

Submitting a Nomination

Nominations for new members should be sent to Dr. Zachary Schakner in the NMFS Office of Science & Technology (see **ADDRESSES**) and must be received by October 24, 2022. Nominations should be accompanied by the individual's curriculum vitae and detailed information regarding how the recommended person meets the minimum selection criteria for SRG members (see below). Nominations should also include the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and email address. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Selection Criteria

Although the MMPA does not explicitly prohibit Federal employees from serving as SRG members, NMFS interprets MMPA section 117(d)'s reference to the SRGs as "independent" bodies that are exempt from Federal Advisory Committee Act requirements to mean that SRGs are intended to augment existing Federal expertise and are not composed of Federal employees or contractors.

When reviewing nominations, NMFS, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will consider the following six criteria:

- (1) Ability to make time available for the purposes of the SRG;
- (2) Knowledge of the species (or closely related species) of marine mammals in the SRG's region;
- (3) Scientific or technical achievement in a relevant discipline, particularly the areas of expertise identified above, and the ability to serve as an expert peer reviewer for the topic;
- (4) Demonstrated experience working effectively on teams;
- (5) Expertise relevant to current and expected needs of the SRG, in particular, expertise required to provide adequate review and knowledgeable feedback on current or developing stock assessment issues, techniques, etc. In practice, this means that each member should have expertise in more than one topic as the species and scientific issues discussed in SRG meetings are diverse; and
- (6) No conflict of interest with respect to their duties as a member of the SRG.

Next Steps

Following review, nominees who are identified by NMFS as potential new members must be vetted and cleared in accordance with Department of Commerce policy. NMFS will contact these individuals and ask them to provide written confirmation that they are not registered Federal lobbyists or

registered foreign agents, and to complete a confidential financial disclosure form, which will be reviewed by the Ethics Law and Programs Division within the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of General Counsel. All nominees will be notified of a selection decision in advance of the 2023 SRG meetings.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations and topic submissions.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is requesting nominations for membership on the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC or Committee) and is also inviting the submission of potential topics for discussion at future Committee meetings. The TAC is a discretionary advisory committee established by the Commission in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The deadline for the submission of nominations and topics is October 6, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and topics for discussion at future TAC meetings should be emailed to TAC@cftc.gov or sent by hand delivery or courier to Office of Commissioner Goldsmith Romero, c/o Anthony Biagioli, TAC Designated Federal Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Please use the title "Technology Advisory Committee" for any nominations or topics you submit. Submissions through the TAC@cftc.gov email address are encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Biagioli, TAC Designated Federal Officer, at 816-960-7722 or email: ABiagioli@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The TAC was established to assist the Commission in identifying and understanding the impact and implications of technological innovation in the financial services, derivatives, and commodity (including digital-asset commodity) markets. The TAC may

provide advice to the Commission on the appropriate level of investment in technology at the Commission to meet its surveillance and enforcement responsibilities and inform the Commission's consideration of technology-related issues to support the Commission's mission of ensuring the integrity of the markets and achievement of other public interest objectives. The TAC accomplishes its objectives through public meetings and Committee reports and recommendations. The duties of the TAC are solely advisory and include calling for reports and/or recommendations by the TAC or TAC subcommittee(s), adopting reports and/or recommendations, and transmitting reports and/or recommendations to the Commission. Determinations of actions to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to the reports or recommendations of the TAC are made solely by the Commission.

TAC members generally serve as representatives and provide advice reflecting the views and interests of the organizations and/or entities that actively participate in the financial services and commodity markets that the Commission oversees, or actively consider legal, risk, or other issues presented by those markets. The representative members serve as a vehicle for communication between the Commission and representatives within the viewpoint categories on technology issues affecting those markets. Depending on the issues faced, the Commission may, from time to time, appoint experts to serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs), or officials of other Federal agencies to serve, on the TAC. If nominated, SGEs will be asked to submit and complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Members will represent a wide range of perspectives and interests, and these may include the viewpoint categories listed below. The members will be selected to represent a balance of viewpoints that are necessary or appropriate to effectively address the issues to be considered by the TAC. Though the viewpoint categories and precise number of members in any category may vary over time, the Commission anticipates that the TAC will have no more than 40 members who may represent the following viewpoint categories: (i) market participants in the derivatives and commodities markets; (ii) financial technology providers; (iii) market infrastructure firms, like exchanges and clearinghouses; (iv) other segments of the derivatives and commodities

industries; (v) regulatory organizations, which may include self-regulatory organizations; (vi) academia; and (vii) think tanks and public interest groups. The TAC has held at least one meeting per year. TAC members serve at the pleasure of the Commission. In addition, TAC members do not receive compensation or honoraria for their services, and they are not reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses. TAC members are appointed to two-, three-, or four-year terms.

