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Dated: March 21, 2016.

**Archana Sahgal,**

*Executive Secretary, United States Manufacturing Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Request for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Request for public comments and ideas on NOAA SBIR subtopics which would satisfy unmet industry needs.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Office is requesting public comments to better understand the scientific community and small business concerns associated with the environmental industry, as well as improve our SBIR solicitation process.

Of NOAA's four major topics, which was derived from NOAA's Research and Development (R&D) goals, what problem statements or subtopic ideas can you suggest where the project outcome enables commercial products/services which would satisfy current or near term unmet industry needs. Please remember all submissions must be directly relevant to NOAA's mission. NOAA's four major mission topics are as follows:

- a. Climate Adaptation and Mitigation
- b. Weather-Ready Nation
- c. Healthy Oceans
- d. Resilient Coastal Communities and Economies

Please categorize submissions based on the four topics above and include as many problem statements or subtopic ideas as you see fit per topic. Also, please provide a brief description of the potential commercialized products/services for each idea submitted.

**DATES:** Comments and ideas must be received on or before April 29, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments via email to [NOAA.SBIR@noaa.gov](mailto:NOAA.SBIR@noaa.gov). Subject Line shall contain "NOAA SBIR Request for Public Comments—Federal Register."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Vince Garcia, NOAA SBIR Program Manager, at: [vincent.garcia@noaa.gov](mailto:vincent.garcia@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NOAA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Office is exploring options in streamlining and improving existing agency SBIR Phase I subtopic selection processes. The SBIR Program Office seeks to better understand unmet industry needs, which directly relate to NOAA's mission. Historically, subtopics are suggested by NOAA federally-employed scientists and engineers and are selected for publication in the annual SBIR Phase I solicitation by NOAA Line Office leadership.

Respondents shall not be obligated to provide the services described herein, if applicable, and it is understood by the United States Government that any cost estimates provided as a result of this request are "best" estimates only. All information submitted in response to this request for public comments is voluntary; the United States Government will not pay for information requested nor will it compensate any respondent for any cost incurred in developing information provided to the United States Government.

Dated: March 15, 2016.

**Jason Donaldson,**

*Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

#### Science Advisory Board (SAB)

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application

of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

**Time and Date:** The meeting will be held Thursday April 28 from 9:45 a.m. EDT to 5:45 p.m. EDT and on Friday April 29, from 9:00 a.m. EDT to 1:00 p.m. EDT. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the Web page <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Meetings/meetings.html> for the most up-to-date meeting times and agenda.

**Place:** The meeting will be held at Sheraton Silver Spring Magnolia Ballroom, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Please check the SAB Web site <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Meetings/meetings.html> for directions to the meeting location.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on April 28 from 5:30-5:45 p.m. EDT (check Web site to confirm time). The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of two (2) minutes. Individuals or groups planning to make a verbal presentation should contact the SAB Acting Executive Director by April 21, 2016 to schedule their presentation. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by April 21, 2016, to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after April 21, 2016, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seating at the meeting will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Special Accommodations:** These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed no later than 12:00 p.m. on April 21, 2016, to Dr. Elizabeth Turner, Acting SAB Executive Director, Room 146, Gregg Hall, 35 Colovos Road, Durham, NH 03824; Email: [Elizabeth.Turner@noaa.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Turner@noaa.gov).

**Matters To Be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Report on Ecosystem Services Valuation from the Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group; (2) Updates from the NOAA Administrator, Chief Scientist and the Chief Economist; (3) SAB Strategy Discussion and