

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel) will meet in closed session Monday through Friday, November 4–8, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time each day. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommendations from site visits, and recommend 2013 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipients.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday through Friday, November 4–8, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time each day. The entire meeting will be closed to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Fangmeyer, Acting Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-4781, email [robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov](mailto:robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel will meet on Monday through Friday, November 4–8, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time each day. The Judges Panel is composed of twelve members, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, chosen for their familiarity with quality improvement operations and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, services companies, small businesses, health care providers, and educational institutions. Members are also chosen who have broad experience in for-profit and nonprofit areas. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommendations from site visits, and recommend 2013 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipients.

The Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary performing the non-exclusive duties of the Chief Financial Officer and

Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 19, 2013, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential; and, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because for a government agency the meeting is likely to disclose information that could significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and other organizations and discussion of these data as compared to the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award criteria in order to recommend 2013 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipients, will be closed to the public.

Dated: October 17, 2013.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Telecommunications and Information Administration****First Responder Network Authority Board Special Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting of the First Responder Network Authority.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will hold a Special Meeting via telephone conference (teleconference) on October 25, 2013.

**DATES:** The Special Meeting will be held on Friday, October 25, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The Special Meeting will be conducted via teleconference. Members of the public may listen to the meeting by dialing toll-free 1 (888) 469-3306 and using passcode "FirstNet." Due to the limited number of ports, attendance via teleconference will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0016; email [uzoma@firstnet.gov](mailto:uzoma@firstnet.gov). Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Public Law 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), created FirstNet as an independent authority within the NTIA. The Act directs FirstNet to establish a single, nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet's operations. As provided in Section 4.08 of the FirstNet Bylaws, the Board through this Notice provides at least two days' notice of a Special Meeting of the Board to be held on October 25, 2013. The Board may, by a majority vote, close a portion of the Special Meeting as necessary to preserve the confidentiality of commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, to discuss personnel matters, or to discuss legal matters affecting FirstNet, including pending or potential litigation. See 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

**Matters to Be Considered:** NTIA will post an agenda for the Special Meeting on its Web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet> prior to the meeting. The agenda topics are subject to change.

**Time and Date:** The Special Meeting will be held on October 25, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The times and dates are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's Web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet> for the most up-to-date information.

**Other Information:** The teleconference for the Special Meeting is open to the public. On the date and time of the Special Meeting, members of the public may call toll-free 1 (888) 469-3306 and use passcode "FirstNet" to listen to the meeting. If you experience technical difficulty, please contact Helen Shaw by telephone (202) 482-1157; or via email [hshaw@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:hshaw@ntia.doc.gov). Public access will be limited to listen-only. Due to the limited number of ports, attendance via teleconference will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The Special Meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations are asked to notify Mr. Onyeije, by telephone (202) 482-0016 or email [uzoma@firstnet.gov](mailto:uzoma@firstnet.gov), at least two days (2) business days before the meeting.

**Records:** NTIA maintains records of all Board proceedings. Board minutes