

1980) requires a statement concerning the official government programs contained in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Normally NIH lists in its announcements the number and title of affected individual programs for the guidance of the public. Because the guidance in this notice covers virtually every NIH and Federal research program in which DNA recombinant molecule techniques could be used, it has been determined not to be cost effective or in the public interest to attempt to list these programs. Such a list would likely require several additional pages. In addition, NIH could not be certain that every Federal program would be included as many Federal agencies, as well as private organizations, both national and international, have elected to follow the NIH Guidelines. In lieu of the individual program listing, NIH invites readers to direct questions to the information address above about whether individual programs listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance are affected.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

OBA will offer those members of the public viewing the meeting via webcast (see link on *OBA Meetings Page*) the opportunity to submit comments to be read during the scheduled public comment periods. Individuals wishing to submit comments should use the comment form, which will accommodate comments up to 1500 characters, and will be available on the *OBA Meetings Page* during the meeting. Please submit your comment prior to the start of the public comment period. Please limit your comment to a statement that can be read in one to two minutes. Please include your name and affiliation with your comment.

OBA will read comments into the record during the public comment periods that are specified on the agenda. Please note, while every effort is made to keep the meeting discussions to the times stated on the agenda, it is not unusual for the meeting to run ahead or

behind schedule due to changes in the time needed to review a protocol. It is advisable to monitor the webcast to determine when public comments will be read. Comments submitted electronically will follow any comments by individuals attending the meeting in person. Comments will be read in the order received and your name and affiliation will be read with the comment. Please note OBA may not be able to read every comment received in the time allotted for public comment. Comments not read will become part of the public record.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Dated: January 3, 2012.

**Carolyn A. Baum,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel Chemosensory P50 Review.

*Date:* January 31, 2013.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6120 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Sheo Singh, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review

Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, 6120 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-8683, [singhs@nidcd.nih.gov](mailto:singhs@nidcd.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel, SBIR Review Meeting.

*Date:* February 5, 2013.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6120 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Sheo Singh, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, 6120 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-8683, [singhs@nidcd.nih.gov](mailto:singhs@nidcd.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 31, 2012.

**Melanie J. Gray,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2012-1080]

#### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC). This Committee advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on matters related to personnel in the U.S. merchant marine, including but not limited to training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards.

**DATES:** Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume in time to reach the Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO) on or before March 11, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants should send their cover letter and resume to the following address: Commandant (CG-OES-1), ATTN MERPAC, US Coast Guard, 2100 2ND ST SW STOP 7126, WASHINGTON DC 20593-7126; or by faxing (202) 372-1926; or by emailing to [davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil](mailto:davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil). This notice is available in our online docket, USCG-2012-1080, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Davis J. Breyer, ADFO of MERPAC; telephone 202-372-1445 or email at [davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil](mailto:davis.j.breyer@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MERPAC is a Federal advisory committee established under the authority of section 871 of The Homeland Security Act of 2002, (Title 6, United States Code, section 451). This committee is established in accordance with and operates under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA) (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix). MERPAC advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to personnel in the U.S. merchant marine, including but not limited to training, qualifications, certification, documentation, and fitness standards. The Committee will advise, consult with, and make recommendations reflecting its independent judgment to the Secretary.

MERPAC is expected to meet approximately twice a year as called for by its charter, once at or near Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, and once at a location outside of Washington. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may also meet to consider specific tasks as required.

We will consider applications for six positions that expire or become vacant on June 1, 2013. To be eligible, you should have experience in one or more of the following areas of expertise: One position for a marine educator representing the viewpoint of State Maritime Academies; one position for a licensed engineering officer who is licensed as either a limited chief engineer or a designated duty engineer; one position for a licensed deck officer with an unlimited tonnage master's license with experience on tank vessels; one position for a member who represents the viewpoint of shipping companies employed in ship operation management; one position for an unlicensed seaman who represents the viewpoint of Qualified Members of the Engine Department; and one position for a member who will be drawn from the general public.

If you are selected as a member from the general public, you will be appointed and serve as a Special Government Employee (SGE) as defined in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code. As a candidate for appointment as a SGE, applicants are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). A completed OGE Form 450 is not

releasable to the public except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the *Privacy Act* (5 U.S.C. 552a). Only the Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) or his or her designee may release a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report. Applicants can obtain this form by going to the Web site of the Office of Government Ethics ([www.oge.gov](http://www.oge.gov)) or by contacting the individual listed above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Applications not accompanied by a completed OGE-Form 450 will not be considered.

Registered lobbyists are not eligible to serve on federal advisory committees. Registered lobbyists are lobbyists required to comply with provisions contained in the *Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995* (Pub. L. 104-65 as amended).

Each MERPAC committee member serves a term of office of up to three years. Members may be considered to serve consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, upon request, they do receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or any other non-merit factor.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Committee, send your cover letter and resume to Davis J. Breyer, ADFO of MERPAC by mail, fax, or email according to the instructions in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Send your cover letter and resume in time for it to be received by the ADFO on or before March 11, 2013.

To visit our online docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter the docket number for this notice (USCG-2012-1080) in the Search box, and click "Search". Please do not post your resume on this site. During the vetting process, applicants may be asked to provide date of birth and social security number.

Dated: December 31, 2012.

**J. G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0010]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition; Form I-129S; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e. the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until March 11, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0010 in the subject box, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2006-0050. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only one of the following methods to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) under e-Docket ID number USCIS-2006-0050;

(2) *Email.* Submit comments to [USCISFRComment@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:USCISFRComment@uscis.dhs.gov);

(3) *Mail.* Submit written comments to DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal