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Dated: March 4, 2013.
Shari Eckhoff,
Designated Federal Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary
Wildland Fire Executive Council Meeting Schedule

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting Change.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., 2, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Timezone) on March 19. This will be a virtual meeting being held at the Peppermill Resort, 2707 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502 and via teleconference for those not in Reno.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shari Eckhoff, Designated Federal Officer, 300 E Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706; telephone (208) 334–1552; fax (208) 334–1549; or email Shari.Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov.


The purpose of the WFEC is to provide advice on coordinated national-level wildland fire policy and to provide leadership, direction, and program oversight in support of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council. Questions related to the WFEC should be directed to Shari Eckhoff (Designated Federal Officer) at Shari.Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov or (208) 334–1552 or 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho, 83706–6648.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include: (1) Welcome and introduction of Council members; (2) Wildland Fire Governance; (3) Public comments which will be scheduled for 4:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 20; (4) and closing remarks. Participation is open to the public.

Public Input: All WFEC meetings are open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Shari Eckhoff at Shari.Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Those who are not committee members and wish to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Shari Eckhoff via email no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

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Designated Federal Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary
Vendor Outreach Workshop for Small Businesses in Georgia of the United States

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior is hosting a Vendor Outreach Workshop for small businesses in the Southeast region of the United States that are interested in doing business with the Department. This outreach workshop will review market contracting opportunities for the attendees. Business owners will be able to share their individual perspectives with Contracting Officers, Program Managers and Small Business Specialists from the Department.

DATES: The workshop will be held on April 8, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Georgia Tech Research Institute Conference Center, 250 14th Street NW., Atlanta, GA 30318. For registration information, please call (404) 679–4146 or email Nijua.heard@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nijua Heard, Small Business Specialist/Contract Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 4, Atlanta, GA 30345, telephone (404) 679–4146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Small Business Act, as amended by Public Law 95–507, the Department has the responsibility to promote the use of small and small disadvantaged business for its acquisition of goods and services. The Department is proud of its accomplishments in meeting its business goals for small, small disadvantaged, 8(a), woman-owned, HUBZone, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. In Fiscal Year 2012, the Department awarded over 50 percent of its $2.7 billion in contracts to small businesses and in Fiscal Year 2011 also awarded over 50 percent of its $2.7 billion in contracts to small businesses.

This fiscal year, the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization is reaching out to our internal stakeholders and the Department’s small business community by conducting several vendor outreach workshops. The Department’s presenters will focus on contracting and subcontracting opportunities and how small businesses can better market services and products.
Over 3,000 small businesses have been targeted for this event. If you are a small business interested in working with the Department, we urge you to register online at: https://www.fbo.gov and attend the workshop.

These outreach events are a new and exciting opportunity for the Department’s bureaus and offices to improve their support for small business. Additional scheduled events are posted on the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Web site at www.doio.gov/osdbu.

Debra Glass,
Director (Acting), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. Geological Survey

Information Collection Extension


ACTION: Notice of an extension of an information collection (1028–0090).

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This collection is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2013.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before May 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648–7199 (fax); or smbaloch@usgs.gov (email). Please Reference Information 1028–0090 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information please contact Charles Mandeville at (703) 648–4773 or by email at cmandeville@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

During FY13 and FY15, the Volcano Hazards Program (VHP) will provide funding for improvement of the volcano and other monitoring systems and other monitoring-related activities that contribute to mitigation of volcano hazards. This notice concerns the collection of information that is sufficient and relevant to evaluate and select proposals for funding under the VHP. We will accept proposals from State geological surveys and academic institutions requesting funds to assist in the monitoring of active volcanoes and to conduct volcano-related research. Financial assistance will be awarded on a competitive basis following the evaluation and ranking of State and academic proposals. VHP proposals will be reviewed by a peer panel of six (6) members. Five (5) members will be Department of the Interior representatives; and one (1) member will be an external representative. To submit a proposal, you must follow the written guideline (that will be made available at www.Grants.gov) and complete a project narrative. The application must be submitted via Grants.gov. Grant recipients must complete a final technical report at the end of the project period. Narrative and report guidance is available through http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/ and at www.Grants.gov.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028–0090.

Title: Volcano Hazards Program (VHP).

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondent Obligation: Required to receive benefits.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: State Geological Surveys and academic institutions.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 20 applications and 12 final reports.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: 706 hours. We expect to receive approximately 20 applications. It will take each applicant approximately 35 hours to complete the narrative and present supporting documents. This includes the time for project conception and development, proposal writing, reviewing, and submitting the proposal application through Grants.gov (totaling 700 burden hours). We anticipate awarding 12 grants per year. The award recipients must submit a final report at the end of the project. We estimate that it will take approximately 8 hours to complete the requirement for that report (totaling 96 hours).

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: There are no “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments: We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

Dated: March 1, 2013.

Charles Mandeville,
Program Coordinator for Volcano Hazards.


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Federal Acknowledgment of Tribes

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for Federal Acknowledgment of Tribes authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0104.