

Taximeters

Item 354–5 U.S. National Work Group on Taximeters (USNWG)—Taximeter Code Revisions and Global Positioning System (GPS)-Based Systems for Time and Distance Measurement and

Item 354–6 Transportation Network Systems—Draft Code

For several years, the NIST USNWG on Taximeters has discussed possible approaches for amending the NIST Handbook 44, Taximeters Code to specifically recognize GPS-based time and distance measuring systems that are used to assess charges for transportation services such as taxicabs and limousines. Appropriate specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements for these devices must be developed for manufacturers and users of these devices, as well for weights and measures officials. Such requirements help ensure accuracy and transparency for customers and a level playing field for transportation service companies, enabling consumers to make value comparisons between competing services. In the fall of 2015, the California Division of Measurement Standards submitted a proposal through multiple regional weights and measures associations to establish a separate NIST Handbook 44 code to address “Transportation Network Services.” The S&T Committee will examine these proposals and the result of recent discussions from a November 2015 USNWG meeting to assess how to best address these systems.

NCWM L&R Committee

The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbook 130 or NIST Handbook 133:

NIST Handbook 130—Section on Uniform Regulation for the Method of Sale of Commodities

Item 232–7 2.23. Animal Bedding

The L&R Committee will consider a proposal to recommend adoption of a uniform method of sale for animal bedding that will enhance the ability of consumers to make value comparisons and will ensure fair competition. Animal Bedding is generally defined as any material, except for baled straw, that is kept, offered or exposed for sale or sold to retail consumers for primary use as a medium for any pet or companion or livestock animal to nest or eliminate waste. If adopted, the proposal will require packers to advertise and sell packages of animal bedding on the basis of the expanded volume of the bedding. Most packages of animal bedding are compressed

during packaging and the expanded volume is the amount of product that consumers will recover through unwrapping and decompressing the bedding according to the instructions provided by the packer. See also Item 260–5, Section 3.15. Test Procedure for Verifying the Usable Volume Declaration on Packages of Animal Bedding.

NIST Handbook 133—Chapter 3

Item 260–3 Section 3.14. Firewood—(Volumetric Test Procedures for Packaged Firewood With a Labeled Volume of 113 L [4 ft³] or Less)

The current test procedure in NIST Handbook 133, Section 3.14., Firewood—(Volumetric Test Procedure for Packaged Firewood with a Labeled Volume of 113 L [4ft³] or Less) has provided different test results when applied in various state inspections. If adopted, this proposal would clarify the test procedure and improve the accuracy of length determinations when determining the volume of wood in bags, bundles and boxes. Improving the test procedures will help ensure that consumers can make value comparisons and reduce unfair competition. Also Item 232–4, NIST Handbook 130, Method of Sale of Sale of Commodities Regulation, Section 2.4. Fireplace and Stove Wood, is being considered for revision to recognize traditional industry labeling practice and eliminate language that appears to conflict with the requirements of the Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulation.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272(b).

Kevin Kimball,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the National Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction

(Committee). This is a new Federal Advisory Committee established pursuant to the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015 (Pub. L. 114–52). NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before Friday, August 19, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Tina Faecke, Administrative Officer, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8630, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8630. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301–975–5433 or email at tina.faecke@nist.gov.

Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, may be found on the NWIRP electronic home page at: <http://www.nist.gov/el/nwirp/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Marc Levitan, Acting Director, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8611, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8611, telephone 301–975–5340, fax 301–975–5433; or via email at marc.levitan@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Committee Information:* The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004, Public Law 108–360, Title II, as amended by the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015, Public Law 114–52, codified at 42 U.S.C. 15704, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee will assess trends and developments in the natural, engineering, and social sciences and practices of windstorm impact mitigation, priorities of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program’s (Program) Strategic Plan, coordination of the Program, effectiveness of the Program in meeting its purposes under section 204 (42 U.S.C. 15703) of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004, as amended, (Pub. L. 114–52); and, any revisions to the Program which may be necessary.

2. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

3. The Committee shall report to the Director of NIST.

4. At least once every two years, the Committee shall report to the Director of

NIST on its findings of the assessments described above and its recommendations for ways to improve the Program.

Membership

1. The Committee will consist of not fewer than 7 nor more than 15 members. Members shall be selected on the basis of established records of distinguished service in their professional community and their knowledge of issues affecting the Program. Members shall reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in windstorm impact reduction. Members who are qualified to provide advice on windstorm impact reduction and represent related scientific, architectural, and engineering disciplines, will be drawn from communities having an interest in the Program, including, but not limited to, representatives of research and academic institutions, industry standards development organizations, emergency management agencies, State and local government, and business communities including the insurance industry.

2. The Director of NIST shall appoint the members of the Committee, and they will be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance.

3. No committee member may be an "employee" as defined in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section 7342(a)(1) of title 5 of the United States Code.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Committee will not be compensated for their services, but may, upon request, be allowed travel and per diem expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.*, while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

2. Members of the Committee shall serve as Special Government Employees and are required to file an annual Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

3. The Committee shall meet at least once per year. Additional meetings may be called whenever the Director of NIST or the Committee Chair requests a meeting.

4. The Committee shall terminate on September 30, 2017.

Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought from industry and other communities having an interest in the Program, such as, but

not limited to, research and academic institutions, industry standards development organizations, emergency management agencies, state and local government, and business communities, including the insurance industry, who are qualified to provide advice on windstorm impact mitigation and represent related scientific, architectural, and engineering disciplines.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service. The field of expertise that the candidate represents should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular field should come from organizations or individuals within that field. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on the Committee, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Committee.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Committee membership.

Kevin Kimball,

Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental

Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, (907) 586-7008 or Patsy.Bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is an economic development program associated with federally managed fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). The CDQ Program receives apportionments of the annual catch limits for a variety of commercially valuable species in the BSAI, which are in turn allocated among six different non-profit managing organizations representing different affiliations of communities (CDQ groups). The CDQ Program redistributes a portion of commercially important BSAI fisheries species to adjacent communities. There are 65 communities participating in the program. CDQ groups use the revenue derived from the harvest of their fisheries allocations as a basis both for funding economic development activities and for providing employment opportunities. Thus, the successful harvest of CDQ Program allocations is integral to achieving the goals of the program.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska. NMFS manages the groundfish and crab fisheries of the BSAI under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs (FMPs). The North Pacific Fishery Management Council prepared the FMPs under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) as amended in 2006. The International Pacific Halibut Commission and NMFS manage fishing for Pacific halibut through regulations established under the authority of the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982. Regulations implementing the FMPs appear at 50 CFR parts 300, 679, and 680.

II. Method of Collection

By fax, by mail, and online.