

identified in the cooperative agreement award.

(l) Past Performance. Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in a proposal not being considered for funding.

(m) Pre-award Activities. Applicants (or their institutions) who incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been provided, there is no obligation on the part of NIST to cover pre-award costs.

(n) No Obligation for Future Funding. If a proposal is selected for funding, NIST has no obligation to provide any additional funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

(o) Delinquent Federal Debts. No award of Federal funds shall be made to a proposer or recipient who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either the delinquent account is paid in full, a negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or other arrangements satisfactory to NIST are made.

(p) Name Check Review. All for-profit and non-profit proposers are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the proposer have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the proposer's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

(q) Primary Applicant Certification. All primary proposers (including all joint venture participants) must submit a completed form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanation is hereby provided:

(1) *Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension*. Prospective participants, as defined at 15 CFR 26.105 are subject to 15 CFR part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

(2) *Drug-Free Workplace*. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 605) are subject to 15 CFR 26, subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

(3) *Anti-Lobbying*. Person (as defined at 15 CFR 28.105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitations on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater; and

(4) *Anti-Lobbying Disclosures*. Any proposer that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, appendix B.

(r) Lower Tier Certification. Recipients shall require proposers/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Although the CD-512 is intended for the use of primary recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST, the SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be forwarded in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

(s) False Statements. A false statement on any application for funding under ATP may be grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(t) Intergovernmental Review. The ATP does not involve the mandatory payment of any matching funds from state or local government and does not affect directly any state or local government. Accordingly, the Department of Commerce has determined that Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" is not applicable to this program.

(u) American-Made Equipment and Products. Proposers are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with the funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent.

(v) Paperwork Reduction Act. This notice contains collection of information requirements subject to the

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Control Nos. 0693-0009, 0348-0046, and 0925-0418). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

(w) Executive Order Statement. This funding notice was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: December 27, 2000.

Raymond G. Kammer,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program; Announcement of Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings (proposers' conferences).

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend public meetings (Proposers' Conferences) to learn more about the Advanced Technology Program (ATP). ATP partners with industry on high-risk, high technology research in technologies ranging from advanced manufacturing to medicine and from advanced materials to microelectronics.

DATES: The public meetings will be held on January 30, February 1, and February 6, 2001 in Chicago, Las Vegas, and Gaithersburg, respectively. The meetings at all three locations will be held from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. local time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the following three locations:

Tuesday, January 30, 2001, Holiday Inn O'Hare International, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018, Tel: 847-671-6350; Fax: 847-671-5406

Thursday, February 1, 2001, Alexis Park, 375 E. Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89109, Tel: 800-582-2228; Fax: 702-796-4334

(Note: For the meetings in Chicago and Las Vegas, a block of rooms has been reserved at the meeting locations at

room rates of \$120 and \$125, respectively.)

Tuesday, February 6, 2001, NIST, Green Auditorium, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001

If you plan to attend the meeting in Gaithersburg, a block of rooms has been reserved at:

Holiday Inn (room rate: \$95), 2 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879, Tel: 301-948-8900; Fax: 301-258-1940

To register for a room for any of the three conferences, please contact the hotel at least three weeks prior to your arrival date, and mention that you are attending the NIST/ATP Meeting.

Information on the ATP may be obtained from the following address: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Advanced Technology Program, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4701, Administration Building 101, Room A413, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4701

Additionally, information on the ATP is available on the Internet at the ATP website <http://www.atp.nist.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, you may telephone Toni Nashwinter at 301-975-3780 or e-mail: Toni.Nashwinter@nist.gov.

Requests for ATP information, application materials, and/or to have your name added to the ATP mailing list for future mailings may also be made by:

(a) Calling the ATP toll-free "hotline" number at 1-800-ATP-FUND or 1-800-287-3863. You will have the option of hearing recorded messages regarding the status of the ATP or speaking to one of our customer representatives who will take your name and address. If you reach ATP voice mail, please speak distinctly and slowly and spell the words that might cause confusion. Leave your phone number as well as your name and address;

(b) Sending a facsimile (fax) to 301-926-9524 or 301-590-3053; or

(c) Sending electronic mail to atp@nist.gov. Include your name, full mailing address, and phone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-418, 15 U.S.C. 278n), amended by the American Technology Preeminence Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-245), directed the establishment of ATP. The purpose of the ATP is to assist United States businesses to carry out research and development on high-risk, high-pay-off, emerging and enabling technologies.

These public meetings will provide general information regarding the ATP,

details on the new application process, tips on preparing good proposals, and an opportunity for audience questions.

No registration fee will be charged. The format and content of each of the public meetings will be the same.

Registration for the public meetings is as follows:

For electronic registration, visit www.nist.gov/conferences. Please scroll down the NIST conference listing to find the appropriate date.

Fax registration form by 1/16/01 to Kimberly Snouffer, 301-948-2067.

Mail registration form (Exhibit 1 in ATP Proposal Preparation Kit) by 1/16/01 to NIST Conference Office, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 3461, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-3461.

Dated: December 27, 2000.

Raymond G. Kammer,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122700A]

Southeast Region Logbook Supplementary Discard Form

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert Sadler, Southeast Regional Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702, phone 727-570-5326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

A supplemental form will be used with the existing required logbook form to collect information on the species and quantities of fish, marine mammals, and sea turtles that are caught and discarded by vessels that have been issued a Federal permit for Gulf of Mexico reef fish, South Atlantic snapper-grouper, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, or sharks. The information will be used to help manage fisheries and the protection of marine mammals and endangered species.

II. Method of Collection

Forms will be submitted as attachments to logbooks.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have 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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 21, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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