

*Title of Proposal:* Section 8 Random Digit Dialing Fair Marketing Rent Surveys.

*Description of Information Collection:* These surveys provide HUD with a way to estimate Section 8 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in areas not covered by the American Community Survey annual reports and in areas where FMRs are

believed to be incorrect. The affected public would be those renters random selected to be surveyed and Section 8 voucher holders. The change in this request from what has been approved is to include the use of cell phones, mail surveys and web-based surveys. The burden on the respondent and on those contacted but screened out is to less

than in the previous requests because fewer surveys are being conducted. Minor changes have been made to the survey instrument to make it clearer.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528-0142.

*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Status of the proposed information collection:* Emergency Collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: May 18, 2011.

**Colette Pollard,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer, Officer of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION BOARD**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** June 6, 2011, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** 901 N. Stuart Street, Tenth Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**STATUS:** Open session.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

- Approval of the Minutes of the March 28, 2011, Meeting of the Board of Directors
- Strategic Plan
- Advisory Council
- Next Meetings

**PORTIONS TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

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**PORTIONS TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

- None

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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**Jennifer Hodges Reynolds,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement**

**[Docket No. BOEM-2011-0012]**

**Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Renewable Energy Program Interim Policy Leasing for Marine Hydrokinetic Technology Testing Offshore Florida**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

**SUMMARY:** This notice is being published as an initial step for the purpose of involving Federal agencies, states, tribes, local government, and the public in the leasing decision for an offshore technology testing facility located on the OCS, in accordance with the Department of the Interior and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). On November 6, 2007, the Minerals Management Service (MMS), now BOEMRE, announced an interim policy for authorizing the issuance of leases for the installation of offshore data collection and technology testing facilities on the OCS (72 FR 62673). A lease application has been submitted pursuant to the interim policy, initiating the need for an EA.

On June 11, 2010 Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center (SNMREC) submitted an application to lease three OCS blocks, approximately nine to 15 nautical miles offshore of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, under its original nomination submitted on November 8, 2007. These three blocks are located on the Atlantic OCS in the Official Protraction Diagram NG 17-06 numbered 7003, 7053, and 7054. The proposed lease area ranges from a depth

of 262 meters (m) in Block 7053 to 366 m in the southern half of Block 7054. This project application was amended on February 10, 2011, and describes data collection and technology testing activities to be conducted on the proposed lease. FAU SNMREC intends to deploy a single-anchor mooring, with a mooring and telemetry buoy (MTB) (similar to the Navy Oceanographic Meteorological Automatic Device (NOMAD) weather buoys) for the purpose of testing, for limited periods, equipment designed to use the Florida current to generate electricity on the proposed leasehold. The proposed MTB would act as both a sensor and measurement platform and mooring point for a platform or vessel which can deploy small-scale ocean current devices. The device(s) to be deployed would be limited to 100-kilowatt (kW) power extraction and seven-meter diameter rotor(s). Initially, it is proposed to deploy an experimental demonstration device with 20 kW maximum power and a three-meter rotor diameter from a vessel moored to the MTB.

BOEMRE intends to prepare an EA for the purpose of considering the environmental consequences associated with issuing an interim policy lease to FAU SNMREC, which will include impacts that may result from the installation of an MTB, deployment of small-scale ocean current devices, and operations of a deployment vessel on the potential leasehold. The EA will consider multiple environmental issues, including impacts to benthic habitats, sea turtles, pelagic fishes, marine mammals, and existing human uses. At a minimum, the alternatives that will be considered are no action (*i.e.*, no issuance of a lease), and the issuance of a lease and approval of certain technology testing activities within the lease area, such as deployment of technology demonstration devices, single anchor moorings, and an MTB.

