentation must e-mail the presentation to Ms. Tarapacki one week in advance of the meeting.

*Written Comments*: Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received by the Panel Staff at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Panel for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this FR Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). **Please note**: Because the Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Panel's Web site.

(f) *Meeting Accommodations*: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

#### Laura Auletta,

Designated Federal Officer (Executive Director), Acquisition Advisory Panel.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Customized Postage

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of authorization of Expanded Market Test for Customized Postage.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service™ provides notice of its intention to expand testing of the concept of Customized Postage for a period of up to 2 years, commencing no sooner than March 20, 2006.

**DATES:** This notice is effective March 13, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel J. Lord, manager of Postage