

Environmental Trade Working Group (ETWG) of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). The ETAC was originally chartered in May of 1994. It was most recently rechartered until May 30, 2002.

For further information phone Corey Wright, ETI, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-5225. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to ETI.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Public Meeting To Gather Information and Data Relating to the World Trade Center Disaster for Building and Fire Safety Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the United States Department of Commerce has scheduled a public meeting to gather information for a proposed building and fire safety investigation of the World Trade Center disaster. Individuals and representatives of organizations who have information that could be helpful to such an investigation are invited to request a place on the agenda. The total number of speakers and organizations, and the time available for each, will be determined by the number of requests, but the time is likely to be 5 to 10 minutes each. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who wish to speak but cannot be accommodated on the agenda due to the constraints of time, and those who are unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements and supporting material to the WTC Technical Information Repository. **DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 22, 2002, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the New York Marriott Hotel, Financial Center, located at: 85 West Street, New York, NY, 10006. Telephone number is: (212) 385-4900.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen Cauffman, (301) 975-6051 or by e-mail at [stephen.cauffman@nist.gov](mailto:stephen.cauffman@nist.gov). Written statements and supporting material should be submitted to the WTC Technical Information Repository, Building and Fire Research Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, MS 8610, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8610 or electronically by e-mail to [WTC@NIST.gov](mailto:WTC@NIST.gov) or by Fax to (301) 975-4052.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Specific technical issues of interest to NIST are the following:

- The probable technical causal factors for the collapse of the World Trade Center towers following the airplane impacts;
- Factors that led to the injuries and fatalities, including all technical aspects of fire protection, response, evacuation, and occupant behavior and emergency response;
- The procedures and practices used in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the World Trade Center towers;
- New technologies and procedures emerging that might be employed in the future to reduce the potential risks of such a collapse; and
- Building and fire codes, standards, and practices that might warrant revision.

To request an opportunity to speak, NIST must receive the following information via e-mail ([WTC@NIST.gov](mailto:WTC@NIST.gov)) or FAX ((301)-975-4052) no later than 5:00 PM on April 17, 2002:

- Name and contact information (including FAX, phone and/or e-mail) of individual who will be speaking
- Name and complete address of organization(s) speaker represents
- Specific technical issue that is being discussed (from above list)

Those who are selected to speak will be contacted by 12:00 noon on April 19, 2002, using the FAX, phone or e-mail address provided. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who wish to speak but cannot be accommodated on the agenda due to the constraints of time, and those who are unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements and supporting material to the WTC Technical Information Repository, Building and Fire Research Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, MS 8610, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8610 or electronically by e-mail to [WTC@NIST.gov](mailto:WTC@NIST.gov) or by Fax to (301) 975-4052.

Statements made at the meeting and/or submitted to NIST may be recorded and transcribed and made available to

the public at a later date. The meeting will be webcast and linked to the NIST home page, <http://www.nist.gov/>.

Dated: April 2, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Financial Assistance for Environmental Education Projects in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this document is to invite the public to submit proposals for available funding to implement environmental education projects in the following two priority areas: "Meaningful" Chesapeake Bay or Stream Outdoor Experience and Professional Development in the Area of Environmental Education for Teachers Within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Funds are available to K-through-12 public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, community-based and nonprofit organizations, state or local government agencies, interstate agencies, and Indian tribal governments. This document describes the conditions under which project proposals will be accepted and criteria under which proposals will be evaluated for funding consideration. Potential recipients may submit proposals for both priority areas, but, for each, they must write a separate proposal. Selected recipients will enter into either a cooperative agreement or a grant.

**DATES:** Applications for funding under this program must be received by 5 p.m. eastern daylight-saving time on May 23, 2002. Note: for applications received after the postmark date, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, Section IV, A.

**ADDRESSES:** You can obtain an application package from and send completed applications to Seaberry J. Nachbar, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office, 410 Severn Avenue, Suite 107A, Annapolis, MD 21403. You can also