committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration. The Council will be administered primarily by MBDA. Twenty-one individuals were appointed to the Council by the Secretary in October 2010. The Department of Commerce is requesting nominations to fill the present vacancies on the Council.

Objectives and Scope of Activities:
The Council will advise the Secretary on key issues pertaining to the growth and competitiveness of the nation’s MBEs, as defined in Executive Order 11625, as amended, and 15 CFR 1400.1. NACMBE will provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues that affect minority businesses and their ability to successfully access the domestic and global marketplace. These policy issues may include, but are not limited to:

- Methods for increasing jobs in the health care, manufacturing, technology, and “green” industries;
- Global and domestic barriers and impediments;
- Global and domestic business opportunities;
- MBE capacity building;
- Institutionalizing global business curriculums at colleges and universities and facilitating the entry of MBEs into such programs;
- Identifying and leveraging pools of capital for MBEs;
- Methods for creating high value added jobs and growth incentives for MBEs with size, scale and capacity;
- Strategies for collaboration amongst minority chambers, trade associations and nongovernmental organizations;
- Accuracy, availability and frequency of economic data concerning minority businesses;
- Methods for increasing global transactions with entities such as but not limited to the Export-Import Bank, OPIC and the IMF; and
- Requirements for a uniform and reciprocal MBE certification program.

The advice and recommendations provided by the Council may take the form of one or more written reports. The Council will also serve as a vehicle for an ongoing dialogue with the MBE community and with other stakeholders.

The Secretary has determined that the establishment of the Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with MBDA’s duties and responsibilities in advancing the growth and competitiveness of MBEs pursuant to Executive Order 11625, as amended.

Membership: The Council shall be composed of not more than 25 members. The Council members shall be distinguished individuals from the nonfederal sector appointed by the Secretary. The members shall be recognized leaders in their respective fields of endeavor and shall possess the necessary knowledge and experience to provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues that impact the ability of MBEs to successfully participate in the domestic and global marketplace. The Council shall have a balanced membership reflecting diversity of industries, ethnic backgrounds and geographical regions, and to the extent practicable, gender and persons with disabilities.

The Council members shall be appointed as Special Government Employees for no more than a two-year term and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. Members may be re-appointed to additional two-year terms, without limitation. The Secretary may designate a member or members to serve as the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson(s) of the Council. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson(s) shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

The Council members will serve without compensation, but will be allowed reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses, including a per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, as amended, for persons serving intermittently in federal government service. The Council members will serve in a solely advisory capacity.

Eligibility: In addition to the above criterion, eligibility for the Council membership is limited to U.S. citizens who are not full-time employees of the Federal Government, are not registered with the U.S. Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act and are not a federally-registered lobbyist at the time of appointment to the Council. Nomination Procedures and Selection of Members: The Department of Commerce is accepting nominations for NACMBE membership for the 2-year charter term that began in April 2010. Members shall serve until the Council charter expires in April 2012, although members may be re-appointed by the Secretary without limitation. Nominees will be evaluated consistent with the factors specified in this notice and their ability to successfully carryout the goals of the Council.

For consideration, a nominee must submit the following materials: (1) Resume; (2) a personal statement of interest, including a summary of how the nominee’s experience and expertise would support the Council objectives; (3) an affirmative statement that the nominee is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, and (4) an affirmative statement that: (a) the nominee is not currently a federally-registered lobbyist and will not be a federally-registered lobbyist at the time of appointment and during his/her tenure as a Council member, or (b) if the nominee is currently a federally-registered lobbyist, that the nominee will no longer be a federally-registered lobbyist at the time of appointment to the Council and during his/her tenure as a Council member. All nomination information should be provided in a single, complete package by the deadline specified in this notice. Nominations packages should be submitted by either mail or electronically, but not by both methods. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Council members will be selected in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines and in a manner that ensures the Council has a balanced membership. In this respect, the Secretary seeks to appoint members who represent a diversity of industries, ethnic backgrounds and geographical regions, and to the extent practicable, gender and persons with disabilities.

All appointments shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. All appointments shall also be made without regard to political affiliations.


David A. Hinson,
National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves


ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate and notice of availability of final findings.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate
the performance of the Mission-Aransas (Texas) National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA and regulations at 15 CFR part 921, subpart E and part 923, subpart L. Evaluation of a National Estuarine Research Reserve requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Reserve final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

The evaluation will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. A public meeting will be held as part of the site visit. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings. Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visit for the listed evaluation and the date, local time, and location of the public meeting during the site visit.

Date and Time: The Mission-Aransas (Texas) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held April 11–15, 2011. One public meeting will be held during the site visit. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 5 p.m. local time at the Bay Education Center, 121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, Texas.

Addresses: Copies of the state’s most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM’s evaluation notification and supplemental information request letters to the state, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding this Reserve are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting held for the Reserve. Please direct written comments to Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or Kate.Barba@noaa.gov.

Supplementary Information: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Washington Coastal Management Program (CMP) and the Great Bay (New Hampshire) and Elkhorn Slough (California) National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approval of CMPs and the operation and management of NERRs.

The State of Washington was found to be implementing and enforcing its federally approved coastal management program, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)–(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of its financial assistance awards. The Great Bay and Elkhorn Slough NERRs were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System.

Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or Kate.Barba@noaa.gov.

For Further Information Contact: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 563–1182.

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Consumer Product Safety Commission

[CPSC Docket No. 11–C0004]

Ms. Bubbles, Inc., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order


Action: Notice.

Summary: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the Federal Register in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e).1 Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Ms. Bubbles, Inc., containing a civil penalty of $40,000.00.

Dates: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by March 11, 2011.

Addresses: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 11–C0004, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Room 820, Bethesda, Maryland 20814–4408.

For Further Information Contact: Dennis C. Kacoyanis, General Attorney, Division of Enforcement and Information, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814–4408; telephone (301) 504–7587.

Supplementary Information: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: February 16, 2011.

Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary.

In the Matter of Ms. Bubbles, Inc.;[CPSC Docket No. 11–C0004]

Settlement Agreement


Parties

2. The Staff is the staff of the Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency established pursuant to, and responsible for the enforcement of, the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2051—2089 (“CPSA”).

3. Ms. Bubbles is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California, with its principal offices located in Los Angeles, California. At all times relevant hereto, Ms. Bubbles sold apparel.

Staff Allegations


6. The Jackets are “consumer product[s],” and, at all times relevant hereto, Ms. Bubbles was a “manufacturer” of those consumer products, which were “distributed in commerce,” as those terms are defined in CPSA sections 3(a)(5), (6), and (11), 15 U.S.C. § 2052(a)(5), (6), and (11).

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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1 The Commission voted 5–0 to publish this notice of the provisional Settlement Agreement and Order. Commissioner Nord issued a statement, and the statement can be found at http://www.cpsc.gov/pr/statements.html.