With this NOI, BOEMRE is requesting comments and input from Federal, state,

and local government agencies, tribal governments, and other interested parties, which may assist BOEMRE in identifying the important environmental issues and any additional alternatives that should be considered in the EA. Input is also requested regarding measures (e.g., limitations on activities based on technology, siting, or timing) that would mitigate impacts to environmental resources and socioeconomic conditions that could result from leasing and the technology testing activities in the lease area. Consultation with other Federal agencies, tribal governments, and affected states will be carried out during the EA process and will be completed before a final decision is made on whether, or under what circumstances to issue a lease.

**Authority:** This NOI to prepare an EA is published pursuant to 43 CFR 46.305.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Morin, BOEMRE Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs, 381 Elden Street, MS 4090, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, (703) 787-1340 or [michelle.morin@boemre.gov](mailto:michelle.morin@boemre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**1. Interim Policy**

Subsection 8(p)(1)(C) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)(1)(3)), which was added by section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct), gave the Secretary of the Interior the authority to issue leases, easements and rights-of-way on the OCS for alternative energy activities. This authority has been delegated to BOEMRE. In a Request for Information and Nominations published on November 6, 2007, in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 62673) BOEMRE announced that it had established an interim policy under which it would issue limited leases authorizing alternative energy resource assessment, data collection, and technology testing activities on the OCS and that it was accepting nominations for limited leases to conduct such activities. Limited leases issued under the interim policy for energy resource assessment data collection and technology testing activities have a term of 5 years, and do not authorize the production or transmission of energy. In response to the November 6, 2007 notice, BOEMRE received more than 40 nominations proposing areas for limited leases on the OCS off the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts.

BOEMRE reviewed in detail all nominations received and, on April 18, 2008, identified 16 proposed lease areas for priority consideration based on factors such as the technological

complexity of the project proposed, timing needs, competing OCS space-use issues, and relevant state-supported renewable energy activities and initiatives (73 FR 21152). BOEMRE also took into consideration the importance of supporting the advancement of activities related to the development of each of the renewable energy resource types that would be studied in the proposals—wind, current, and wave. Of the 16 areas, BOEMRE identified four proposed areas offshore Florida as priority areas for the testing of ocean current technology and the collection of resource data.

In the April 18, 2008 notice, BOEMRE also solicited from interested parties expressions of competitive interest in leasing any of these nominated areas. See 43 U.S.C. 1337(p)(3). The notice also invited comments and solicited information from the public regarding the suitability of these areas for leasing and the environmental and socioeconomic consequences that may be associated with issuing research leases in these areas. BOEMRE received no indications of competitive interest in acquiring leases within these four areas offshore Florida, which include the three blocks identified in FAU SNMREC's most recent application. As a result, BOEMRE intends to make a final decision on whether to proceed with the issuance of a lease noncompetitively, once the required environmental review, which is the subject of this NOI, is completed.

Interim policy leases will be governed by the terms outlined in the interim policy lease and stipulations published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 21363) on April 21, 2008. More information about the interim policy can be found at: [http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy/RegulatoryInformation.htm#Interim\\_Policy](http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy/RegulatoryInformation.htm#Interim_Policy).

**2. Cooperating Agencies**

BOEMRE invites other Federal agencies and state, tribal, and local governments to consider becoming cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. CEQ regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA define cooperating agencies as those with "jurisdiction by law or special expertise" (40 CFR 1508.5). Potential cooperating agencies should consider their authority and capacity to assume the responsibilities of a cooperating agency and remember that an agency's role in the environmental analysis neither enlarges nor diminishes the final decision-making authority of any other agency involved in the NEPA process.

Upon request, BOEMRE will provide potential cooperating agencies with a draft Memorandum of Agreement that includes a schedule with critical action dates and milestones, mutual responsibilities, designated points of contact, and expectations for handling pre-decisional information. Agencies should also consider the "Factors for Determining Whether to Invite, Decline, or End Cooperating Agency Status" in Attachment 1 to CEQ's January 30, 2002, Memorandum for the Heads of Federal Agencies: Cooperating Agencies in Implementing the Procedural Requirements of the NEPA. A copy of this document is available at: <http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagenciesmemorandum.html> and <http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagencymemofactors.html>.