The Commission seeks members who will share their experiences and views on the opportunities and risks that may be associated with technological innovation, including in the derivatives and commodities industries, and ways that the Commission can utilize new or different technologies in carrying out its mission. To advise the Commission effectively, TAC members must have a high level of expertise and experience relating to technological innovation in the financial services, derivatives, or commodity (including digital-asset commodity) markets and the Commission's regulation of such markets, including from a historical perspective. To the extent practicable, the Commission will strive to select members reflecting wide ethnic, racial, gender, and age representation. TAC members should be open to participating in a public forum.

The Commission invites the submission of nominations for TAC membership. Each nomination submission should include relevant information about the proposed member, such as the individual's name, title, and organizational affiliation, as well as information that supports the individual's qualifications to serve on the TAC. The submission should also include suggestions for topics for discussion at future TAC meetings as well as the name and email or mailing address of the person nominating the proposed member.

Submission of a nomination is not a guarantee of selection as a member of the TAC. As noted in the TAC's Membership Balance Plan, the CFTC identifies members for the TAC through a variety of methods. Such methods may include public requests for nominations for membership; recommendations sought from existing or former advisory committee members; consultations with knowledgeable persons outside the CFTC (e.g., persons representing market participants, financial technology providers, market infrastructure firms, regulatory or self-regulatory organizations, academic institutions, think tanks, or public interest groups); requests to be represented received from

individuals and organizations; and Commissioners' and CFTC staff's professional knowledge of those experienced in the financial services, derivatives, or commodity markets. The Office of Commissioner Goldsmith Romero, given the Commissioner's sponsorship of the TAC, plays a primary, but not exclusive, role in this process and makes recommendations regarding membership to the Commission. The Commission, by vote, authorizes proposed members to serve on the TAC.

The Commission also invites submissions from the public regarding the topics on which the TAC should focus. In other words, topics that relate to the following:

(a) the impact and implications of technological innovation in the financial services, derivatives, and commodity (including digital-asset commodity) markets;

(b) the utilization of new technologies in financial services, derivatives, and commodity (including digital-asset commodity) markets, as well as by market professionals and market users; and/or

(c) the utilization of technology at the Commission to meet its surveillance and enforcement responsibilities and inform the Commission's consideration of technology-related issues to support the Commission's mission of ensuring the integrity of the markets and achievement of other public interest objectives.

Each topic submission should include the commenter's name and email or mailing address.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. II)

Dated: September 19, 2022.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2021-0021; OMB Control Number 0750-0006]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 237, Service Contracting, and Related Clauses

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB, for clearance, the following proposed revision and extension of a collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 24, 2022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 237 Clauses 252.237-7025 and 252.237-7026; OMB Control Number 0750-0006.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit and not-for profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Type of Request: New collection.

Number of Respondents: 12.

Responses per Respondent: 35.

Annual Responses: 420.

Average Burden per Response: 0.062, approximately.

Annual Burden Hours: 26.

Frequency: On occasion.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is required to implement section 1006 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232), as amended by section 1011 of the NDAA for FY 2020 (Pub. L. 116-92). Section 1006 applies to accounting firms that provide financial statement auditing to DoD in support of the audit under 31 U.S.C. 3521 or audit remediation services in support of the Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan described in 10 U.S.C. 240b. Such firms, when responding to a solicitation or awarded a contract for the acquisition of covered services, must disclose to DoD before any contract action (including award, renewals, and amendments) the details of any disciplinary proceedings with respect to the accounting firm or its associated persons before any entity with the authority to enforce compliance with rules or laws applying to audit services offered by the accounting firm. DoD, as a matter of policy to provide a level playing field between firms that provide audit services to support certain DoD audits, is extending this requirement to firms other than accounting firms that provide such services. Section 1011 amended section 1006 to require any disclosures to be treated as confidential to the extent required by the court or agency in which the proceeding occurred and to be treated in a manner consistent with any protections or privileges established by any other provision of Federal law.

a. DFARS provision 252.237-7025, Preaward Transparency Requirements