

and delays in carrying out their respective ARRA construction projects; thereby, facilitating the timely completion and public use of the newly-constructed scientific research facilities.

Safety and Security Systems Waiver

The NIST is hereby issuing a limited, program-wide, waiver of the Director ARRA Buy American requirements set forth in ARRA Section 1605(a) based on his determination that, under ARRA Section 1605(b)(1), the application of the Buy American requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest as applied to a grant recipient's use of non-domestic manufactured goods where such non-domestic goods are necessary for the integration and operation of the recipient's ARRA construction project to the recipient's existing safety and security systems.

All of the construction projects awarded under the NIST ARRA Construction Grant Program are either additions to existing buildings or new facilities within a campus environment. Public universities and other grant recipients constructing these projects generally employ uniform safety and security features that are interoperable across the campus, such as integrated police, fire alarm and other emergency communication systems, security locks, access card readers, high-pressure steam valves, etc. These common and uniform safety and security systems tend to greatly enhance the proper functioning and availability of these systems as a whole; thereby, providing maximum protection to persons and property. Uniform systems are also generally more cost effective for recipients to install, monitor and maintain versus multiple or mismatched systems across a campus environment. Conversely, mismatched components are often incompatible and extremely difficult or impossible for the recipient to properly integrate into existing systems due to the differing technical specifications, fitments, and other interoperability concerns. As a result, mismatched components may not integrate into existing common security or building automation systems, or may be more prone to failure, as well as being costlier to maintain and repair than common systems. The potential for these mismatched systems to not properly integrate or communicate within an existing campus system could present imminent life safety concerns. Further, while system function and interoperability is of primary public interest concern, warranty is also a consideration in that certain manufacturers will not warranty their systems if non-specified components or

components from a specific manufacturer are not used.

It is inconsistent with the public interest to increase safety risks to persons and casualty losses to property in order to comply with the ARRA Buy American requirements as they specifically apply to grant recipients' (and to their subrecipients' and contractors') use of non-domestic manufactured goods, where such non-domestic goods are necessary for the integration and operation of the recipient's ARRA construction project into the recipient's existing safety and security systems. Accordingly, NIST's issuance of the Safety and Security Systems Waiver is in the public interest because it will help ensure that the installation, maintenance, interoperability, and overall operation of safety and security systems incorporated into a grant recipient's construction project function properly and are otherwise compatible with the recipient's existing systems; thereby, providing maximum protection to persons and to property.

Recipient Compliance and NIST Monitoring

Recipients of NIST ARRA Construction Grant Program awards seeking to utilize the De Minimis Waiver and/or the Safety and Security Systems Waiver must determine with specificity the items to be covered by the waiver(s) and must retain complete and accurate records and supporting documentation, including the types and/or categories of items to which this waiver is applied and, for incidental construction items, the calculations by which the grant recipient determined its use of non-domestic iron, steel or manufactured goods used in the project equals five percent or less than the total cost of the iron, steel and manufactured goods used in the project. The recipient's records will be reviewed periodically by NIST as part of its ongoing project monitoring and oversight functions and, upon request, the records must be made available to the Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General for inspection.

This **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** constitutes the detailed written justification required by ARRA Section 1605(c) for waivers based on a public interest finding under ARRA Section 1605(b)(1). The waiver determinations set forth herein are being made pursuant to the delegation of authority by the Secretary of Commerce to the NIST Director for projects funded under the NIST ARRA Construction Grant Program. The NIST Director reserves the right to revisit and amend the

determinations set forth herein based on new developments or new information.

Authority: Section 1605 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5, Section 1605.

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA): 11.618, National Institute of Standards and Technology Construction Grant Program

Dated: November 4, 2013.

Kevin Kimball,
NIST Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Construction Safety Team (NCST) Advisory Committee (Committee) will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time and Wednesday, December 11, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern time. The meeting will be open to the public. This meeting was originally scheduled for October 15-16, 2013 and was rescheduled as a result of the government shutdown due to a lapse in appropriations. The primary purpose of this meeting is to update the Committee on the status of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Disaster and Failure Studies Program, receive NIST's response to the Committee's 2012 annual report recommendations, update the Committee on the progress of the NIST Technical Investigation of the May 22, 2011 Tornado in Joplin, MO, and gather information for the Committee's 2013 Annual Report to Congress. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/ncst/>.

DATES: The NCST Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Eastern time and Wednesday, December 11, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Rooms C103-C106, Advanced Measurement Laboratory (AML) Building (215), National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau

Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Faecke, Program and Management Analyst, Disaster and Failure Studies Program, Engineering Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604. Ms. Faecke's email address is tina.faecke@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established pursuant to Section 11 of the NCST Act (Pub. L. 107-231), codified at 15 U.S.C. 7301 *et seq.* The Committee is composed of ten members, appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting teams established under the NCST Act. The Committee advises the Director of NIST on the functions and composition of Teams established under the NCST Act and on the exercise of authorities enumerated in the NCST Act and reviews the procedures developed to implement the NCST Act and reports issued under section 8 of the NCST Act. Background information on the NCST Act and information on the NCST Advisory Committee is available at <http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/ncst/>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the NCST Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Eastern time and on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Eastern time. The meeting will be open to the public.

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Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to items on the Committee's agenda for this meeting are invited to request a place on the agenda. On December 10, 2013, approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved near the conclusion of the meeting for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be 5 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NCST Advisory Committee Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/ncst/>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. All those wishing to speak must submit their request by email to the attention of Ms. Tina Faecke, tina.faecke@nist.gov, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604, via fax at (301) 975-4032, or electronically by email to tina.faecke@nist.gov.

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, December 3, 2013, in order to attend. Please submit your full name, email address, and phone number to Tina Faecke. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, and employer/sponsor. Ms. Faecke's email address is tina.faecke@nist.gov, and her phone number is (301) 975-5911.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Request for Nominations for Members To Serve on National Institute of Standards and Technology Federal Advisory Committees

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to eight existing Federal Advisory Committees: Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board, National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction, NIST Smart Grid Advisory Committee, and Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committees, in addition to nominations already received. Registered Federal lobbyists may not serve on NIST Federal Advisory Committees.

DATES: Nominations for all committees will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise.

ADDRESSES: See below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

Addresses: Please submit nominations to Robert Fangmeyer, Acting Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020. Nominations may also be submitted via fax to 301-975-4967. Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current membership list, and executive summary, may be found at: <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm>.

For Further Information Contact: Robert Fangmeyer, Acting Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program and Designated Federal Officer, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020; telephone 301-975-4781; fax 301-975-