BOEMRE, as the lead agency, will not provide financial assistance to cooperating agencies. Even if an organization is not a cooperating agency, opportunities will exist to provide information and comments to BOEMRE during the normal public input phases of the NEPA/EA process.

**3. Comments**

Federal, state, local government agencies, tribal governments, and other interested parties are requested to send their written comments regarding important environmental issues and the identification of reasonable alternatives related to the proposed issuance of a limited lease to FAU SNMREC on which it intends to conduct data collection and technology testing activities in one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled "Enter Keyword or ID," enter "BOEM-2011-0012," then click "Search". Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this document.

2. *In written form, delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on OCS Renewable Energy Program Interim Policy Lease for FAU SNMREC"* to Program Manager, Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs (MS 4090), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170.

Comments should be submitted no later than June 23, 2011.

Dated: May 18, 2011.

**L. Renee Orr,**

*Acting Associate Director for Offshore Energy and Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-MB-2011-N104; FY 11 91100-3740-GRNT 7C]

#### Proposed Information Collection; Migratory Birds and Wetlands Conservation Grant Programs

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2011. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by July 25, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the IC to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 2042-PDM, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); or [INFOCOL@fws.gov](mailto:INFOCOL@fws.gov) (e-mail). Please include 1018-0100 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at [INFOCOL@fws.gov](mailto:INFOCOL@fws.gov) (e-mail) or 703-358-2482 (telephone).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Division of Bird Habitat Conservation administers grant programs associated with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), Public Law 101-233 and the Neotropical Migratory Bird

Conservation Act (NMBCA), Public Law 106-247. Currently, information that we collect for NMBCA grants is approved under OMB Control No. 1018-0113, which expires March 31, 2012. We are proposing to consolidate NAWCA and NMBCA grants under OMB Control No. 1018-0100. If OMB approves this request, we will discontinue OMB Control Number 1018-0113.

#### *North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants*

NAWCA provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program. Both are competitive grants programs and require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute to a project, but are not eligible as match.

The Standard Grants Program supports projects in Canada, the United States, and Mexico that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. In Mexico, partners may also conduct projects involving technical training, environmental education and outreach, organizational infrastructure development, and sustainable-use studies.

The Small Grants Program operates only in the United States. It supports the same type of projects and adheres to the same selection criteria and administrative guidelines as the U.S. Standard Grants Program. However, project activities are usually smaller in scope and involve fewer project dollars. Grant requests may not exceed \$75,000, and funding priority is given to grantees or partners new to the NAWCA Grants Program.

We publish notices of funding availability on the Grants.gov Web site at <http://www.grants.gov> as well as in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance at <http://cfda.gov>. To compete for grant funds, partnerships submit applications that describe in substantial detail project locations, project resources, future benefits, and other characteristics that meet the standards established by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council and the requirements of NAWCA. Materials that describe the

program and assist applicants in formulating project proposals are available on our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA>. Persons who do not have access to the Internet may obtain instructional materials by mail. We have not made any major changes in the scope and general nature of the instructions since the OMB first approved the information collection in 1999.

#### *Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act*

NMBCA establishes a matching grant programs to fund projects that promote the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

We publish notices of funding availability on the Grants.gov Web site as well as in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. To compete for grant funds, partnerships submit applications that describe in substantial detail project locations, project resources, future benefits, and other characteristics that meet the standards established by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the requirements of NMBCA.

Materials that describe the program and assist applicants in formulating project proposals for consideration are available on our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NMBCA/index.shtml>. Persons who do not have access to the Internet may obtain instructional materials by mail. We have not made any major changes in the scope and general nature of the instructions since the OMB first approved the information collection in 2002.

##### II. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0100.

*Title:* Migratory Birds and Wetlands Conservation Grant Programs.

*Service Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Description of Respondents:* Domestic and foreign individuals, businesses and other for-profit organizations; educational organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and Federal, State, local, and/or tribal governments.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.