

Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301)713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Kate Swails, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The proposed five-year permit comprises a continuation of psychological and physiological studies at Long Marine Laboratory with captive pinnipeds, including California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*); harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*); and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), designed to evaluate their perceptual and cognitive capabilities. Measurements obtained using behavioral and physiological methods will be used to improve knowledge of pinniped sensory adaptations, examine cognitive mechanisms for acquiring and processing sensory information, and develop procedures for rapidly and humanely studying marine mammal hearing and the effects of anthropogenic noise. The captive animals are trained to voluntarily participate in behavioral stimulus detection and discrimination paradigms that may be conducted in air or under water. The applicant currently holds one California sea lion, one harbor seal, and one northern elephant seal, and requests permission to obtain additional animals for the research program over the duration of the permit, not to exceed a total of two of each species listed above. Additional animals would be obtained from captive and rehabilitation facilities, including permanently captive and non-releasable rehabilitated animals. If those sources are not available, releasable rehabilitated animals from West Coast rehabilitation facilities are requested.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to

prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 9, 2009.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of The Manufacturing Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting to deliberate a letter of recommendation regarding the U.S. manufacturing industry. The Board was re-chartered on April 10, 2008, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing industry.

DATES: October 1, 2009.

Time: 2:30 p.m. (ET).

ADDRESSES: Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC, 20230. Because of building security, all non-government attendees must pre-register. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Requests for sign language interpretation, other auxiliary aids, or pre-registration, should be submitted no later than September 25, 2009, to J. Marc Chittum, The Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-4501, Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, The Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-4501, e-mail: Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

J. Marc Chittum,

Executive Secretary, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of NIST Partnership Opportunities for Technology Transfer

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Announcement of NIST Partnership Opportunities for Technology Transfer.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is interested in working with regional, state and local economic development organizations, technology incubation centers, technology-oriented public-private business development initiatives and other organizations and partnerships to facilitate the transfer of technologies developed within the NIST Labs to the private sector through potential licensing and/or collaboration. A sampling of commercially viable technologies developed at the NIST Labs may be viewed at: <http://www.nist.gov/patents>. This is not an opportunity to apply for government funding and NIST will not make any funds available to any party pursuant to this announcement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Attn: Clara Asmail, Building 222, Room A242, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Information is also available via telephone: 301-975-2239, fax 301-975-3482, or e-mail: clara.asmail@nist.gov. Please reference "Opportunities for Tech Transfer Partnerships" in any communications.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for