

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 and Innovation; 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.

Dated: February 16, 2010.

David J. Kappos,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number 0911121400-0091-02]

Summer Undergraduate Research Program Extension of Due Date for Proposals

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Due to extreme weather conditions in the Mid-Atlantic United States, NIST is extending the deadline for proposal submission for its Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program competition to 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, February 19, 2010, for SURF Gaithersburg, and noon Mountain Time, Friday, February 19, 2010, for SURF Boulder.

DATES: Paper and electronic submissions must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, February 19, 2010, for SURF Gaithersburg, and noon Mountain Time, Friday, February 19, 2010, for SURF Boulder.

ADDRESSES: Paper submissions for SURF Gaithersburg must be sent to Ms. Anita Sweigert, Administrative Coordinator, SURF NIST Gaithersburg Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8400, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8400. Paper applications for SURF Boulder must be sent to Ms. Cynthia Kotary, Administrative Coordinator, SURF NIST Boulder Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 325 Broadway, Mail Stop 104, Boulder, CO 80305-3337. Electronic submissions must be sent as specified in the original program announcement, *Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Gaithersburg and Boulder Programs: Availability of Funds*, 74 FR 66291 (Dec. 15, 2009).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Program questions for SURF Gaithersburg should be addressed to Ms. Anita Sweigert, Administrative Coordinator, SURF NIST Gaithersburg Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau

Drive, Stop 8400, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8400, Tel: (301) 975-4200, E-mail: anita.sweigert@nist.gov. The SURF NIST Gaithersburg Program Web site is: <http://www.surf.nist.gov/surf2.htm>. Program questions for SURF Boulder should be addressed to Ms. Cynthia Kotary, Administrative Coordinator, SURF NIST Boulder Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 325 Broadway, Mail Stop 104, Boulder, CO 80305-3337, Tel: (303) 497-3319, E-mail: kotary@boulder.nist.gov; Web site: <http://www.nist.gov/surfboulder/>. All grants related administration questions concerning this program should be directed to Hope Snowden, NIST Grants and Agreements Management Division at (301) 975-6002 or hope.snowden@nist.gov, or for assistance with using Grants.gov contact support@grants.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 15, 2009, the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Gaithersburg and Boulder Summer Undergraduate Research Programs (SURF) announced that they were soliciting proposals for financial assistance (74 FR 66219). The due date for submission of all proposals was 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Due to extreme weather conditions and associated power outages, Internet outages, and closings of public facilities in the Mid-Atlantic area, including a shut-down of the Federal government and universities, some proposers did not have the opportunity to timely prepare applications. In order to provide all interested parties a fair and reasonable opportunity to submit a proposal, NIST is extending the solicitation period until 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Friday, February 19, 2010, for SURF Gaithersburg, and noon Mountain Time, Friday, February 19, 2010, for SURF Boulder. Electronic and paper proposals received between the original deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern Time February 16, 2010, and 5 p.m. Eastern Time February 19, 2010 for SURF Gaithersburg, or between the original deadline of 5 p.m. Mountain Time February 16, 2010 and noon Mountain Time February 19, 2010 for SURF Boulder, are deemed timely.

All SURF application and competition requirements and information announced in the December 15, 2009 **Federal Register** notice apply to proposals submitted during the extended time period. The review, selection, and award processing time for SURF remains unchanged.

Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs). Proposals under this

program are not subject to Executive Order 12372.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism). This notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as defined in Executive Order 13132.

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review). This notice is not a significant regulatory action under Sections 3(f)(3) and 3(f)(4) of Executive Order 12866, as it does not materially alter the budgetary impact of a grant program and does not raise novel policy issues. This notice is not an "economically significant" regulatory action under Section 3(f)(1) of the Executive Order, as it does not have an effect on the economy of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it does not have a material adverse effect on the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities.

Administrative Procedure Act and Regulatory Flexibility Act. Prior notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)). Because prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

Dated: February 17, 2010.

Marc G. Stanley,

Acting Deputy Director.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hearing on the Department of Justice's Actions Related to the New Black Panther Party Litigation and its Enforcement of Section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act

Correction

Notice document 2010-3168 appearing on page 7441 in the issue of Friday, February 19, 2010 was included in error. The document was withdrawn and should not have appeared in the issue.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Unblockable Drains/Public Accommodations—Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act/Minimum State Requirements for Grants.

A live webcast of the Meeting can be viewed at <http://www.cpsc.gov/webcast/index.html>.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 504-7923.

Dated: February 12, 2010.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Guidance, Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Draft Guidance, "Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act."

SUMMARY: On February 18, 2010, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) announced four steps to modernize, reinvigorate, and ease the use and increase the transparency of implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Enacted in 1970, NEPA is a fundamental tool used to harmonize our economic, environmental, and social aspirations and is a cornerstone of our Nation's efforts to protect the environment. NEPA recognizes that many Federal activities affect the environment and mandates that Federal agencies consider

the environmental impacts of their proposed actions before acting. Additionally, NEPA emphasizes public involvement in government actions affecting the environment by requiring that the benefits and the risks associated with proposed actions be assessed and publicly disclosed.

CEQ, which is charged with implementing NEPA, recognizes that it is a visionary and versatile law that can be used effectively to address new environmental challenges facing our Nation and also to engage the public widely and effectively. Furthermore, CEQ wants to develop more effective and accessible tools for citizen involvement in government decision-making. These actions are designed to provide carefully-tailored new assessment and reporting requirements, facilitate agency compliance with NEPA, and enhance the quality of public involvement in governmental decisions relating to the environment.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before April 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The NEPA Draft Guidance documents are available at <http://www.nepa.gov>. Comments on the NEPA Draft Guidance "Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act" should be submitted electronically to CE.guidance@ceq.eop.gov, or in writing to The Council on Environmental Quality, Attn: Ted Boling, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Boling, Senior Counsel, at (202) 395-5750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Many Federal actions do not have significant effects on the environment. When these actions fall into broad categories of activities, agencies may apply a "categorical exclusion" from further NEPA review. This draft guidance clarifies the rules for categorical exclusions and ensures that there is a concise public record when agencies apply them. While CEQ previously has sought public comments on this matter, this guidance provides additional clarifications, so it will seek additional public comment for 45 days. Draft guidance documents are now available at the Council on Environmental Quality Web site at <http://www.nepa.gov>.

Public comments are requested on or before April 9, 2010.