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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting: African Development Foundation, Board of Directors Meeting.

Time: Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: African Development Foundation, Conference Room, 1400 I Street NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2012.

Status:

1. Open session, Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; and
2. Closed session, Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Due to security requirements and limited seating, all individuals wishing to attend the open session of the meeting must notify Sarah Conway at (202) 233-8811 or sconway@usadf.gov of your request to attend by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2012.

Lloyd O. Pierson,
President & CEO, USADF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: Application and Reports for Scientific Research and Enhancement Permits Under the Endangered Species Act.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0402.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 115.

Average Hours per Response:

Applications, 12 hours; modification requests, 6 hours; annual and final reports, 2 hours.

Burden Hours: 840.

Needs and Uses: This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) imposed prohibitions against the taking of endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows permits authorizing the taking of endangered species for research/enhancement purposes. The corresponding regulations established procedures for persons to apply for such permits. In addition, the regulations set forth specific reporting requirements for such permit holders. The regulations contain two sets of information collections: (1) Applications for research/enhancement permits, and (2) reporting requirements for permits issued.

The required information is used to evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity on endangered species, to make the determinations required by the ESA prior to issuing a permit, and to establish appropriate permit conditions. To issue permits under ESA Section 10(a)(1)(A), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must determine that (1) such exceptions were applied for in good faith, (2) if granted and exercised, will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species, and (3) will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

The currently approved application and reporting requirements apply to Pacific marine and anadromous fish species; requirements regarding other species are being addressed in a separate information collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance

Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: June 27, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: State Broadband Data and Development (SDBB) Grant Program Progress Report.

OMB Control Number: 0660-0034.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 56.

Average Hours per Response: 4 hours.

Burden Hours: 896.

Needs and Uses: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Public Law 111-5 (2009), required the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to develop and maintain a comprehensive, interactive, and searchable nationwide inventory map of existing broadband service capability and availability in the United States that depicts the geographic extent to which broadband service capability is deployed and available from a commercial or public provider throughout each state.

NTIA developed the State Broadband Data and Development (SBDD) Grant Program (74 FR 32545), a competitive,

merit-based matching grant program funding projects that collect comprehensive and accurate State-level broadband mapping data, develop State-level broadband maps, aid in the development and maintenance of a national broadband map, and fund statewide initiatives directed at broadband planning and capacity building.

NTIA requires quarterly performance progress reports (PPRs) in order to gauge the progress of grantees in meeting their project goals.

NTIA has identified a need to modify its existing PPR format by making minor changes to existing questions and adding new questions to improve clarity, reduce the frequency with which some information is reported, and delete certain items that are not necessary for effective performance monitoring. This modification will improve the quality of recipients' responses and enable NTIA to better monitor and assess the extent to which the recipients are meeting program goals and milestones.

Affected Public: State government; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Quarterly.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas Fraser, (202) 395-5887.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nicholas Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-7285, or via the Internet at Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: June 27, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket Number 120530127-2127-01]

American Indian and Alaska Native Consultation and Coordination Policy

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Department) requests public comments on a draft "Consultation and Coordination Policy of the U.S. Department of Commerce." This proposed policy establishes the manner in which the Department works with federally-recognized Indian tribes when developing Department policies that have tribal implications. The policy reaffirms the unique government-to-government relationship that exists between Indian tribes and the Department of Commerce to support Tribes in the development of strong and stable economies able to participate in today's national and global marketplace.

DATES: Written Comments must be submitted on or before October 1, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by DOC-2012-002, by and of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via the e-Rulemaking Portal, first click the "submit a comment" icon, then enter DOC-2012-0002 in the keyword search. Locate the document you wish to comment on from the resulting list and click on the "Submit a Comment" icon on the right of that line.

- *Fax:* 206-482-4420; Attn: Dee Alexander.

- *Regular Mail, express delivery, hand (courier) delivery or messenger service:* Submit comments to Dee Alexander, Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5422, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. The Department will accept anonymous comments (if submitting comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking portal, enter "N/A" in the relevant required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Background

Executive Order (E.O.) Number 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," (November 6, 2000) requires Federal agencies to have an accountable process to ensure meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in developing policies that have tribal implications.

President Barack Obama reaffirmed the government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribal governments in a White House Memorandum, "Tribal Consultation," 2009 Daily Comp. Press Docs.87 (November 5, 2009). Among other things, this memorandum acknowledges that Indian tribes exercise inherent sovereign powers over their members and territory. The memorandum also acknowledges that the United States continues to work with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis to address issues concerning Indian tribal self-government, tribal trust resources, and Indian tribal treaty and other rights.

This proposed policy is part of the Department's response to President Obama's memorandum. The Policy builds upon and expands the principles expressed in the Department's previous policy, "American Indian and Alaska Native Policy of the Department of Commerce," promulgated on March 30, 1995. The Policy incorporates the requirements of E.O. No. 13175, and the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum, "Guidance for Implementing E.O. 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments."

The Department will work with tribes on developing the final policy by sending this draft policy directly to the tribes and by conducting several webinars with Tribes on the policy and how to improve it. We will announce these webinars in future notices posted in the **Federal Register**.

The statements in the draft document are intended solely to provide internal Department guidance. This document is designed to implement E.O. 13175; the draft document does not, however, substitute for requirements in federal statutes or regulations, nor is it a requirement itself. This document is not intended, nor can it be relied upon, to create any right or trust responsibility enforceable in any cause of action by any party against the United States, its agencies, officers or any other person. It does not impose legally binding requirements on the Department or anyone else, and may not apply to a particular situation based upon the circumstances. The Department may