

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Hydrographic Services Review Panel**

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Membership Solicitation for Hydrographic Services Review Panel.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Hydrographic Service Improvements Act of 1998, as amended (33 U.S.C. 892 *et seq.*), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is soliciting nominations for membership on its Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP). The HSRP, a Federal advisory committee, advises the Administrator on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act and such other appropriate matters as the Administrator refers to the Panel for review and advice. Those responsibilities and authorities include, but are not limited to: Acquiring and disseminating hydrographic data and providing hydrographic services, as those terms are defined in the Act; promulgating standards for hydrographic data and services; ensuring comprehensive geographic coverage of hydrographic services; and testing, developing, and operating vessels, equipment, and technologies necessary to ensure safe navigation and maintain operational expertise in hydrographic data acquisition and hydrographic services. The Act states that "voting members of the Panel shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more of the disciplines and fields relating to hydrographic data and hydrographic services, marine transportation, port administration, vessel pilotage, coastal and fishery management, and other disciplines as determined appropriate by the Administrator." As such, the NOAA Administrator welcomes applications from individuals with expertise in marine navigation; port administration; marine shipping or other intermodal transportation industries; cartography and geographic information systems; geodesy; physical oceanography; coastal resource management, including coastal resilience and emergency response; and other related fields. To apply for membership on the Panel, applicants

are asked to provide: (1) A cover letter that includes responses to the "Short Response Questions" listed below, and (2) a current resume to the address specified below. NOAA is an equal opportunity employer.

Short Response Questions

(1) What area(s) of expertise, as listed above, would you best represent on this panel?

(2) Which geographic region(s) of the country do you primarily associate your expertise?

(3) Describe your leadership or professional experiences which you believe will contribute to the effectiveness of this panel.

(4) Generally describe the breadth and scope of stakeholders, users, or other groups whose views and input you believe you can represent on the panel.

DATES: Cover letter, responses, and current resume materials should be sent to the address, email, or fax specified. All materials must be received by October 10, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit to Lynne Mersfelder-Lewis via mail, fax, or email. Mail: Lynne Mersfelder-Lewis, NOAA National Ocean Service, Office of Coast Survey, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3 Rm. 6864, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Fax: 301-713-4019; or Email: Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynne Mersfelder-Lewis, NOAA National Ocean Service, Office of Coast Survey, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3 Rm. 6126, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301-713-2702 x199, Fax: 301-713-4019; Email: lynne.mersfelder@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 33 U.S.C. 883a, *et seq.*, NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) is responsible for providing nautical charts and related information for safe navigation. NOS collects and compiles hydrographic, tidal and current, geodetic, and a variety of other data in order to fulfill this responsibility. The HSRP provides advice on current and emerging oceanographic and marine science technologies relating to operations, research and development; and dissemination of data pertaining to:

- (a) Hydrographic surveying;
- (b) shoreline surveying;
- (c) nautical charting;
- (d) water level measurements;
- (e) current measurements;
- (f) geodetic measurements;
- (g) geospatial measurements;
- (h) geomagnetic measurements; and
- (i) other oceanographic/marine related sciences.

The Panel has fifteen voting members appointed by the NOAA Administrator in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 892c. Members are selected on a standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. In addition, there are four non-voting members that serve on the Panel: the Co-Directors of the NOAA-University of New Hampshire Joint Hydrographic Center/Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping, and the Directors of NOAA's Office of National Geodetic Survey and NOAA's Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services. The Director, NOAA Office of Coast Survey, serves as the Designated Federal Official (DFO).

