

Background

On August 13, 2008, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published the notice of preliminary results of the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on dynamic random access memory semiconductors from the Republic of Korea, covering the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. See *Dynamic Random Access Memory Semiconductors from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 73 FR 47131 (August 13, 2008). On September 23, 2008, the petitioner, Micron Technology, Inc. ("Micron"), filed a case brief. On September 29, 2008, the respondent, Hynix Semiconductor Inc., filed a rebuttal brief.

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires the Department to issue the final results of an administrative review within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend this deadline to a maximum of 180 days.

Extension of Time Limit for Final Results

In its case brief, Micron requested that the Department take further steps to address the alleged circumvention of the countervailing duty order. The Department needs additional time to consider Micron's request and to act on this request if warranted. As a result, it is not practicable to complete this review within the originally anticipated time limit (*i.e.*, by December 11, 2008). Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results by 60 days to not later than February 9, 2009, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 20, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeyes,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will meet Wednesday, December 17, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, December 18, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The primary purpose of this meeting is to have an overview of the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research (PEER) Center and have roundtable discussions on social sciences and lifelines. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

DATES: The ACEHR will meet on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will continue on Thursday, December 18, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the John A Martin Conference Room 542, Davis Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jack Hayes, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8630, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8630. Dr. Hayes' e-mail address is jack.hayes@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 975-5640.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-360). The Committee is composed of 15 members appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) serves in an ex officio capacity on the Committee. The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- The effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities (improved design and construction methods and practices; land use controls and redevelopment; prediction techniques and early-warning systems; coordinated emergency preparedness plans; and public education and involvement programs);
- Any need to revise NEHRP; and
- The management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR) will meet Wednesday, December 17, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will continue on Thursday, December 18, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the John A Martin Conference Room 542, Davis Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California. The primary purpose of this meeting is to have an overview of the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research (PEER) Center and have roundtable discussions on social sciences and lifelines. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On December 18, 2008, approximately one-half hour will be reserved near the conclusion of the meeting for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the ACEHR, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8630, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8630, via fax at (301) 975-5433, or electronically by e-mail to info@nehrrp.gov.

All visitors to the Berkeley University campus are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by close of business Wednesday, December 10, 2008, in order to attend. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Tina Faecke. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, and address. Ms. Faecke's e-mail address is tina.faecke@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5911.

Dated: November 20, 2008.

Patrick Gallagher,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology; Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on December 11, 2008. The Board of Overseers is composed of eleven members prominent in the fields of quality, innovation, and performance management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology and from the Chair of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Report from the Judges' Panel, Baldrige Program (BNQP) Update, BNQP Strategic Plan, Potential STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Education Program, Use of the Consumer Price Index as an Inflation for the Baldrige Award Application fees, and Recommendations for the NIST Director.

DATES: The meeting will convene December 11, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on December 11, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and

Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room B, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Diane Harrison no later than Monday, December 8, 2008, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Harrison's e-mail address is diane.harrison@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-2361.

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

Dated: November 20, 2008.

Patrick Gallagher,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Announcement of the Establishment of a Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) for Laboratories Performing Interoperability, Performance, and Conformance Biometrics Testing Under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program and Technical Requirements for Such a LAP

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces the establishment of a laboratory accreditation program and the availability of applications for accreditation of laboratories that perform biometric testing including interoperability, performance, and conformance testing using internationally recognized standards developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), NIST, and by the International Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS). Additional standards may be identified throughout the development of the accreditation program technical requirements.

ADDRESSES: Laboratories may obtain NIST Handbook 150, *NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements*, NIST Handbook 150-25, *Biometrics*, and an application for this program by calling (301) 975-4016, by writing to NVLAP Biometrics Testing Manager, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, 100 Bureau Drive/MS 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140, or by sending e-mail to nvlap@nist.gov. All applications for accreditation must be submitted to: NVLAP/Accounts, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 101, Room A800, 100 Bureau Drive/MS 1624, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1624.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Moore, Program Manager, NIST/NVLAP, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2140, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2140, Phone: (301) 975-5740 or e-mail: brad.moore@nist.gov.

Information regarding National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) and the accreditation process can be obtained from <http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: In 2007, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requested that NIST establish a laboratory accreditation program for laboratories performing interoperability, performance, and conformance biometrics testing on Personal Identification Verification equipment used in Homeland Security Applications. According to guidance developed by DHS, laboratory accreditation by NVLAP is a recommended step in assuring reliability and quality practices as part of a conformance test program for biometric access control devices.¹

Biometric technologies such as facial, fingerprint, iris, and voice recognitions are used to verify the identity of individuals attempting to gain access to secure areas. The purpose of the proposed Biometrics Laboratory Accreditation Program is to evaluate testing laboratories' technical competencies against known standards and testing criteria that will ultimately be used to provide confidence in the performance of biometric sub-systems.

In accordance with NVLAP procedures (15 CFR Part 285), on February 29, 2008, NIST published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on the proposed establishment of a laboratory accreditation program for laboratories

¹ Guidance Package on Biometrics for Airport Access Control released in October 2005, Volume 1: Requirements Document, Chapter 2 Operational System Requirements.