

conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. The mission will be open on a first-come, first-served basis to 15 regionally accredited U.S. Universities/colleges offering graduate programs and 4-year undergraduate programs.

#### *Conditions for Participation*

An applicant must submit a timely, completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the applicant's accreditation, courses offerings, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the U.S. Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.

All applicants seeking to participate must be appropriately accredited by one of the six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. Each participant is subject to and must meet the US&FCS service eligibility requirements.

#### *Selection Criteria for Participation*

- Consistency of the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission.
- Applicant's potential for doing business in India, including likelihood of service exports (education)/knowledge transfer resulting from the mission

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

#### *Fees and Expenses*

After a representative of a regionally accredited graduate program or 4-year undergraduate program has been selected to participate on the mission, a payment to the Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The participation fee is \$3150 for one principal representative from each regionally accredited education institution. The fee for each additional representative is \$750. Expenses for lodging, some meals, incidentals, and all travel (except for transportation to and from airports in-country, previously noted) will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

#### **Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications**

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.trade.gov/trade-missions>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than November 1, 2013. The mission will be open on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications received after November 1, 2013 will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Institute of Standards and Technology**

[Docket No. 130212127-3580-03]

#### **Proposed Establishment of a Federally Funded Research and Development Center-Third Notice**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce, intends to sponsor a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) to facilitate public-private collaboration for accelerating the widespread adoption of integrated cybersecurity tools and technologies. This is the third of three notices which must be published over a 90-day period in order to advise the public of the agency's intention to sponsor an FFRDC.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on July 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice must be submitted to Keith Bubar either electronically at [keith.bubar@nist.gov](mailto:keith.bubar@nist.gov), or at: Keith Bubar, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive Mail Stop 1640, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1640.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Keith Bubar via email at [Keith.Bubar@nist.gov](mailto:Keith.Bubar@nist.gov) or telephone 301.975.8329. Or Keith Bubar, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive Mail Stop 1640, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1640.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE), hosted by NIST, is a public-private collaboration for accelerating the widespread adoption of integrated cybersecurity tools and technologies. The NCCoE will bring together experts from industry, government and academia under one roof to develop practical, interoperable cybersecurity approaches that address the real world needs of complex Information Technology (IT) systems. By accelerating dissemination and use of these integrated tools and technologies for protecting IT assets, the NCCoE will enhance trust in U.S. IT communications, data, and storage systems, lower risk for companies and individuals in the use of IT systems, and encourage development of innovative, job-creating cybersecurity products and services.

NIST has identified the need to support the NCCoE's mission through the establishment of an FFRDC. In evaluating the need for the FFRDC, NIST determined that no existing FFRDC or contract vehicles provide the scope of services NIST requires. The proposed NCCoE FFRDC will have three primary purposes: (1) Research, Development, Engineering and Technical support; (2) Program/Project Management, to include but not limited to expert advice and guidance in the areas of program and project management focused on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of cybersecurity applications, prototyping, demonstrations, and technical activities; and (3) Facilities Management. The proposed NCCoE FFRDC may also be utilized by non-sponsors.

The FFRDC will be established under the authority of 48 CFR 35.017.

The NCCoE FFRDC Contractor will be available to provide a wide range of support including, but not limited to:

- Research, Development, Engineering and Technical Support:
  - Establish relationships with private sector organizations to use private sector

resources to accomplish tasks that are integral to the operations and mission of the NCCoE.

- Research and develop frameworks and implementation strategies for inducing industry to invest in and expedite adoption of effective cybersecurity controls and mechanisms on an enterprise-wide scale; and in collaboration with Federal and local governments, deliver planning and documentation support needed to transfer technologies developed by Federal cybersecurity organizations and the NCCoE to production, integration, economic development, and operational implementation entities.

- Provide systems engineering support to NCCoE programs and proposed security platform development, selection, and implementation. This will include NCCoE infrastructure, project planning, project implementation, and technology transfer components of the NCCoE's efforts to accelerate adoption of robust cybersecurity technologies in the government and private sectors.

- Generate technical expertise to create a relevant cybersecurity workforce in coordination with the NCCoE staff and in close collaboration with the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education and with Federal government, university, and industry participants and collaborators in NCCoE activities.

- Deliver strategies and plans for applying cybersecurity standards, guidelines, and best practice inducements and capabilities to both government and private sectors.

- Program/Project Management:

- Work within the purpose, mission, general scope, or competency as assigned by the sponsoring agency.

- Develop and maintain in-depth institutional knowledge of NCCoE programs and operations in order to maintain continuity in the field of cybersecurity and to maintain a high degree of competence, objectivity, and independence in order to respond effectively to the emerging cybersecurity needs of the Nation.

- Facilities Management:

- In coordination with NCCoE staff, and in collaboration with the State of Maryland and Montgomery County, Maryland, manage physical and logical collaborative facilities to support the acceleration and adoption of robust cybersecurity technologies in the government and private sectors. The activity includes staff support for information technology operations, custodial functions, physical access management, and maintenance operations.

The FFRDC will partner with the sponsoring agency in the design and pursuit of mission goals; provide rapid responsiveness to changing requirements for personnel in all aspects of strategic, technical and program management; recognize Government objectives as its own objectives, partner in pursuit of excellence in public service; and allow for use of the FFRDC by non-sponsors.

We are publishing this notice in accordance with 48 CFR 5.205(b) of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), to enable interested members of the public to provide comments on this proposed action. This is the third of three notices issued under the authority of 48 CFR 5.205(b). In particular, we are interested in feedback regarding the proposed scope of the work to be performed by the FFRDC, and the presence of any existing private- or public-sector capabilities in this area that NIST should be considering. NIST intends to publicly summarize and address all comments received in response to these notices.

It is anticipated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be posted on FedBizOpps in the summer of 2013. Alternatively, a copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above once the RFP is posted.

Dated: July 11, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment on the Effects of Issuing an Incidental Take Permit No. 16230 to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries for the Continued Operation of the North Carolina Inshore Gillnet Fishery

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the availability of the "Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Effects of

Issuing an Incidental Take Permit No. 16230 to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries for the Continued Operation of the North Carolina Inshore Gillnet Fishery". Publication of this notice begins the official public comment period for this draft EA. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the purpose of the draft EA is to evaluate the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts caused by the issuance of Permit No. 16230 to North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) for the incidental take of threatened and endangered sea turtles during management of North Carolina inshore gillnet fisheries. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be available for review. An electronic copy of the revised application and proposed conservation plan may be obtained by contacting NMFS Office of Protected Resources (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) or visiting the internet at [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/esa\\_review.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/esa_review.htm).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before July 31, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2011-0231, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2011-0231](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2011-0231), click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Sara McNulty, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East West Highway, 13th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

- *Fax:* 301-713-0376; Attn: Sara McNulty.

*Instructions:* Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

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