

positioning, system calibration and Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) techniques, coverage and resolution, uncertainty, tides and water levels, and general gridded data specifications.

3. Seabed and Lakebed Backscatter—The backscatter data chapter focuses on establishing common backscatter acquisition and processing methods, acoustic signal corrections and image processing steps leveraging existing guidelines and recommendations from the Marine Geological and Biological Habitat Mapping Backscatter Working Group, as well as expert input from government, industry, academic institutions and other relevant bodies.

4. Water Column Sonar—The water column sonar chapter focuses on collecting, processing, and delivering raw and interpreted backscatter from single beam and multibeam echosounders. This chapter summarizes best practices for system configurations, operating frequencies and depth ranges, system calibration, QA/QC techniques, and analysis, and interpretation of backscatter.

5. Side Scan Sonar—The Side Scan Sonar chapter focuses on collecting, processing, and delivering side scan sonar data. This chapter summarizes best practices for acquisition standards and system set-up, range scales, frequencies and ping rates, coverage requirements, positioning, system calibration, QA/QC techniques, and derivation of products.

6. Sub-bottom—The sub-bottom profiling chapter focuses on common system types, practical survey design, conventional acquisition procedures, processing protocols, data formats, and publication of subsurface imaging data. The chapter describes the standard operating procedure for the use of single-channel acoustic systems that commonly operate in the 0.2 to 24 kilohertz frequency range to remotely image the surface morphology and near-surface stratigraphy.

7. Magnetometer—The magnetometer chapter focuses on general magnetic theory as it relates to anomaly detectability, factors that influence data quality, instrument configuration and selection, platforms, coverage specifications, testing and calibration, and resolution/line spacing based on survey objectives.

The SOMP encourages use of national standards and best practices to guide all ocean mapping actions in order to ensure the widest access to, use of, and integration of data while minimizing duplication of effort and archiving of ocean and coastal mapping data in publicly accessible repositories and

databases. Collecting, processing, and archiving data to established standards expands its utility for multiple uses. Ocean mapping data are required to meet many Federal government missions. To make the most of every survey mile collected, the IWG-OCM works with and encourages participation from partnering federal, state, local, academic, private industry, and non-profit organizations on mapping activities, data collection, and data sharing.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on spectrum management policy matters.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 10, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be conducted in an electronic format and open to the public via audio teleconference (866-880-0098 participant code 48261650). Public comments may be emailed to [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov) or mailed to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Antonio Richardson, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 482-4156 or [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov); and/or visit NTIA's website at <https://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management to: license radio frequencies in a way that maximizes public benefits; keep wireless networks as open to innovation as possible; and make wireless services available to all Americans. See Charter at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/csmac-charter-2021.pdf>.

This Committee is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. For more information about the Committee visit: <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

*Matters To Be Considered:* The planned meeting for Friday, March 10, 2023, will include updates on the progress CSMAC subcommittees are making in addressing topics they are addressing, specifically 6G wireless systems, electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) improvements, and Ultra-Wideband communications. NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its website, <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>, prior to the meeting. To the extent that the meeting time and agenda permit, any member of the public may address the Committee regarding the agenda items. See *Open Meeting and Public Participation Policy*, available at <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

*Time and Date:* The meeting will be held on March 10, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST). The meeting time and the agenda topics are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and access information.

*Place:* This meeting will be conducted in an electronic format and open to the public via audio teleconference. Individuals requiring accommodations are asked to notify Mr. Richardson at (202) 482-4156 or [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov) at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

*Status:* Interested parties are invited to join the teleconference and to submit written comments to the Committee at any time before or after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee in advance of the meeting are strongly encouraged to submit their comments in Microsoft Word and/or PDF format via electronic mail to [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov). Comments may

also be sent via postal mail to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230. It would be helpful if paper submissions also include a compact disc (CD) that contains the comments in one or both of the file formats specified above. CDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer. Comments must be received five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting date to provide sufficient time for review. Comments received after this date will be distributed to the Committee but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting. Additionally, please note that there may be a delay in the distribution of comments submitted via postal mail to Committee members.

*Records:* NTIA maintains records of all Committee proceedings. Committee records are available for public inspection at NTIA's Washington, DC office at the address above. Documents including the Committee's charter, member list, agendas, minutes, and reports are available on NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-C-2023-0002]

#### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI or Medal) is the nation's highest honor for technological achievement, bestowed by the president of the United States on America's leading innovators. The Medal is awarded to individuals, teams (up to four individuals), companies or divisions of companies for their outstanding contributions to America's economic, environmental and social well-being. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee will meet in a closed session on March 13, 2023. The primary purpose of the meeting is to

discuss the relative merits of the people, teams, and companies nominated for the NMTI.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on March 13, 2023, at approximately 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Hosler, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, USPTO, at 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA 22314; 571-272-8514; or [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee, chartered to the United States Department of Commerce, will meet at the USPTO campus in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 13, 2023.

The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for recommending to the President prospective NMTI recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee evaluates the nominations received via public solicitation and makes its recommendations for the Medal to the Secretary. Committee members are distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business, and patent law. They come from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms.

The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee was established in accordance with the FACA. The Committee meeting will be closed to the public, in accordance with the FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B), because the discussion of the relative merits of the Medal nominations is likely to disclose information of a personal nature that, if shared widely, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the nominees. Premature disclosure of the Committee's recommendations would also likely significantly frustrate the implementation of the Medal program.

The Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration, United States Department of Commerce, formally determined on February 17, 2023, pursuant to section 1009(d) of the FACA, that the meeting may be closed because Committee members are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Due to the closure of this meeting, copies of any meeting minutes will not be available. A copy of the

Notice of Determination for Closure of Meeting is available for public inspection at the USPTO.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2022-0037]

#### Joint USPTO-FDA Collaboration Initiatives; Notice of Public Listening Session and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for comments; extension of written comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Health and Human Services, is extending the written comment period for the notice titled "Joint USPTO-FDA Collaboration Initiatives; Notice of Public Listening Session and Request for Comments" that was published in the **Federal Register** on November 7, 2022, until March 10, 2023.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice published at 87 FR 67019 is extended. Comments are due by March 10, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** For reasons of Government efficiency, comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). This docket closed on February 6, 2023, but is now reopened to accept additional comments. To submit comments via the portal, enter docket number PTO-P-2022-0037 on the homepage and click "Search." The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this document and click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted as various file types, including Adobe® portable document format (PDF) and Microsoft Word® format. Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an