

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodities and services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Commodities

Sling, F/M4 Carbine
1005-01-368-9852
Turkey Baster
M.R. 851

Services

Base Supply Center, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri
Grounds Maintenance, Hunton Memorial USARC, 8791 Snouffers School Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland
Grounds Maintenance, Southern Maryland Memorial USARC Center, Meadows, Maryland
Grounds Maintenance, Prince George's County Memorial USARC Center, 6601 Baltimore Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland
Grounds Maintenance, Maus Warfield USARC Center, 1850 Baltimore Road, Rockville, Maryland

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN).

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0175.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 285 hours.

Number of Respondents: 60 (with multiple responses).

Avg Hours Per Response: Ranges between one and four hours depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: MARFIN is a competitive Federal assistance program that promotes and endorses programs in the Southeast Region that seek to optimize research and development benefits for U.S. marine fishery resources. Grant funds are available to enhance both recreational and commercial fisheries. Information provided through the grant process is used by the National Marine Fisheries Service to evaluate applications and make funding decisions.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Annually, semi-annually.

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

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 13, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee will be held July 28, 1998, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M(2), 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania

Avenues, NW., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

The Committee will meet only in Executive Session to discuss matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 3, 1997, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittee thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. For further information, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Weather Service Modernization and Associated Restructuring

AGENCY: National Weather Service (NWS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The NWS is publishing proposed certifications for the consolidation, automation, and closure of the—

(1) Charlotte, North Carolina Weather Service Office (WSO) which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level A and have its services

consolidated into the future Greenville/Spartanburg and Columbia, South Carolina and Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs);

(2) Fort Wayne, Indiana WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level B and have its services consolidated into the future Northern Indiana WFO; and

(3) South Bend, Indiana WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level B and have its services consolidated into the future Northern Indiana WFO.

In accordance with Pub. L. 102-567, the public will have 60-days in which to comment on these proposed consolidation, automation, and closure certifications.

DATES: Comments are requested by September 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed consolidation, automation and closure package should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 11426, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301-713-0300. All comments should be sent to Tom Beaver at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Beaver at 301-713-0300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 706 of Pub. L. 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that these consolidations, automations, and closures will not result in any degradation of service to the affected areas of responsibility and must publish the proposed consolidation, automation, and closure certifications in the **Federal Register**. The documentation supporting these proposed certifications includes the following:

(1) A draft memorandum by the meteorologists-in-charge recommending the certification, the final of which will be endorsed by the Regional Director and the Assistant Administrator of the NWS if appropriate, after consideration of public comments and completion of consultation with the Modernization Transition Committee (the Committee);

(2) A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns which affect the weather services provided within the service area;

(3) A comparison of the services provided within the service area and the services to be provided after such action;

(4) A description of any recent or expected modernization of NWS operation which will enhance services in the service area;

(5) An identification of any area within the affected service area which would not receive coverage (at an elevation of 10,000 feet) by the next generation weather radar network;

(6) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action including the WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Reports, User Confirmation of Services Reports, and the Decommissioning Readiness Report (as applicable);

(7) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action including the ASOS Commissioning Report; series of three letters between NWS and FAA confirming that weather services will continue in full compliance with applicable flight aviation rules after ASOS commissioning; Surface Aviation Observation Transition Checklist documenting transfer of augmentation and backup responsibility from NWS to FAA; successful resolution of ASOS user confirmation of services complaints; and an in-place supplementary data program at the responsible WFOs;

(8) Warning and forecast verification statistics for pre-modernized and modernized services which were utilized in determining that services have not been degraded;

(9) An Air Safety Appraisal for offices which are located on an airport; and

(10) A letter appointing the liaison officer.

These proposed certifications do not include any report of the Committee which could be submitted in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707(c) of Pub. L. 102-567. In December 1995 the Committee decided that, in general, they would forego the optional consultation on proposed certifications. Instead, the Committee would just review certifications after the public comment period had closed so their consultation would be with the benefit of public comments that had been submitted.

This notice does not include the complete certification package because it is too voluminous to publish. Copies of the certification package and supporting documentation can be obtained through the contact listed above.

Once all public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determine whether to proceed with the final certification. At

the June 25, 1997 MTC meeting the Committee stated that its endorsement of certifications is "subject to the following qualifications:

"(1) The number of trained staff in each modernized field office meets staffing requirements as established by the modernization criteria and documented in the National Implementation Plan and the Human Resources Plan (WBS 1100). Delays in training or failure to fill required positions will increase the risk of degradation of service;

"(2) The availability of operational systems in each modernized field office meets requirements as established by the modernization criteria and documented in the System Commissioning and Support Function Demonstration Plans; and

"(3) The operational and administrative infrastructures and technical development needed to support the modernized field offices be maintained as required by the modernization plan." These qualifications have been met for the above proposed certifications. If a decision to certify is made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish final certifications in the FR and transmit the certifications to the appropriate Congressional committees prior to consolidating, automating, and closing this office.

John J. Kelly, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 481-1464 and 782-1355

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications for permit and amendment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. W. John Richardson, LGL Ltd. Environmental Research Associates, 22 Fisher St., P.O.B. 280, King City, Ontario L7B 1A6, Canada has applied in due form for a permit to take bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*), ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*), bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*) and beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) for purposes of scientific research; and Dr.