

membership list, and executive summary may be found on its electronic home page at: <http://www.nistgov/director/vcat/vcat.htm>

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*Committee Information:* The VCAT was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 278 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

#### *Objectives and Duties*

1. The Committee shall review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs, within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress.

2. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

3. The Committee shall report to the Director of NIST.

4. The Committee shall provide a written annual report, through the Director of NIST, to the Secretary of Commerce for submission to the Congress on or before January 31 of each year. Such report shall deal essentially, though not necessarily exclusively, with policy issues or matters which affect the Institute, or with which the Committee in its official role as the private sector policy advisor of the Institute is concerned. Each such report shall identify areas of research and research techniques of the Institute of potential importance to the long-term competitiveness of the United States industry, which could be used to assist the United States enterprises and United States industrial joint research and development ventures. The Committee shall submit to the Secretary and Congress such additional reports on specific policy matters as it deems appropriate.

#### *Membership*

1. The Committee is composed of fifteen members that provide representation of a cross-section of traditional and emerging United States industries. Members shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in one or more fields such as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting,

environment, and international relations. No employee of the Federal Government shall serve as a member of the Committee.

2. The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall appoint the members of the Committee, and they will be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance.

#### *Miscellaneous*

1. Members of the VCAT are not paid for their service, but will, upon request, be allowed travel expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.*, while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

2. Meetings of the VCAT take place at the NIST headquarters in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and once each year at the NIST offices in Boulder, Colorado. Meetings are one or two days in duration and are held quarterly.

3. Committee meetings are open to the public.

#### *Nomination Information:*

1. Nominations are sought from all fields described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in fields such as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment and international relations. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular category should come from organizations or individuals within that category. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on the VCAT, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the VCAT. Besides participation in two-day meetings held each quarter, it is desired that members be able to devote the equivalent of two days between meetings to either developing or researching topics of potential interest, and so forth in furtherance of the Committee duties.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the

workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse VCAT membership.

Dated: July 16, 2007.

**James M. Turner,**  
*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Draft Report 4.6

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publish this notice to announce the availability for public comments of the draft Report for one of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products (SAP). This draft Report of SAP 4.6 addresses the following CCSP Topic: "Analyses of the Effects of Global Change on Human Health, Welfare, and Human Systems" and analyzes the effects of global change, especially the effects of climate variability and change, along with the associated impacts of land use and population dynamics on three broad dimensions of the human condition: human health, human settlements, and human welfare. After consideration of comments received, a revised Report along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by September 4, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft Report is posted on the SAP 4.6 webpage of the CCSP Program Office web site. The web address to access the draft Report is: [www.climatechange.gov/Library/sap/sap4-6/default.php](http://www.climatechange.gov/Library/sap/sap4-6/default.php) Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Report are provided on the SAP 4.6 webpage (see link here). Comments should be prepared in accordance with these instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Fabien Laurier, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419 3481.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CCSP was established by the President in 2002

to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that support climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues. SAP 4.6 addresses the affects of global change on human health, human welfare, and human settlements, and is designed to serve decision makers interested in using science to inform adaptations to the impacts of climate variability and change.

Dated: July 16, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting

**SUMMARY:** NTIA will hold a public meeting on September 25, 2007, in connection with its Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program described in the Final Rule that was released on March 12, 2007.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 25, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Auditorium, Washington, DC (Please enter at 14th Street). The handicapped accessible entrance is located at the 14th Street Aquarium Entrance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Francine Jefferson, Consumer Education Manager, at (202) 482-5560.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NTIA will host a public meeting to discuss progress in educating the public about the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program. Detailed information about the Coupon Program is available at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/dtvcoupon>.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. The meeting

will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to indicate this to Francine Jefferson at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting. The meeting will be recorded, and a transcript will be made available on NTIA's website. Individuals who would like to submit questions in writing should e-mail their questions to Francine Jefferson at: [fjefferson@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:fjefferson@ntia.doc.gov).

Dated: July 16, 2007.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

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#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 18, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

- *Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, ATTN: Vicki Clay, 8899 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46249, or call Vicki Clay at 317-510-3802.

*Title and OMB number:* Customer Satisfaction Surveys—Generic Clearance; OMB Number 0730-0003.

*Needs and uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to determine the kind and quality of services DFAS customers want and expect, as well as their satisfaction with DFAS' existing services.

*Affected public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and state, local or tribal governments.

*Annual burden hours:* Estimated 6,000.

*Number of respondents:* Estimated 166,000.

*Responses per respondent:* 1.

*Average burden per response:* 2 minutes.

*Frequency:* Annually.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

DFAS will conduct a variety of activities, including but not necessarily limited to customer, satisfaction surveys and transaction-based telephone interviews. If the customer feedback activities were not conducted, DFAS would not only be in violation of E.O. 12862, but would also not have the knowledge necessary to provide the best service possible and provide unfiltered feedback from the customer for process improvement activities. The information collected provides information about customer perceptions and can help identify agency operations that need quality improvement, provide early detection of process or systems problems, and focus attention on areas