

and by reducing the energy intensity of the unit operations within the chemical manufacturing industry.

Examples could include challenges such as: novel, advanced process chemistries and technologies that are inherently safer and cleaner, while creating products and processes with attributes superior to conventional methods; advanced chemical separations; and energy and material efficient technologies for chemical processing.

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Patrick Gallagher,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The ONMS is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Conservation Alternate and Primary, Maritime Activities Alternate and Primary. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 2-3 year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by January 30th, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained on the Cordell Bank Web site at: <http://cordellbank.noaa.gov>, and from Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Rowena Forest, P.O. Box 159, Olema, CA 94950. Completed applications should be sent to the above mailing address or faxed to (415) 663-0315.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rowena Forest/CBNMS,

Rowena.forest@noaa.gov, P.O. Box 159 Olema, CA 94950, (415) 663-0314 x105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the Advisory Council for Cordell Bank in 2002. The Council has members representing education, research, conservation, maritime activity, and community-at-large. The government seats are held by representatives from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the United States Coast Guard, and the managers of the Gulf of the Farallones, Monterey Bay and Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuaries. The Council holds four regular meetings per year, and one annual retreat.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program

AGENCY: Office of Education (OED), Office of the Under Secretary (USEC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: NOAA B-WET is an environmental education program that promotes locally relevant, experiential learning in the K-12 environment. Funded projects provide meaningful watershed educational experiences for students, related professional development for teachers, and helps to support regional education and environmental priorities in the Pacific Northwest, the northern Gulf of Mexico and New England.

DATES: Proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 26, 2009. See Sections IV C and F of this announcement for more information on submission requirements.

ADDRESSES: Electronic application packages are strongly encouraged and are available at: <http://www.grants.gov/>. Paper application packages are available

on the NOAA Grants Management Web site at: <http://www.ago.noaa.gov/ago/grants/forms.cfm>. If the applicant has difficulty accessing Grants.gov or downloading the required forms from the NOAA Web site, the applicant should contact: Bronwen Rice, B-WET National Coordinator, by phone at 202-482-6797 or e-mail at bronwen.rice@noaa.gov. Grants.gov requires applicants to register with the system prior to submitting an application. This registration process can take several weeks and involves multiple steps. In order to allow sufficient time for this process, you should register as soon as you decide to apply, even if you are not yet ready to submit your proposal. If an applicant has problems downloading the application forms from Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov. For non-Windows computer systems, please see <http://www.grants.gov/MacSupport> for information on how to download and submit an application through Grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the Pacific Northwest, please contact Seaberry Nachbar at 831-647-4201, or via e-mail at seaberry.nachbar@noaa.gov. For the northern Gulf of Mexico, Stephanie Bennett at 808-522-7481, or via e-mail at stephanie.bennett@noaa.gov. For New England, Shannon Sprague, at 410-267-5664, or via e-mail at shannon.sprague@noaa.gov. Questions about this opportunity may also be directed to Bronwen Rice, B-WET National Coordinator, by phone at 202-482-6797 or e-mail at bronwen.rice@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program is an environmental education program that supports experiential learning through local competitive grant awards in specific geographic regions. Prior to 2008 NOAA B-WET Programs were established for the Chesapeake Bay, California, and the Hawaiian Islands. As of 2008, three new programs are in place in New England, the northern Gulf of Mexico, and the Pacific Northwest. In FY09, it is anticipated that funds will be available for each of these three regions. Proposals are currently being solicited from the Pacific Northwest region, the northern Gulf of Mexico region, and the New England region. For the purposes of this solicitation, these three regions are defined as follows:

a. Pacific Northwest—the states of Oregon and Washington;