

rehabilitation and stranding network. This information will be used to monitor the level of incidental take in the state-managed Virginia pound net fishery and ensure that the seasonal pound net leader restrictions (50 CFR 223.206(d)(10)) are adequately protecting listed sea turtles. Based on the number of sea turtle takes anticipated in the Virginia pound net fishery, the number of responses anticipated on an annual basis has increased from 441 to 611, and the number of burden hours has increased from 74 to 102.

## II. Method of Collection

Reports may be made either by telephone or fax.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648–0470.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 102.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$1,833.

## 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: October 17, 2005.

### Gwellnar Banks,

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 030602141–5264–27]

### Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2006

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of solicitation period.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service, publishes this notice to amend the competitive solicitation for the Ecological Forecasting (ECOFOR) program to provide an opportunity for commercial entities to submit proposals and to extend the solicitation period to provide the public more time to submit proposals.

**DATES:** The new deadline for the receipt of proposals is November 18, 2005, for both electronic and paper applications.

**ADDRESSES:** The address for submitting Proposals electronically is: <http://www.grants.gov/> (Electronic submission is strongly encouraged). Paper submissions should be sent to the attention of ECOFORE 2006, Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research (N/SCI2), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, 8th Floor Station 8243, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Elizabeth Turner, 603–862–4680, [elizabeth.turner@noaa.gov](mailto:elizabeth.turner@noaa.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This program was originally solicited in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2005, as part of the June 2005 NOAA Omnibus solicitation (70 FR 37766). The ECOFORE component of that Omnibus solicitation did not include commercial organizations as eligible applicants. NOAA has determined that expanding the pool of potential applicants to include commercial organizations would enhance the program's ability to make financial assistance awards to recipients with the highest level of expertise in atmospheric forecasting. The original deadline for receipt of proposals was 3 p.m. EST, on October 25, 2005. In order to allow the expanded pool of potential applicants to submit proposals, NOAA is extending the deadline for the receipt of applications to 3 p.m. EST on November 18, 2005, for both electronic and paper applications. All other requirements for this solicitation remain the same.

## Limitation of Liability

Funding for this program is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for the programs listed in this notice. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

## Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware that they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See 67 FR 66177 (October 30, 2002) for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1–866–705–5711 or via the internet (<http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>).

## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals which are seeking NOAA Federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA website: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216–6 for NEPA, [http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216\\_6\\_TOC.pdf](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf), and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, [http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc\\_ceq.htm](http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm). Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of

an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this solicitation.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of 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.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

#### **Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)**

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

#### **Administrative Procedure Act/ Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory

flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

**Charles W. Challstrom,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,  
National Ocean Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Technology Administration**

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Medal of Technology Nomination Application**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, 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 December 20, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet ([dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Mildred Porter, Director, National Medal of Technology Program, Technology Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4817, Washington, DC 20230.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Abstract**

This information collection is critical for the Nomination Evaluation Committee to determine nomination eligibility and merit for selection of the Nation's leading technological innovators honored by the President of the United States. The National Medal of Technology Nomination Application solicits nominations that recognize an individual's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The information is needed in order to comply with Pub. L. 96-480 and Pub. L. 105-309.

## **II. Method of Collection**

The nomination forms and instructions are electronically posted on the National Medal of Technology Web site so interested parties can review criteria and informational requirements at their convenience. The nomination forms are available for electronic submission to the NMT office via e-mail to [NMT@technology.gov](mailto:NMT@technology.gov).

## **III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0692-0001.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 102.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 25 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 2,550.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* None.

## **IV. Requests 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 will 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, e.g., 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

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#### **36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.