

operations within the United States in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–95), which requires a plan to safely integrate civil UAS into the National Airspace System (NAS) by 2015. On February 15, 2015, President Obama issued the Presidential Memorandum “Promoting Economic Competitiveness While Safeguarding Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties in Domestic Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems.”¹ The Presidential Memorandum establishes a “multi-stakeholder engagement process to develop and communicate best practices for privacy, accountability, and transparency issues regarding commercial and private UAS use in the NAS.”² The process includes stakeholders from industry, civil society, and academia, and will be initiated by the Department of Commerce, through NTIA, and in consultation with other interested agencies. On August 3, 2015, NTIA convened the first meeting of the multistakeholder process, followed by additional meetings through November 2015.

Matters To Be Considered: The February 24, 2016 meeting is a continuation of a series of NTIA-convened multistakeholder discussions concerning privacy, transparency, and accountability issues regarding commercial and private use of UAS. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Stakeholders will engage in an open, transparent, consensus-driven process to develop best practices for privacy, accountability, and transparency issues regarding commercial and private UAS use in the NAS. The February 24, 2016 meeting will build on stakeholders’ previous work. More information about stakeholders’ work is available at: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-unmanned-aircraft-systems>.

Time and Date: NTIA will convene a meeting of the multistakeholder process regarding unmanned aircraft systems on February 24, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The meeting date and time are subject to change. The meeting is subject to cancellation if stakeholders complete their work developing best practices. Please refer to

NTIA’s Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-unmanned-aircraft-systems>, for the most current information.

Place: The meeting will be held in the Boardroom at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20006. The location of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to NTIA’s Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-unmanned-aircraft-systems>, for the most current information.

Other Information: The meeting is open to the public and the press. The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to John Verdi at (202) 482–8238 or jverdi@ntia.doc.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. The meeting will also be webcast. Requests for real-time captioning of the webcast or other auxiliary aids should be directed to John Verdi at (202) 482–8238 or jverdi@ntia.doc.gov at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. There will be an opportunity for stakeholders viewing the webcast to participate remotely in the meeting through a moderated conference bridge, including polling functionality. Access details for the meeting are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA’s Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-unmanned-aircraft-systems>, for the most current information.

Dated: February 5, 2016.

Kathy D. Smith,

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Consumer Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the announcement of a public meeting of the Consumer Advisory Board (CAB or Board) of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of the meeting is permitted by section 9 of the CAB Charter and is intended to notify the public of this meeting. Specifically, Section 9(d) of the CAB Charter states:

(1) Each meeting of the Board shall be open to public observation, to the extent that a facility is available to accommodate the public, unless the Bureau, in accordance with paragraph (4) of this section, determines that the meeting shall be closed. The Bureau also will make reasonable efforts to make the meetings available to the public through live web streaming. (2) Notice of the time, place and purpose of each meeting, as well as a summary of the proposed agenda, shall be published in the **Federal Register** not more than 45 or less than 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Shorter notice may be given when the Bureau determines that the Board’s business so requires; in such event, the public will be given notice at the earliest practicable time. (3) Minutes of meetings, records, reports, studies, and agenda of the Board shall be posted on the Bureau’s Web site (www.consumerfinance.gov). (4) The Bureau may close to the public a portion of any meeting, for confidential discussion. If the Bureau closes a meeting or any portion of a meeting, the Bureau will issue, at least annually, a summary of the Board’s activities during such closed meetings or portions of meetings.

DATES: The meeting date is Thursday, February 25, 2016, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. eastern standard time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Dully, Outreach and Engagement Associate, 202–435–9588, [CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov](mailto:CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov), Consumer Advisory Board and Councils Office, External Affairs, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 1014(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201501_cfpb_charter-of-the-consumer-advisory-board.pdf) (Dodd-Frank Act) provides: “The Director shall establish a Consumer Advisory Board to advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws, and to provide information on emerging practices in the consumer financial products or services industry, including regional trends, concerns, and other relevant information.” 12 U.S.C. 5494.

(a) The purpose of the Board is outlined in Section 1014(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act (http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201501_cfpb_charter-of-the-consumer-advisory-board.pdf), which states that the Board shall “advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial

¹ Presidential Memorandum, *Promoting Economic Competitiveness While Safeguarding Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties in Domestic Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems*, (Feb. 15, 2015), available at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/02/15/presidential-memorandum-promoting-economic-competitiveness-while-safegua>.

