

considers the invention a trade secret or confidential if it is unpatented. The inventor or submitter also provides a detailed description of the invention in accordance with the Guidance for Submission which accompanies the Evaluation Request form. The Evaluation Request must be signed by the inventor or submitter. The completed Evaluation Request form and the inventor's disclosure are mailed to the Office of Technology Innovation, NIST.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0002.

Form Number: NIST-1019.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individual inventors and small technology based businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750 per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 hours including preparation of the invention disclosure.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,500 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Respondents: No cost for the submitter or inventor.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 6, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

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

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, September 9, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, September 10, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. On September 9, 1997, the agenda will include an update on NIST programs; presentations on the NIST facilities program, the National Quality Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership; discussion of the Institute budget; and on September 10, 1997, a briefing and laboratory tour of the National Advanced Manufacturing Testbed. Discussions on the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and staffing of management positions at NIST scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m. and to end at 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 1997, will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene on September 9, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 9:30 a.m. on September 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge (seating capacity 80, includes 38 participants), Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris E. Kuyatt, Visiting Committee Executive Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone number (301) 975-6090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on July 25, 1997, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meeting will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

Elaine Buntin-Mines,

Associate Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of an Opportunity To Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium Concerning Scanning Capacitance Microscopy Image-to-Dopant Profile Software and Metrology Techniques

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on August 20, 1997, to discuss setting up a cooperative research consortium. The goal of the consortium is to develop a user friendly, personal-computer-based program for converting scanning capacitance microscopy images to 2-D dopant profiles.

The program will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and