

particular interest in proposals that are actionable within existing legislative authorities, and that would have measurable anticipated payoffs. As rapid progress is desired, it would be helpful if responders identify near-term opportunities as well as improvements with medium-to-long-term payoffs. Responders are encouraged to rank their relative priorities if submitting multiple suggestions.

In December 2006, the National Aeronautics Research and Development Policy was published (see http://www.aeronautics.nasa.gov/releases/national_aeronautics_rd_policy_dec_2006.pdf), marking the first time that a national policy for government performed or sponsored aeronautics R&D was approved by the President. Since then, the first cycle of plans and progress assessments in response to the Policy were completed. The Federal Government published its initial National Plan for Aeronautics Research and Development in 2007, with follow-on updates published in 2010 and 2011. In 2008, an initial assessment of progress against the 2007 plan was also published. Likewise, in December 2011, an assessment against the 2010 aeronautics research and development plan was published. With the completion of the 2011 Progress Assessment of the 2010 National Aeronautics Research and Development Plan, ASTS has completed a five-year national aeronautics R&D planning and assessment cycle. ASTS seeks public comment on the contents and utility of these plans and assessment documents as a means to improve the effectiveness of the federal aeronautics enterprise.

We encourage responders to be specific and to identify innovative approaches, broader use of current best practices, and past practices no longer employed that might be re-implemented. No prioritization is implied by the order in which questions are asked. Please consider the following documents, as appropriate, when responding to the questions:

- National Plan for Aeronautics Research & Development and Related Infrastructure (2007) (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/documents/ostp/default-file/Final%20National%20Aero%20RD%20Plan%20HIGH%20RES.pdf>)
- Technical Appendix to the National Plan for Aeronautics Research and Development and Related Infrastructure (2008) (http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/documents/ostp/default-file/technical_appendix_high.pdf)
- 2010 National Aeronautics Research and Development Plan (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/aero-rdplan-2010.pdf>)

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- 2011 Progress Assessment of the 2010 National Aeronautics Research and Development Plan (http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/NARDP_2011_Progress_Assessment_final.pdf)

Questions on Technology Transfer and National Aeronautics R&D

Responders are encouraged to respond to any or all of the following questions, and to provide proposed metrics to index improvements where appropriate.

1. Through what mechanisms are you, or your organization, able to obtain visibility into the progress of aeronautics R&D activities conducted or sponsored by the Federal Government? In what ways could your visibility be improved?

2. Through what mechanisms, and to what extent, are you, or your organization, able to access the products of federally sponsored or conducted aeronautics R&D activities? In what ways could access be improved?

3. Since 2007, have you, or your organization, been able to transition any of the products from the specific Federal R&D activities that were performed under the National Aeronautics Research & Development Plans into the products or services developed by your organization? Please discuss, and provide examples of specific mechanisms that facilitated technology transfer or that impeded the process.

4. What other ideas or thoughts do you have for maximizing the benefits of Federal aeronautics R&D, or for increasing the effectiveness of technology transfer from Federally conducted or sponsored R&D to the private sector? Do you have recommendations for success criteria or metrics associated with these areas?

5. Through what mechanisms, and to what extent, are you, or your organization, able to provide input into overall priorities and goals for Federal aeronautics R&D, or into the specific department and agency R&D plans or programs? How could this be improved?

6. What do you perceive to be the impact of the National Aeronautics R&D Policy and its associated plans on the U.S. aeronautics enterprise?

7. To what extent have the national aeronautics plans and assessments helped you, or your organization, understand the overall goals and status of Federal aeronautics R&D?

8. To what extent have the national aeronautics plans and assessments helped you, or your organization, guide

your internal R&D strategies, planning or execution?

9. What recommendations would you provide to make future national aeronautics plans and assessments more useful to you or your organization?

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies will hold a public meeting on Friday, June 8, 2012, in Multi-Purpose Room LL-006 at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) and will be open to the public. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Visitors will be subject to security checks. The meeting will be Webcast on the Commission's Web site at www.sec.gov.

On May 22, 2012, the Commission issued notice of the Committee meeting (Release No. 33-9325), indicating that the meeting is open to the public and inviting the public to submit written comments to the Committee. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting includes discussions of provisions of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act and other matters relating to rules and regulations affecting small and emerging companies under the federal securities laws.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: June 1, 2012.

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Secretary.

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