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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee, United States Patent and Trademark Office, will meet at the United States Patent and Trademark Office campus in Alexandria, Virginia.

The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee was established in accordance with the provisions of the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee's charter and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code, because it will involve discussion of relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the NMTI. Public disclosure of this information would likely frustrate implementation of the NMTI program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the NMTI award, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the award.

The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for recommending to the President prospective NMTI recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee makes its recommendations for the NMTI candidates to the Secretary of Commerce, who in turn makes recommendations to the President for final selection. NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee members are drawn from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms, with eligibility for one reappointment. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee members are composed of distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business and patent law.

The General Counsel formally determined on October 8, 2009, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 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)(4), (6) and (9)(B). Due to closure of the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting will not be

available. A copy of the determination is available for public inspection at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Dated: November 2, 2009.

David J. Kappos,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcing a Tutorial Workshop on ISO/IEC 24727—Identification Cards—Integrated Circuit Card Programming Interfaces

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will hold a public workshop on December 1-3, 2009, at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Board Room/Conference Center. The workshop is open to the public but registration is required. The registration fee will be \$90.00. The purpose of the 3-day workshop is to provide a high-level tutorial of the six part standard, ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces, a multi-part standard for interoperable identification, authentication, and signature services for credentials and applications. The workshop will also provide sessions on the use of ISO/IEC 24727 to include an overview of NIST IR 7611, *Use of ISO/IEC 24727—Service Access Layer Interface for Identity (SALI): Support for Development and use of Interoperable Identity Credentials*, which describes ISO/IEC 24727 from the perspective of the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 201—*Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors*.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 1-3, 2009.

ADDRESS: The three day workshop will be held at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Board Room/Conference Center, located at 429 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda:

Day 1: ISO/IEC 24727 concepts and technical parts.

Day 2: ISO/IEC 24727 technical parts.

Day 3: ISO/IEC 24727 technical parts, NISTIR 7611.

Abstract

The National Institute of Standards and Technology, in conjunction with national and international standards bodies, is an active participant in the development of the multi-part international standard entitled, ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces. The standard consists of six parts:

ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces—Part 1: Architecture

ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces—Part 2: Generic card interface

ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces—Part 3: Application interface

ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces—Part 4: API Administration

ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces—Part 5: Testing

ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces—Part 6: Registration authority procedures for the authentication protocols for interoperability

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will hold a tutorial on December 1-3, 2009, at the NTSB Board Room/Conference Center. The tutorial is open to the public but requires registration. The goal of the 3-day workshop is to provide a high-level tutorial of the six part standard, ISO/IEC 24727—Identification cards—Integrated circuit card programming interfaces, a multi-part standard for interoperable identification, authentication, and signature services for credentials and applications.

This workshop is open to the public but all attendees must pre-register in advance. There is a registration fee of \$90.00. Please register online at http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/confpage/conflist.htm. The registration deadline is November 20, 2009. A forthcoming URL

with agenda and materials will be linked from the registration site.

Dated: November 3, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Technology Innovation Program (TIP) Seeks Comments on White Papers

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Technology Innovation Program (TIP) announces that it is seeking comments on white papers prepared by TIP staff from any interested party, including academia; Federal, state, and local governments; industry; national laboratories; and professional organizations/societies. The white papers are posted on TIP's Web site (URL). Comments will assist in the further refinement of areas of critical national need and the associated technical challenges that could be addressed in future TIP competitions.

DATES: The suggested dates for submission of comments on white papers are: November 9, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments on white papers must be submitted to TIP using the comment button found on the first and last page of each white paper.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information: The Technology Innovation Program (TIP) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) was established for the purpose of assisting U.S. businesses and institutions of higher education or other organizations, such as national laboratories and nonprofit research institutions, to support, promote, and accelerate innovation in the United States through high-risk, high-reward research in areas of critical national need. The TIP statutory authority is Section 3012 of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science (COMPETES) Act, Public Law 110-69 (August 9, 2007), 15 U.S.C.

278n. The TIP implementing regulations are published at 15 CFR part 296. TIP holds competitions for funding based on addressing areas of critical national need. TIP identifies and selects topics for areas of critical national need based on input from within NIST, the TIP Advisory Board, the science and technology communities, and from the public. TIP is interested in receiving input on the identification and definition of problems that are sufficiently large in magnitude that they have the potential to inhibit the growth and well-being of our nation today.

This announcement explains the process for submitting comments on TIP white papers. Comments on white papers from experts in other Federal agencies are valued and welcome, and will enable TIP to complement the efforts of other mission agencies and avoid duplication of their efforts, thereby leveraging resources to benefit the nation. The key concepts, enumerated below, are the foundation of TIP and should assist all commenters in providing input that will help TIP develop and refine an effective white paper:

a. An area of *critical national need* means an area that justifies government attention because the magnitude of the problem is large and the associated societal challenges that need to be overcome are not being addressed, but could be addressed through high-risk, high-reward research.

b. A *societal challenge* is a problem or issue confronted by society that when not addressed could negatively affect the overall function and quality of life of the nation, and as such, justifies government attention. A societal challenge is associated with barriers preventing the successful development of solutions to the area of critical national need. TIP's purpose is to provide funding that will enable U.S. businesses and institutions of higher education or other organizations, such as national laboratories and nonprofit research institutions, to tackle technical issues that can be addressed through high-risk, high-reward research. The results of the high-risk, high-reward research should have the potential for transformational results.

c. A *transformational result* is a potential project outcome that enables disruptive changes over and above current methods and strategies. Transformational results have the potential to radically improve our understanding of systems and technologies, challenging the status quo of research approaches and applications.

For an understanding of how these white papers were developed, and for detailed instructions on how to prepare and submit your own white papers to TIP, refer to *A Guide for Preparing and Submitting White Papers on Areas of Critical National Need*. The *Guide* is available on the TIP Web site at http://www.nist.gov/tip/guide_for_white_papers.pdf.

In this call for comments on white papers, TIP is seeking information to further develop and refine the areas of critical national need as defined in the 2009 competition on *Civil Infrastructure*, and the 2009 competition on *Manufacturing*, as well as information to assist TIP in further defining other topic areas under development. TIP may use comments received to further develop the definition and scope of the critical national needs suggested by these topic areas, and to additionally identify and explain specific societal challenges that require a technical solution within these critical national need areas. Do not include ideas for specific proposals in your comments on the white paper (*i.e.*, do not discuss your specific solution to the problem). This solicitation for comments on white papers is neither a Request for Proposals (RFP) nor should it be viewed as a request for pre-proposals. Rather, it is a way to include ideas from the public to identify problems that justify government support and can be addressed by technological innovations that are not currently being sufficiently supported to meet the challenge.

Comments on white papers must not contain proprietary information. Submission of comments on a white paper means that the author(s) agrees that all the information in the comments on the white paper can be made available to the public. Information contained in these comments on white papers will be considered and combined with information from other resources—including the vision of the Administration, NIST, other government agencies, technical communities, the TIP Advisory Board, and other stakeholders—to develop the scope of future competitions and to shape TIP's collaborative outreach. Comments on white papers are a valuable resource that adds to TIP's understanding of the significance and scope of critical national needs and associated societal challenges. The comments on the white papers submitted could be shared with the Administration, NIST, other government agencies, technical communities, the TIP Advisory Board, other stakeholders and the public as