

available. For further information or copies of the minutes, contact William Dawson, (202) 482-5155.

Dated: February 25, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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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, March 10, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.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. The agenda will include an update on NIST programs; report on the objectives and milestones for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), and the National Quality Program; benchmarking with other national laboratories; and a laboratory tour. Discussions on staffing of management positions at NIST scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 1998, and the NIST budget, including funding levels of the MEP and ATP programs scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. and to end at 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 1998, will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene March 10, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 1998.

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 February 13, 1998, 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 meetings 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: February 24, 1998.

Robert B. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects To Strengthen and Develop the U.S. Fishing Industry

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

ACTION: Notification of solicitation for applications.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this document describing the conditions under which applications will be accepted under the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program and how NMFS will select applications for funding.

The S-K Grant Program assists eligible applicants in carrying out research and development projects that address various aspects of U.S. fisheries (commercial or recreational), including, but not limited to, harvesting, processing, marketing, and associated infrastructures.

DATES: Applications must be received by close of business May 1, 1998, in one of the offices listed in **ADDRESSES**.

Applicants must submit one signed original and nine signed copies of the completed application (including supporting information). No facsimile applications will be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Application packages can be obtained from, and completed applications sent to any office listed below:

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; telephone: (978) 281-9267.

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, Koger Bldg., 9721 Executive Center Drive, North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702; telephone: (813) 570-5324.

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; telephone: (562) 980-4033.

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, BIN C15700, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E., Seattle, WA 98115; telephone: (206) 526-6115.

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, or Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, 4th Floor, Juneau, AK 99801; telephone: (907) 586-7224.

In addition, this solicitation and the application package are available on the NMFS S-K Home Page at:

www.nmfs.gov/sfweb/skhome.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia L. Jarboe, S-K Program Manager, (301) 713-2358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

A. Background

The S-K Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 713c-3), provides that a fund (known as the S-K fund) will be used by the Secretary of Commerce to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries research and development projects addressed to any aspect of U.S. fisheries, including, but not limited to, harvesting, processing, marketing, and associated infrastructures. U.S. fisheries¹ include any fishery,

¹ For purposes of this document, a fishery is defined as one or more stocks of fish, including