2. Competition Subject to Applicable Law: The Competition is subject to all applicable federal laws and regulations. Participation constitutes each Participant’s full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules and administrative decisions, which are final and binding in all matters related to the Competition. Eligibility for a prize award is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein. This notice is not an obligation of funds; the final award of prizes is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

3. Competition Submission Period: Developers must submit their original application between February 6, 2012 and April 30, 2012. Submissions will be published on Challenge.gov as they are received throughout the competition submission period.

4. Teams: Challenge submissions can be from an individual or a team. Prize money will be awarded to the project leader for distribution to the rest of the team.

5. Required Datasets: Submissions must use at least one DOC dataset, such as those available at http://www.data.gov. In addition, you can combine data and resources from this or any other public sources online. We anticipate winning entries to draw from the DOC data sources, but to combine them with one another, as well as any of an interesting array of publicly available resources, geospatial and/or location data, etc.

6. Intellectual Property Rights: All submissions to the DOC BizApps Challenge remain the intellectual property of the individual or organizations that developed them. By registering, consenting to the terms of the challenge, and entering a Submission, however, the Participant agrees that DOC reserves an irrevocable, nonexclusive, royalty-free license to use, copy, distribute to the public, create derivative works from, and publicly display and perform a Submission for a period of one year starting on the date of the announcement of contest winners.

7. Copyright: Participant represents and warrants that he or she is the sole author and copyright holder of the Submission, and that the Submission is an original work of the Participant, or if the Submission is a work based on an existing application, that the Participant has acquired sufficient rights to use and to authorize others, including DOC, to use the Submission, as specified in the “Intellectual Property Rights” section of the Rules; and that the Submission does not infringe upon any copyright or upon any other third party rights of which the Participant is aware, and that the Submission is free of malware.

8. Submission Topic/Theme: All Submissions should meet the intent and spirit of the challenge, as previously defined in the challenge summary.

9. Judges: The Submissions will be judged by the judges identified in the challenge details or by another qualified panel selected by DOC at its sole discretion. The panel will judge the Submissions on the judging criteria identified in the challenge summary in order to select winners in each category. Judges have the right to withdraw without advance notice in the event of circumstances beyond their control. Judges may not (A) have personal or substantial (over $500) financial interests in, or be an employee, officer, director, or agent of any entity that is a registered participant in a competition; or (B) have a familial or financial relationship with an individual who is a registered participant.

10. Decisions: The decisions of the judges will be announced on or about May 31st, 2012 on Challenge.gov.

11. Publicity: Except where prohibited, participation in the Competition constitutes each winner’s consent to DOC’s and its agents’ use of the winner’s name, likeness, photograph, voice, opinions, and/or hometown and state information for promotional purposes through any form of media, worldwide, without further permission, payment or consideration.

12. Liability and Insurance: Any and all information provided by or obtained from the Federal Government is without any warranty of any kind, express, implied, or otherwise, including without limitation, any warranty of fitness for a particular purpose. In no event shall the United States Department of Commerce or the United States Government be liable to you or anyone else for any direct, special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages of any kind, or any damages whatsoever, including without limitation, loss of profit, loss of use, savings or revenue, or the claims of third parties, whether or not DOC or the U.S. Government has been advised of the possibility of such loss, however caused and on any theory of liability, arising out of or in connection with the possession, use, or performance of this software.

13. Standard Disclaimer: The following disclaimer for applications deployed on non-DOC information systems. This standard disclaimer shall be incorporated into the software in such a way that individuals must read and accept its conditions before initial use.

14. Records Retention and FOIA: All materials submitted to DOC as part of a Submission become DOC records and cannot be returned. Any confidential commercial information contained in a Submission should be designated at the time of submission. Submitters will be notified of any Freedom of Information Act requests for their Submissions in accordance with 29 CFR 70.26.

15. 508 Compliance: Participants should keep in mind that the Department of Commerce considers universal accessibility to information a priority for all individuals, including individuals with disabilities. In this regard, the Department is strongly committed to meeting its compliance obligations under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, to ensure the accessibility of its programs and activities to individuals with disabilities. This obligation includes acquiring accessible electronic and information technology. When evaluating Submissions for this contest, the extent to which a Submission complies with the requirements for accessible technology required by Section 508 will be considered.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Secretary
[Docket No. 120131080–2080–01]
Public Availability of Department of Commerce FY2011 Service Contract Inventory
AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (C–SAC). The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic, information technology, and statistics. Last minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: March 22 and 23, 2012. On March 22, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. On March 23, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301–763–6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the C–SAC are appointed by the Director, U.S. Census Bureau. The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise, as appropriate, to address Census Bureau program needs and objectives. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions. Persons with extensive questions or statements may submit them in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Committee Liaison Officer named above. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Monday, March 19, 2012. You may access the online registration form with the following link: http://www.regonline.com/csaacmar2012. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Dated: February 27, 2012.

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

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