DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service
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Nominations for Members of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) of 1990, as amended, requires the establishment of a National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The NOSB is a 15-member board that is responsible for developing and recommending to the Secretary a proposed National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The NOSB also advises the Secretary on all other aspects of the National Organic Program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is requesting nominations to fill five (5) upcoming vacancies on the NOSB. The positions to be filled are: organic producer (2 positions), consumer/public interest (2 positions), and USDA accredited certifying agent (1 position). The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint a person to each position to serve a 5-year term of office that will commence on March 13, 2016. USDA encourages eligible minorities, women, and persons with disabilities to apply for membership on the NOSB.

DATES: Written nominations, with cover letters and resumes, must be postmarked on or before July 17, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Nomination cover letters and resumes should be sent to Ms. Katherine E. Benham, Advisory Board Specialist, USDA–AMS–TMP–NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2945–So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250, or via e-mail to Katherine.benham@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Katherine E. Benham, (202) 205–7806; E-mail: katherine.benham@usda.gov; Fax: (202) 205–7808.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OFPA of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. Section 6501 et seq.), requires the Secretary to establish an organic certification program for producers and handlers of agricultural products that have been produced using organic methods. In developing this program, the Secretary is required to establish an NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to assist in the development of a proposed National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the National Organic Program.

The NOSB made recommendations to the Secretary regarding establishment of the initial organic program. It is anticipated that the NOSB will continue to make recommendations on various matters, including recommendations on substances it believes should be allowed or prohibited for use in organic production and handling.

The NOSB is composed of 15 members; 4 organic producers, 2 organic handlers, a retailer, 3 environmentalists, 3 public/consumer representatives, a scientist, and a certifying agent. Nominations are being sought to fill the following five (5) upcoming NOSB vacancies: organic producer (2 positions), consumer/public interest (2 positions), and USDA accredited certifying agent (1 position). Individuals desiring to be appointed to the NOSB at this time must be either an owner or operator of an organic production operation, an individual who represents public interest or consumer interest groups, or an individual who is a USDA accredited organic certifying agent as identified under Section 2116 of the FACT Act. Selection criteria will include such factors as: demonstrated experience and interest in organic production; organic certification; support of consumer and public interest organizations; demonstrated experience with respect to agricultural products produced and handled on certified organic farms; and such other factors as may be appropriate for specific positions.

To nominate yourself or someone else please submit, at a minimum, a cover letter stating your interest and a copy of the nominee’s resume. You may also submit a list of endorsements or letters of recommendation, if desired. Nominees will be supplied with an AD–755 background information form that must be completed and returned to USDA within 10 working days of its receipt. Resumes and completed background information forms are required for a nominee to receive consideration for appointment by the Secretary.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the NOSB in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the members of the NOSB take into account the needs of the diverse groups that are served by the Department, membership on the NOSB will include, to the extent practicable, individuals who demonstrate the ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The information collection requirements concerning the nomination process have been previously cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0505–0001.


David R. Shipman, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Foreign-Trade Zone 22; Temporary/Interim Manufacturing Authority; LG Electronics Mobilecomm USA, Inc. (Cell Phones); Notice of Approval

On January 13, 2010, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board filed an application submitted by the Illinois International Port District, grantee of FTZ 22, requesting temporary/interim manufacturing (T/IM) authority, on behalf of LG Electronics Mobilecomm USA, Inc. (LGEMU), to process cell phone kits under FTZ procedures within FTZ 22—Site 12, in Bolingbrook, Illinois.

The application was processed in accordance with T/IM procedures, as authorized by FTZ Board Orders 1347 (69 FR 52857, 8/30/04) and 1480 (71 FR 55422, 9/22/06), including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (75 FR 4344, January 27, 2010). The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval under T/IM procedures. Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board Executive Secretary in the above-referenced Board Orders, the application is approved, effective this date, until March 12, 2012, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28.

Dated: March 12, 2010.

Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Renewal of the Census Advisory Committees on the Race and Ethnic Populations

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

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ACTION: Notice of advisory committee renewal.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the renewal of the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population, Census Advisory Committee on the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, Census Advisory Committee on the Asian Population, Census Advisory Committee on the Hispanic Populations and Census Advisory Committee on the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population are in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law on the U.S. Department of Commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Jeri Green, Chief, Census Advisory Committee Office, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301–763–2075, Jeri.Green@Census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Title 5 United States Code App. 2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, Title 41 Code of Federal Regulations Part 101–6, and after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the renewal of the Census Advisory Committee on the African American Population, Census Advisory Committee on the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, Census Advisory Committee on the Asian Population, Census Advisory Committee on the Hispanic Populations and Census Advisory Committee on the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population are in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law on the U.S. Department of Commerce.

These committees were established in 1970 to obtain expertise relating to major programs, such as the decennial census and American Community Survey. Meeting the standards set forth in Executive Order 12833, in that its charter is of compelling national interest and that other methods of obtaining public participation have been considered, the committees were rechartered in March 2002, February 2004, February 2006, and again in February 2008.

These committees will consist of nine members with a substantial interest in the conduct and outcome of the Census Bureau’s communication, decennial, demographic, geographic, Information Technology, and other programs. The committees include representatives from the public and private sectors, community-based organizations, academic institutions, and the public at-large, which are further diversified by ethnicity, life experience, geographic area, and other variables.

These committees will function solely as advisory bodies and in compliance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Copies of the revised charters are filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and with the Library of Congress.


Robert M. Groves,
Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Socioeconomic Research and Monitoring for the Gray’s Reef National Marine Sanctuary

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

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 21, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be sent to Dr. Vernon Leeworthy, 301–713–7261 or Bob.Leeeworthy@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this information collection is to obtain socioeconomic information in the Grays Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS). The GRNMS has recently revised its management plan. Two issues emerged as top priorities leading to efforts to change management strategies and regulations: (1) Prohibition of spear fishing and (2) research only area. Information was obtained to assess the potential socioeconomic impacts of the prohibition of spear fishing and research only area alternatives. Preferred alternatives have been chosen and the regulatory process to implement the regulations is underway. The study involves surveys of recreational user groups, which are potentially impacted by the regulations, to assess their knowledge, attitudes and perceptions of the management strategies and regulations and how they were actually impacted post implementation, and to guide education and outreach efforts.

Information will be collected on spatial use for all user groups to assess the extent of potential displacement of activity from the research only area alternative.

For business operations, costs and earnings will be obtained to assess the impact of regulatory alternatives on business profits. Socioeconomic/demographic information on owners/operators and number of employees and family members of owners/operators will also be obtained.

For members of households that participate in recreational fishing or recreational SCUBA diving, information will be collected on socioeconomic/demographic profiles, spending associated with their activity, economic user value associated with their activity, and knowledge, attitudes and perceptions about GRNMS management strategies and regulations.

II. Method of Collection

Interviews will generally be used. For business operations, a team will go to the business establishment and work with the business owner/staff to compile the information requested. Questionnaire forms and maps will be used to guide the information collection. For members of private households engaging in recreational activities, combinations of face-to-face, mail and Internet surveys will be conducted.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.
Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 360.
Estimated Time Per Response: Recreational fishing charter/party boat