This solicitation requests applications to fill six (6) voting member vacancies on the Panel as of January 1, 2015. Additional appointments may be made to fill vacancies left by any members who choose to resign during 2015. Some voting members whose terms expire January 1, 2015, may be reappointed for another full term if eligible. Full-time officers or employees of the United States may not be appointed as a voting member. Any voting member of the Panel who is an applicant for, or beneficiary of (as determined by the Administrator) any assistance under 33 U.S.C. 892c shall disclose to the Panel that relationship, and may not vote on any matter pertaining to that assistance. Voting members of the Panel serve a four-year term, except that vacancy appointments are for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy. Members serve at the discretion of the Administrator and are subject to government ethics standards. Any individual appointed to a partial or full term may be reappointed for one additional full term. A voting member may continue to serve until his or her successor has taken office. The Panel selects one voting member to serve as the Chair and another to serve as the Vice Chair. Meetings occur at least twice a year, and at the call of the Chair or upon the request of a majority of the voting members or of the Administrator. Voting members receive compensation at a rate established by the Administrator, not to exceed the maximum daily rate payable under section 5376 of title 5, United States Code, when engaged in performing duties for the Panel. Members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in performing such duties.

Individuals Selected for Panel Membership

Upon selection and agreement to serve on the HSRP, individuals who are

appointed will become Special Government Employees (SGE) of the United States Government. According to 18 U.S.C. 202(a), an SGE is an officer or employee of an agency who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed to perform temporary duties, with or without compensation, not to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, either on a fulltime or intermittent basis. Please be advised that applicants selected to serve on the Panel must complete the following actions before they can be appointed as a Panel member:

(a) Background Security Check and fingerprinting conducted through NOAA Workforce Management; and

(b) Confidential Financial Disclosure Report—As an SGE, you are required to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report to avoid involvement in a real or apparent conflict of interest. You may find the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report at the following Web site: http://www.usoge.gov/forms/form_450.aspx.

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Rear Admiral, Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the charter for the Board of Visitors, National Defense University (“the Board”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee’s charter is being renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b) (“the Sunshine Act”), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d).

The Board is a discretionary Federal advisory committee that provides the Secretary of Defense and/or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the President of the National Defense University, independent advice and recommendations on the overall management and governance of the National Defense University in achieving its mission to support the joint warfighter by providing rigorous Joint Professional Military Education to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and select others in order to develop leaders who have the ability to operate and creatively think in an unpredictable and complex world.

The DoD, through the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the President of the National Defense University and the University Office of Academic Affairs, provides the necessary support for the performance of the Board’s functions and ensures compliance with the requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) (“the Sunshine Act”), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

The Board shall be comprised of no more than 12 members, who are appointed by the Secretary of Defense. The members are eminent authorities in the fields of defense, management, leadership, academia, national military strategy or joint planning at all levels of war, joint doctrine, joint command and control, or joint requirements and development.

The Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall select the Board’s Chair and Co-Chair from the approved Board membership. The leadership appointments shall not exceed the individual member’s approved term of service.

Board members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts or consultants, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. Board members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees shall be appointed, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a), to serve as regular government employee (RGE) members.

Each Board member is appointed to provide advice to the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. With the exception of reimbursement for official Board-related travel and per diem, Board members shall serve without compensation.

The Secretary of Defense, or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, may

approve the appointment of Board members for one-to-four year terms of service with annual renewals. However, no member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service. This same term of service limitation also applies to any DoD authorized subcommittees.

In addition, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pursuant to DoD policies and procedures, may appoint, as deemed necessary, non-voting consultants as subject matter experts (SMEs) to provide special expertise to the Board. These SMEs, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, on an intermittent basis to work specific Board-related efforts, shall have no voting rights whatsoever on the Board or any of its subcommittees, shall not participate in the Board’s deliberations, and shall not count toward the Board’s total membership. All experts and consultants shall serve terms of appointments as determined by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and those appointments may be renewed, as appropriate.

DoD, when necessary and consistent with the Board’s mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups to support the Board. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as the DoD sponsor.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the Board and shall report all of their recommendations and advice solely to the Board for full and open deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees, task forces, or working groups have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Board. No subcommittee or its members can update or report, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Board, directly to the DoD or to any Federal officer or employee.

The Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense will appoint subcommittee members to a term of service of one-to-four years, with annual renewals, even if the member in question is already a member of the Board. Subcommittee members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms of service unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense.