

total groundfish fishing mortality and discard, and to provide the information necessary to assess the effects of trip limit management. The ad hoc Committee will propose goals for a data collection program, identify funding options and impediments, and develop an overall program design. The Council has also instructed the committee to conduct a full exploration of reasonable alternatives to an observer program (e.g., full retention) and to address equity issues associated with participation of various gear groups, vessel size categories, and funding.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be of formal discussion during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

#### **Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 29, 1998.

#### **Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **National Telecommunications and Information Administration**

[Docket No. 980716177-8177-01]

#### **Presidential Decision Directive 63 on Critical Infrastructure Protection: Sector Coordinators**

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for expressions of interest.

**SUMMARY:** America's national and economic security are increasingly reliant on certain critical infrastructures and upon cyber-based information systems. Accordingly, in Presidential Decision Directive 63, the President directed the establishment of a program addressing the Nation's need for protection of its critical infrastructures. Critical infrastructures are those physical and cyber-based systems essential to the minimum operations of the economy and government. They

include, but are not limited to, telecommunications, energy, banking and finance, transportation, water systems and emergency services, both governmental and private. The President has assigned to the Department of Commerce the lead agency responsibility for the information and communications (I&C) infrastructure. The Secretary of Commerce has designated the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to carry out those responsibilities.

Presidential Decision Directive 63 calls for representatives of the private sector, called Sector Coordinators (SCs), to represent the interests of critical infrastructure owners and operators in the development of infrastructure assurance plans. NTIA is seeking suggestions from the I&C private sector on the best way to fulfill the role of SCs in representing the I&C private sector on the Critical Infrastructure Assurance Program with the U.S. Government Sector Liaison Official (SLO), Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and NTIA Administrator. In addition, NTIA is seeking expressions of interest from private sector I&C entities capable of fulfilling the role of SC. In addition, comments are invited on the I&C infrastructure definitions provided in this notice.

**DATES:** Expressions of interest must be received by September 4, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Expressions of interest may be mailed to Irwin M. Pikus, Infrastructure Assurance Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Room 4898, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, or submitted in electronic form to [infrastructure@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:infrastructure@ntia.doc.gov). Electronic submissions should be in ASCII, WordPerfect (please specify version) or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format, and should be included as attachments to the electronic message. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt, please contact

[webmaster@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:webmaster@ntia.doc.gov), or call 202/482-2333. Please note: Comments filed electronically at the above address and any other official address will be posted on the NTIA website at [www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/infrastructure/index.html](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/infrastructure/index.html). Paper submissions should include three paper copies and a version on diskette in a format specified above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Shaw, NTIA, 202/482-2333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Background**

Every sector of the U.S. economy—including manufacturing, transportation, energy and utilities, retail and wholesale trade, education, healthcare, finance and government—employs information technology and services in its operations. The U.S. communications and information infrastructure is comprised of: The physical facilities used to transmit, store, process, and display voice, data and images, as well as the information itself; applications and software to allow users to access the information; and the network standards and transmission codes that facilitate interconnection and interoperation among networks, ensuring privacy and security of the information, and network security and reliability.

Following the recommendations of a commission created under Executive Order 13010, the President directed the establishment of an interagency program addressing the Nation's need for protection of its critical infrastructures. The protection of critical infrastructures in the national interest requires a closely coordinated effort of both public and private sectors since most of the information and communications (I&C) infrastructure is owned and operated by private sector entities. Because the Secretary of Commerce designated the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to carry out the critical infrastructure protection responsibilities for the I&C sector, Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator of NTIA, will serve as the Sector Liaison Official (SLO) under Presidential Decision Directive (PDD-63) to work with the I&C sector.

In the spirit of public-private partnership, NTIA is seeking to identify sector coordinators (SCs) to work closely with NTIA in accomplishing the objectives of the President's program. Together, the SLO and the SCs, along with the departments and corporations they represent, will contribute to a sectoral National Infrastructure Assurance Plan by: Assessing the vulnerabilities of the sector to cyber or physical attacks; recommending a plan to eliminate significant vulnerabilities; proposing a system for identifying and preventing attempted major attacks; and developing a plan for alerting, containing, and rebuffing an attack in progress and then, in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as appropriate, rapidly reconstituting minimum essential capabilities in the aftermath of an attack. In addition to producing the

sectoral plan, NTIA foresees this partnership for critical infrastructure protection as an on-going, long-term dialogue, and an education and awareness program among the Federal, state and local, and private entities of the I&C sector.

The characteristics of the I&C sector create the likelihood that no single existing private sector individual or organization can serve adequately within its current mission as the I&C sector coordinator. NTIA will conduct discussions with a broad cross section of the I&C sector for the purpose of facilitating the identification of possibly more than one SC. Interested parties are invited to provide necessary information to NTIA.

NTIA is seeking suggestions on identifying SCs and expressions of interest from private sector telecommunications and information entities capable of fulfilling the role of SC in sharing responsibility for the Critical Infrastructure Assurance Program with the SLO, Assistant Secretary Larry Irving, Administrator of NTIA. The intention of the President's program is that the SLO and the SCs will cooperate in recommending the sector's infrastructure assurance plan, which will become a major element in the national plan, as well as in developing and implementing a vulnerability and awareness program for the sector.

## **Infrastructure Definitions**

### *Infrastructure*

An infrastructure is the framework of organizations, personnel, and systems for identifiable industries, institutions, and distribution capabilities that provide a flow of goods and services essential to the economic well-being and national security of the United States, to the smooth functioning of governments at all levels, and to society as a whole.

### *Information Infrastructure*

For the purpose of soliciting suggestions on identifying SCs and expressions of interest from private sector telecommunications and information entities capable of fulfilling the role of SC, we define the information infrastructure as comprising procedures, personnel, organizations, and installed information technology (including hardware, software, and firmware) that acquires, stores, manipulates, disseminates, and presents information to the user, including information services, such as computer services, data processing and network services, electronic commerce services,

and electronic information services. The information industry, for example, supplies multimedia information services in audio, video, and text formats via computer, fax, television, and other means. The Internet is providing new modalities for information services.

### *Telecommunications Infrastructure*

For the purpose of soliciting suggestions on identifying SCs and expressions of interest from private sector telecommunications and information entities capable of fulfilling the role of SC, we define telecommunications as comprising any transmission, emission, or reception of signs, signals, writing, images, and sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems. The telecommunications infrastructure includes the organizations, personnel, procedures, facilities, and networks employed to transmit information by wire, radio, or fiber optics, that provide the means for supplying services, such as telephony or mass media (e.g., traditional radio or television broadcasting as well as cable and satellite broadcasting). Examples of advanced telecommunications systems include direct broadcast satellite (DBS), digital audio broadcasting (DAB), Advanced Digital Television, and Global Positioning System (GPS), used extensively for precise navigation and timing.

### **Role of Sector Coordinators**

The SCs will have major involvement with NTIA, the SLO for the I&C sector. The SCs will also be involved with the National Coordinator and the National Infrastructure Assurance Council, and, to a lesser degree, other program organizations and U.S. Government agencies.

NTIA and Department of Commerce goals include the fullest, appropriate, legal sharing of information and views on all matters related to I&C infrastructure protection, both from government to the private sector and from the private sector to government, in a manner that appropriately protects the safety, privacy, and other legitimate concerns of all parties. This must include adequate opportunities for sharing a broad range of information, including minority and dissenting opinions, so that all pertinent information and ideas can be understood and addressed by those who may be affected.

In support of this openness, we expect and are asking entities expressing interest in serving as potential SCs to

verify their understanding of the following:

- The SCs as a group will not serve in any capacity that would trigger the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act;
- NTIA primarily seeks information;
- If NTIA or the Department requires advice, they expect to seek advice from individuals, especially those who have expressed interest in serving as potential SCs, and not from committees or groups;
- Potential SCs must agree not to offer group or consensus advice to U.S. Government officials; and
- The SCs will represent the views and interests of the private sector in addressing the protection of the infrastructure.

*Specific responsibilities of SCs may include the following:*

1. Enter into a memorandum of understanding between the private sector participants and the U.S. Government, mutually agreed to and delineating the private sector and government roles and responsibilities.
2. Collaborate with the SLO, providing information and individual advice.
3. Participate in the development of the National I&C Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan.
- 3.1 Establish a network of private sector stakeholders in the plan.
- 3.2 Meet with U.S. Government officials and private sector stakeholders.
- 3.3 Identify points of contact from private sector organizations.
- 3.4 Review interim outputs of the NTIA Planning Support Team.
- 3.5 Jointly (with NTIA) submit the schedule to the National Coordinator.
4. Assist in the establishment of the National Infrastructure Assurance Council (NIAC).
  - 4.1 Identify potential panel members for NTIA's consideration.
  - 4.2 Review NIAC recommendations.
  5. Assist in the creation of the Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC).
    - 5.1 Gather ISAC information from private sector stakeholders.
    - 5.2 Provide sector input into the design of the ISAC.
  6. Assist in the conduct of special studies.
    - 6.1 Identify private sector participants.
    - 6.2 Review study results.
    7. Assist in public outreach.
      - 7.1 Identify best methods for outreach.
      - 7.2 Organize private sector education efforts.

- 7.3 Organize selected awareness events.
8. Assist private sector to achieve infrastructure security.
- 8.1 Assemble private sector input.
- 8.2 Review proposed activities.

#### **Identification Criteria**

NTIA seeks SCs with the following characteristics. Each respondent should indicate the degree to which they or any entity or approach they are recommending are:

- (a) Acceptable to a broad spectrum of the constituency of the sector;
- (b) Knowledgeable about the structure and operation of the sector;
- (c) Familiar with the sector's interactions with the U.S. Government and with government programs similar to the current effort;
- (d) Able to articulate the issues regarding critical infrastructure protection to their constituencies with sufficient clarity and credibility to motivate positive responses to requests for information and for supporting actions;
- (e) Able to develop broad support across the sector regarding infrastructure assurance matters;
- (f) Sufficiently senior to interact effectively with senior U.S. Government officials; and
- (g) Able to devote a substantial amount of time to this effort, particularly through the PDD-63 two-year time line for initial capability.

**Shirl Kinney,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

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#### **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

##### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Joe Zender, National Personnel Coordinator, AmeriCorps\*National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), (202) 606-5000, Extension 116. Individuals who

use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20503. (202) 395-7316, by September 4, 1998.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* AmeriCorps\*NCCC Team Leader Application Form.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0005.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Citizens of diverse ages and backgrounds who are committed to national service.

*Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* Two hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,000 hours.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total Annual Cost (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.

*Description:* The Team Leader Application form is completed by applicants who wish to serve as Team Leaders at AmeriCorps\*NCCC regional campuses. The Corporation seeks to renew and revise the current form. When revised, the form will include discussion concerning an additional regional campus and will be used for the same purpose and in the same manner as the existing form.

Dated: July 31, 1998.

**Thomas L. Bryant,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

##### **Office of the Secretary**

##### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Customer Service Evaluation Survey; DeCA Form 60-28; OMB Number 0704-0380.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 42,165.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 42,165.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 4 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,811.

*Needs and Uses:* The Department of Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) has developed the Customer Service Evaluation System (CSES) as a management tool to evaluate customer satisfaction in each commissary worldwide. This management tool uses a survey, "Commissary Customer Service Survey," DeCA Form 60-28, which is designed to query commissary patrons on perceived customer satisfaction. The results will be distributed to each commissary for guidance to effectively serve patrons' needs and also to operate a more efficient and cost-effective system.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.