

incapacitated must provide a current certified medical report. When the incapacity is not permanent a medical certification must be received by DFAS every two years in order for the child to continue receiving annuity payments.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the charter for the Ocean Research Advisory Panel ("the Panel").

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This committee's charter is being established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The Panel's charter and contact information for the Panel's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) can be obtained at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>. The Panel provides independent scientific advice and recommendations to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council ("the Council"). The Council operates as the National Ocean Council (NOC) as directed by Executive Order 13547. The NOC Deputy-level Committee ("the Committee") has assumed the statutory responsibilities of the Council. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7903(a), the Panel shall consist of not less than 10 and not more than 18 members, representing the following: (a) One member who will represent the National Academy of Sciences; (b) One member who will represent the National Academy of Engineering; (c) One member who will represent the Institute of Medicine; (d) Members selected from among individuals who will represent the views on ocean industries, State Governments, academia, and such other views as the Chairs of the Committee consider appropriate; (e) Members selected from individuals who are

eminent in the fields of marine science, marine policy, or related fields. Members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee members. Members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will be appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee members. All members are appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. Except for reimbursement of official Panel-related travel and per diem, members serve without compensation. The DoD, as necessary and consistent with the Panel's mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups to support the Panel, and all subcommittees must operate under the provisions of FACA and the Government in the Sunshine Act. Subcommittees will not work independently of the Panel and must report all their recommendations and advice solely to the Panel for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees, task forces, or working groups have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Panel. No subcommittee or any of its members can update or report, verbally or in writing, directly to the DoD or any Federal officers or employees. The Panel's DFO, pursuant to DoD policy, must be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and must be in attendance for the duration of each and every Panel/subcommittee meeting. The public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Panel membership about the Panel's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Panel. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the Panel, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Hearing Agenda.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, April 27, (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.-EDT).

**PLACE:** Suffolk University Law School, 120 Tremont Street; Sergeant Function Hall 1st Floor; Boston, MA 02108, Phone: (617) 573-8000.

**AGENDA:** EAC will hold a public hearing to receive testimony from election administrators and voters with disabilities about accessible voting and the progress made since passage of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The objective of the hearing is to hear from voters with disabilities regarding their voting experiences, highlight EAC resources, and help election officials prepare for the 2016 elections. The hearing will include testimony from two panels: (1) Election administrators, and (2) advocates and voters with disabilities.

**PARTICIPATION:** In advance of the hearing, voters with disabilities are encouraged to share their experiences with accessible voting with the EAC. You may submit your written testimony to the EAC to be included as part of the transcript. Please email: [listen@eac.gov](mailto:listen@eac.gov) and place "testimony" in the subject line.

**THIS HEARING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:** Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (301) 563-3961.

**Bryan Whitener,**

*Director of Communications and Clearinghouse, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for OMB review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection in support of the DOE's Small Business Vouchers (SBV) pilot will gather quantitative estimates of the pilot's impacts as well as capture implementation lessons learned. The information is needed to assess the impacts of the SBV Pilot, documenting that the investment is producing the expected results, and to determine ways to improve the pilot should it be expanded in scope.

The SBV Pilot is a funding mechanism structured to allow small businesses engaged in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors to collaborate with researchers at the DOE National Laboratories and to take advantage of the resources at the Labs that assist small businesses in proceeding through commercialization challenges. Respondents will include small businesses participating in the pilot as well a comparison group of small businesses outside of the SBV Pilot.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before May 11, 2016. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4718.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to

Jeff Dowd,

By email to: [Jeff.Dowd@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Jeff.Dowd@ee.doe.gov).

Or by mail to: Jeff Dowd, US

Department of Energy, EE-61P, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Dowd, [Jeff.Dowd@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Jeff.Dowd@ee.doe.gov). Requests may also be mailed to Jeff Dowd, US Department of Energy, EE-61P, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Calls may be directed to Jeff Dowd at (202) 586-7258.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. "New"; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Small Business Vouchers: Web-survey of Participating and Nonparticipating Small Businesses

for DOE's Small Business Vouchers Pilot; (3) Type of Request: New collection; (4) Purpose: To evaluate the effectiveness and impacts of DOE's Small Business Vouchers (SBV) pilot program, to capture lessons learned, and make recommendations; The information collection will be through a web based survey, allowing participating SBV firms and the comparison firms to answer questions at a time most convenient for them. The web survey will consist of two full-length surveys, the first conducted once after the first year of vouchers has been completed (*i.e.*, the second year of the pilot) and the second once five years after the pilot began, and one abbreviated survey administered twice in the interim years (pilot years three and four). The information collection assumes there will be approximately 100 participating SBV firms in the first year of the program (vouchers awarded in 2016) and assumes there will be comparable levels of funding and participating SBV firms in 2017 and 2018. The first full-length survey (30 minutes in length for about 70 SBV participants and about 70 comparison firms) will stress questions about the application, selection, work agreement and completion processes and also ask about commercialization progress and other outcomes. The survey in year five (30 minutes in length) will ask about 300 firms participating in SBV from Years 1-3 and about 100 comparison firms about interest in continuing to engage with the national Laboratories, but will concentrate on commercialization and other outcomes and how much the DOE program contributed to the outcomes. The abbreviated, interim-year surveys will be 15 minutes in length and will provide status updates on SBV pilot impacts such as commercialization and other outcomes. The purpose of also surveying small business firms that have an interest in working with the National Laboratories but have not participated in SBV is to investigate similarities and differences in the two small business groups. The data collected in the year five survey will also be used to perform a benefit-cost calculation and benchmark comparison of voucher firms to firms in the DOE Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, based on existing SBIR data; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: Pilot Year 2 Survey: 140; Pilot Year 3 Survey: 200; Pilot Year 4 Survey: 300; Pilot Year 5 Survey: 400; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: Pilot Year 2 Survey: 140; Pilot Year 3 Survey: 200; Pilot Year 4 Survey: 300; Pilot Year 5

Survey: 400; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: Pilot Year 2 Survey: 70; Pilot Year 3 Survey: 50; Pilot Year 4 Survey: 75; Pilot Year 5 Survey: 200; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: Pilot Year 2 Survey: \$0; Pilot Year 5 Survey: \$0; Pilot Year 3 and 4 Survey: \$0.

**Statutory Authority:** DOE Org Act (42 U.S.C. 7101, *et seq.*) and 42 U.S.C. 16191 (AMO authority).

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**Jeff Dowd,**

*Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges From Construction Activities

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** All 10 EPA Regions are proposing for public comment on the draft 2017 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for stormwater discharges from construction activities, also referred to as the "2017 Construction General Permit (CGP)" or the "draft permit." The draft permit, once finalized, will replace the existing general permit covering stormwater discharges from construction activities that will expire on February 16, 2017. EPA proposes to issue this permit for five (5) years, and to provide permit coverage to eligible operators in all areas of the country where EPA is the NPDES permitting authority, including Idaho, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New Mexico, Indian country lands, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and most U.S. territories and protectorates. EPA seeks comment on the draft permit and on the accompanying fact sheet, which contains supporting documentation. This **Federal Register** document describes the draft permit in general and also includes specific topics on which the Agency is particularly seeking comment. EPA encourages the public to read the fact sheet to better understand the draft permit. The fact sheet and draft