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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The maximum loan and grant awards are calculated as 3.0 percent of the projected program level for zero-interest loans and grants during the fiscal year. The projected program level for zero-interest loans during FY 1998 is \$25,000,000, and the projected program level for grants is \$11,000,000. Applying the specified 3.0 percent to these program levels results in the maximum loan award of \$750,000 and the maximum grant award of \$330,000.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee will be held January 13, 1998, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 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.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on the status of the National Defense Authorization Act implementation regulation.
4. Update on the status of the Wassenaar Arrangement implementation regulation.

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters

forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA/BXA—MS:3886C, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

For further information or copies of the minutes, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board

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

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) National Advisory Board, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet to hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 1998. The Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board is composed of 9 members appointed by the Director of NIST who were selected for their expertise in the area of industrial extension and their work on behalf of smaller manufacturers. The Board was set up under the direction of the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to fill a need for outside input and advice for MEP, a unique program consisting of centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico which are created by a state, federal and local partnership. The Board works closely with the Manufacturing Extension Partnership to provide input and advice on MEP's programs, plans and policies. The purpose of this meeting is to delve into areas the Board selected at the previous meeting. On January 21, 1998, the agenda for the meeting of the Board will include an ethics briefing by the Department of Commerce's Ethics Division, an overview of MEP's national marketing efforts to assist the centers in reaching their clients, studying the impacts of services provided by the centers and an overview of a national initiative-supply chain integration.

DATES: The meeting will convene on January 21, 1998 at 9:00 am and will adjourn at 3:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Building 101, Employee Lounge (seating capacity 60, includes 15 participants), at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MEP services to smaller manufacturers address the needs of the national market as well as the unique needs of each company. Since MEP is committed to providing this type of individualized service through its centers, the program requires the perspective of locally-based experts to be incorporated into its national plans. The MEP National Advisory Board was set up at the direction of the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to maintain MEP's focus on local and market based needs. The MEP National Advisory Board was approved on October 24, 1996, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app.2., to provide advice on MEP programs, plans, and policies; assess soundness of MEP plans and strategies; assess current performance against MEP program plans, and function in an advisory capacity. The Board will meet three times a year and reports to the Director of NIST. This will be the first meeting of the members in 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Acierto, Assistant to the Director for Policy, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Telephone number (301) 975-5033.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

Michael R. Rubin,

Deputy Chief Counsel for NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Space Launch Vehicles at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of incidental harassment authorizations.

SUMMARY: In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is