² Presidential Memorandum at 4.

laws” and “provide information on emerging practices in the consumer financial products or services industry, including regional trends, concerns, and other relevant information.” (b) To carry out the Board’s purpose, the scope of its activities shall include providing information, analysis, and recommendations to the Bureau. The Board will generally serve as a vehicle for market intelligence and expertise for the Bureau. Its objectives will include identifying and assessing the impact on consumers and other market participants of new, emerging, and changing products, practices, or services. (c) The Board will also be available to advise and consult with the Director and the Bureau on other matters related to the Bureau’s functions under the Dodd-Frank Act.

II. Agenda

The Consumer Advisory Board will discuss the Bureau’s strategic outlook 2016–2017 and Financial Well-Being.

Persons who need a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact *CFPB_504Request@cfpb.gov*, 202–435–9EEO, 1–855–233–0362, or 202–435–9742 (TTY) at least ten business days prior to the meeting or event to request assistance. The request must identify the date, time, location, and title of the meeting or event, the nature of the assistance requested, and contact information for the requester. CFPB will strive to provide, but cannot guarantee that accommodation will be provided for late requests.

Individuals who wish to attend the Consumer Advisory Board meeting must RSVP to *cfpb_cabandcouncilsevents@cfpb.gov* by noon, February 25, 2016. Members of the public must RSVP by the due date and must include “CAB” in the subject line of the RSVP.

III. Availability

The Board’s agenda will be made available to the public on February 10, 2016, via *consumerfinance.gov*. Individuals should express in their RSVP if they require a paper copy of the agenda.

A recording and transcript of this meeting will be available after the

meeting on the CFPB’s Web site *consumerfinance.gov*.

Dated: February 5, 2016.

Christopher D’Angelo,
Chief of Staff, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Request for Information (RFI) for Updated Critical Materials Strategy

AGENCY: Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Request for Information (RFI).

SUMMARY: In 2010, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) developed and issued a Critical Materials Strategy report addressing the role of rare earth and other materials in energy technologies and processes. An update and additional analyses were completed the following year. In order to update the 2010 and 2011 analyses, DOE is seeking information from stakeholders on rare earth elements and other materials used in an array of energy technologies, as well as key materials used in the manufacturing of energy technologies that do not necessarily appear in the final product.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested no later than 5:00 p.m. ET, on April 11, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments, which must be submitted electronically to *materialstrategy@hq.doe.gov*.

Instructions: Electronic responses must be provided as attachments to an email. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (*i.e.*, zipped) to ensure message delivery. Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the start of their response to this RFI: Company/Institution name; Company/Institution contact; Contact’s address, phone number, and email address.

Please identify your answers by responding to a specific question or

topic if possible. Any information obtained as a result of this RFI is intended to be used by the Government on a non-attribution basis for planning and strategy development. DOE will not respond to individual submissions or publish publicly a compendium of responses, except as required by applicable law. A response to this RFI will not be viewed as a binding commitment to develop or pursue the project or ideas discussed. DOE will not pay for information provided under this RFI. This RFI is not accepting applications for financial assistance or financial incentives. DOE has no obligation to respond to those who submit comments, and/or give any feedback on any decision made based on the responses received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information may be sent to *materialstrategy@hq.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose

The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on issues related to the demand, supply, use, and costs of rare earth metals and other materials used in the energy sector. DOE is specifically interested in information on the materials and technologies in the following table, as well as other materials of interest identified by the respondents to this request that are used in energy technologies:

Materials of Interest

- Rare earth elements (*e.g.*, cerium, dysprosium, europium, gadolinium, lanthanum, neodymium, praseodymium, samarium, scandium, terbium, ytterbium, and yttrium)
- Platinum group metals (*e.g.*, iridium, palladium, platinum, rhodium, and ruthenium)
- Antimony, bismuth, cadmium, cobalt, gallium, germanium, hafnium, helium, indium, lithium, magnesium, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, rhenium, selenium, silicon, tantalum, tellurium, tungsten, vanadium, and zirconium

Technologies and Components of Interest

Technologies	Types	Components
Solar photovoltaics	Thin film.
Concentrated solar power	Trough system	Mirrors.
	Power tower system	Molten salts.
		Dish engine system.
Wind turbines	Direct drive	Permanent magnets.
Natural gas generators	Superalloys.
		Coatings.
		Magnetic materials.
Hydropower	Permanent magnets.