Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463).

Signed in Washington, DC on March 18, 2010.

Jonathan W. Coppess,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency. [FR Doc. 2010–6680 Filed 3–25–10; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3410–05–P

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the California Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the Kyoto Grand Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to receive a briefing regarding free speech on California college campuses and universities.

The briefing will be transcribed and a transcript of the proceedings will be produced and made available to the public. Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments and such comments will be considered part of the official transcript. Comments must be received in the Western Regional Office by May 31, 2010. The address is 300 N. Los Angeles St., Suite 2100, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments may do so by submitting them to *pminarik@usccr.gov.* Persons who desire to obtain a copy of the agenda of the meeting or additional information should contact Angelina Trevino, Administrative Assistant, Western Regional Office, at (213) 894–3437 or by e-mail: atrevino@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Western Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Western Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, *http://www.usccr.gov*, or to contact the Western Regional Office at the above email or street address. The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, March 23, 2010. Peter Minarik,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit. [FR Doc. 2010–6695 Filed 3–25–10; 8:45 am] BULING CODE 6335–02–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number: 100311133-0142-01]

NIST Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers; Availability of Funds

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces the availability of Federal assistance for educational institutions to provide limited support for middle school science teachers to attend the NIST Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers. Teachers from qualified applicants should be involved in teaching areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at the middle school level (grades 6–8), including, but not limited to, earth science, physical science, chemistry, physics, and/or biology. This program responds to a need for these targeted teachers to receive instruction and activities that will encourage them to inspire students to pursue careers in STEM fields.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the address listed below no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 26, 2010. ADDRESSES: Hard copies of proposals must be submitted to: Dr. Susan Heller-Zeisler, Office of International and Academic Affairs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mailstop 8190, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–1090. Electronic submissions of full proposals may be uploaded to http://www.Grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A paper copy of the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement may be obtained by calling (301) 975–3111. Technical questions should be addressed to: Dr. Susan F. Heller-Zeisler at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above, or at Tel: (301) 975–3111; E-mail: *szeisler@nist.gov.* Grants Administration questions should be

addressed to: Grants and Agreements Management Division; National Institute of Standards and Technology; 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1650; Gaithersburg, MD 20899–1650; Tel: (301) 975–6328. For assistance with using *Grants.gov* contact *support@grants.gov* or call 800– 518–4726.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 278g–2a, 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(4)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 11.609.

Program Description: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is soliciting applications from qualified public school districts or accredited private educational institutions that are teaching students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at the middle school level (Grades 6-8). This includes, but is not limited to, earth science, physical science, chemistry, physics and/or biology. NIST will award funding that will support the attendance of middle school teachers in the NIST Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers (NIST SI), to be held July 6–19, 2010 to be held at the NIST Gaithersburg, Maryland, campus. Please see additional information about this program in the corresponding Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO).

Electronic access: Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) available at *http://www.grants.gov* for complete information about this program, all program requirements, and instructions for applying by paper or electronically.

Funding Availability: NIST anticipates spending \$40,000 this year for awards to support a total of twenty teachers to attend the NIST SI from July 6–19, 2010. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NIST or the Department of Commerce to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

Award start dates for new grants are expected to be June 25, 2010. NIST plans to fund the awards as cooperative agreements.

Eligibility: The NIST Summer Institute for Middle School Science Teachers grant program is open to public school districts and private educational institutions teaching at the middle school level. Such schools may offer instruction in general science fields including earth science, physical science, chemistry, physics, and/or biology. Participating teachers from the applicant school districts or private