DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the Advisory Board), which advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) on policies and operations of the Service.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Friday, November 1, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will be held in Room 116 of the NTIS Facility at 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22312. Please note admittance instructions under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bruce Borzino, (703) 605–6405, bborzino@ntis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NTIS Advisory Board is established by Section 3704(b)(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

The morning session will focus on a review of NTIS performance and accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2013. The afternoon session is expected to focus on NTIS strategic direction in Fiscal Year 2014. A final agenda and summary of the proceedings will be posted at the NTIS Web site as soon as they are available (http://www.ntis.gov/about/advisorybd.aspx).

The NTIS Facility is a secure one. Accordingly persons wishing to attend should call the NTIS Visitors Center, (703) 605–6040, to arrange for admission. If there are sufficient expressions of interest, up to one-half hour will be reserved for public comments during the afternoon session. Questions from the public will not be considered by the Board but any person who wishes to submit a written question for the Board’s consideration should mail or email it to the NTIS Visitor Center, bookstore@ntis.gov, not later than April 10, 2013.


Bruce Borzino,
Director.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office


ACTION: Request for comments on Department of Commerce Green Paper, Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce’s Internet Policy Task Force (Task Force) Green Paper on Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy (Green Paper) released on July 31, 2013, the Task Force seeks public comment from all interested stakeholders on the following copyright policy issues critical to economic growth, job creation, and cultural development: The legal framework for the creation of remixes; the relevance and scope of the first sale doctrine in the digital environment; the appropriate calibration of statutory damages in the contexts of individual file sharers and of secondary liability for large-scale infringement; whether and how the government can facilitate the further development of a robust online licensing environment; and establishing a multistakeholder dialogue on improving the operation of the notice and takedown system for removing infringing content from the Internet under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). The Task Force will also hold an initial public meeting on October 30, 2013, to discuss these topics.

DATES: Comments are due on or before November 15, 2013. Any comments received before October 15, 2013 will be considered in the discussions in the public meeting.

The public meeting will be held on October 30, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

ADRESSES: The Task Force intends to hold the public meeting in the Amphitheatre of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. All major entrances to the building are accessible to people with disabilities. Confirmation of the venue for the public meeting will be available at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting on the Internet Policy Task Force Web site, http://www.ntia.doc.gov/internetpolicytaskforce and the USPTO’s Web site, http://www.uspto.gov.

Interested parties are encouraged to file comments electronically by email to: CopyrightComments2013@uspto.gov. Comments submitted by email should be machine-searchable and should not be copy-protected. Written comments also may be submitted by mail to Office of Policy and External Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop External Affairs, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Responders should include the name of the person or organization filing the comment, as well as a page number, on each page of their submissions. Paper submissions should also include a CD or DVD containing the submission in Word, WordPerfect, or pdf format. CDs or DVDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name of the word processing program used to create the document. All comments received are a part of the public record and will be made available to the public at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/internet-policy-task-force without change. All personally identifiable information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential...