

scoring criteria in 7 CFR 1740.8. Applications will be ranked and grants awarded in rank order until all grant funds are expended.

4. Regardless of the score an application receives, if it is determined that the Project is technically or financially infeasible, the applicant will be notified, in writing, and the application will be returned with no further action.

### C. Scoring Guidelines

1. The applicant's self scores in Rurality and Economic Need will be checked and, if necessary, corrected by USDA Rural Development.

2. The Critical Need score will be determined by USDA Rural Development based on information presented in the application. This score is intended to capture from the rural public's standpoint the necessity and usefulness of the proposed project. This scoring category will also recognize that some transition purchases are more essential than others, so that applications for first digital transmitter capability and transmitter power upgrades that extend coverage into rural-only areas will receive scoring advantages. Master control facilities which tailor programming to local needs will also be recognized in this category.

### VI. Award Administration Information

#### A. Award Notices

Each funded project is unique, and, therefore, various conditions may attach to different projects' which will appear in the award documents. Generally applicants whose projects are selected for awards are final by faxing an award letter. The award letter is followed with a grant agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. An applicant must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the grant agreement.

#### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The items listed in the program regulation at 7 CFR 1740.9(j) implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

#### C. Performance Reporting

All recipients of Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to USDA Rural Development until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final

report must include an evaluation of the success of the project.

### VII. Agency Contacts

A. Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>. USDA Rural Development Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program.

B. Phone: 202-690-4493.

C. Fax: 202-720-1051.

D. Main point of contact: Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, USDA Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Vessel Monitoring System for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0372.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 1,567.

*Number of Respondents:* 329.

*Average Hours Per Response:* VMS installation: 4 hours; installation checklist: 5 minutes; annual VMS maintenance: 2 hours; VMS transmissions: 0.3 seconds.

*Needs and Uses:* Vessels fishing for Atlantic tuna and swordfish that use pelagic longline gear and vessels fishing for sharks with bottom longline or gillnet gear are required to install and operate vessel monitoring systems. Automatic position reports are submitted on an hourly basis whenever the vessel is at sea. NMFS proposes to revise the current requirements to add an installation checklist that vessel operators would follow and then submit to NMFS. The checklist provides information on the hardware and communications service selected by each vessel. NMFS will use the returned checklists to ensure that position reports are received and to aid NMFS in troubleshooting problems.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: March 10, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No.: 060309060-6060-01]

### Gulf Coast Business Investment Mission

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce publishes this notice to invite applications to participate in a business investment mission to the Gulf Coast Region. Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez in coordination with Federal Coordinator Donald E. Powell, Gulf Coast Rebuilding, Department of Homeland Security, will lead a senior-level business delegation to the Gulf Coast, with stops in Louisiana and Mississippi, on May 4-5, 2006. The focus of the trip will be to highlight opportunities for investment in the Gulf Coast, including the incentives in the recently-enacted Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005. During this trip, business delegation members will be briefed by ranking federal, state, and local officials on the opportunities available for investment in the Gulf Coast, including the advantages of using the region as a platform for export production or shipping. This mission is geared specifically to businesses with a strong interest in, and capable of, making capital investments (of at minimum \$5