

The Council is intended to facilitate the exchange of information and encourage bilateral discussions of business and economic issues, including promoting bilateral trade and investment and improving the business climate in each country. The Council brings together the respective business communities of the United States and Turkey to discuss such issues of mutual interest and to communicate their joint recommendations to the U.S. and Turkish Governments. The Council consists of the U.S. and Turkish co-chairs and a Committee comprised of private sector members. The Committee is composed of two Sections of private sector members, a U.S. Section and a Turkish Section, each consisting of approximately ten to twelve members, representing the views and interests of their respective private sector business communities. Each government will appoint the members to its respective Section. The Committee will provide joint recommendations to the two governments that reflect private sector views, needs, and concerns regarding creation of an environment in which the private sectors of both countries can partner, thrive, and enhance bilateral commercial ties that could form the basis for expanded trade and investment between the United States and Turkey.

The Department of Commerce is currently seeking applicants for membership on the U.S. Section of the Committee. Each applicant must be a senior-level executive of a U.S.-owned or controlled company that is incorporated in and has its main headquarters located in the United States and that is currently doing business in Turkey. Each applicant also must be a U.S. citizen, or otherwise legally authorized to work in the United States, and be able to travel to Turkey and locations in the United States to attend official Council meetings, as well as U.S. Section and Committee meetings. In addition, the applicant may not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. Applicants may not be federally-registered lobbyists, and, if appointed, will not be allowed to continue to serve as members of the U.S. Section of the Committee if the member becomes a federally-registered lobbyist.

Evaluation of applications for membership in the U.S. Section by eligible individuals will be based on the following criteria:

—A demonstrated commitment by the applicant's company to the Turkish market either through exports or investment.

—A demonstrated strong interest by the applicant's company in Turkey and its economic development.

—The ability by the applicant to offer a broad perspective on the business environment in Turkey, including cross-cutting issues that affect the entire business community.

—The ability by the applicant to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Council will be active.

Members will be selected on the basis of who will best carry out the objectives of the Council as stated in the Terms of Reference establishing the U.S.-Turkey Business Council. In selecting members of the U.S. Section, the Department of Commerce will also seek to ensure that the Section represents a diversity of business sectors and geographical locations, as well as a cross-section of small, medium, and large-sized firms.

U.S. members will receive no compensation for their participation in Council-related activities. They shall not be considered as special government employees. Individual private sector members will be responsible for all travel and related expenses associated with their participation in the Council, including attendance at Committee and Section meetings. Only appointed members may participate in official Council meetings; substitutes and alternates may not be designated. Members will normally serve for two-year terms, but may be reappointed.

To apply for membership, please submit the following information as instructed in the **ADDRESSES** and **DATES** captions above:

1. Name(s) and title(s) of the applicant(s);
2. Name and address of the headquarters of the applicant's company;
3. Location of incorporation of the applicant's company;
4. Percentage share of U.S. citizen ownership in the company;
5. Size of the company in terms of number of employees;
6. Dollar amount of the company's export trade to Turkey;
7. Dollar amount of the company's investments in Turkey;
8. Nature of the company's investments, operations or interest in Turkey;
9. An affirmative statement that the applicant is a U.S. citizen or otherwise legally authorized to work in the United States;

10. An affirmative statement that the applicant is neither registered nor required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended;

11. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not a federally-registered lobbyist, and that the applicant understands that if appointed, the applicant will not be allowed to continue to serve as a member of the U.S. Section of the Council if the applicant becomes a federally registered lobbyist;

12. An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all other eligibility requirements;

13. A brief statement of why the applicant should be considered;

14. A brief statement of how the applicant meets the four listed criteria, including information about the candidate's ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Council will be active.

Applications will be considered as they are received. All candidates will be notified of whether they have been selected.

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Jay A. Burgess,

Director of the Office of European Country Affairs (OECA).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Situational Awareness Use Case for the Energy Sector

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites organizations to provide products and technical expertise to support and demonstrate security platforms for situational awareness for the energy sector. This notice is the initial step for the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) in collaborating with technology companies to address cybersecurity challenges identified under the Energy sector program. Participation in the use case is open to all interested organizations.

DATES: Interested parties must contact NIST to request a letter of interest. Letters of interest will be accepted on a rolling basis. Collaborative activities will commence as soon as enough

completed and signed letters of interest have been returned to address all the necessary components and capabilities, but no earlier than March 4, 2015. When the use case has been completed, NIST will post a notice on the NCCoE energy sector program Web site at <http://nccoe.nist.gov/energy> announcing the completion of the use case and informing the public that it will no longer accept letters of interest for this use case.

ADDRESSES: The NCCoE is located at 9600 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. Letters of interest must be submitted to Energy_NCCoE@nist.gov or via hardcopy to National Institute of Standards and Technology, NCCoE; 9600 Gudelsky Drive; Rockville, MD 20850. Organizations whose letters of interest are accepted in accordance with the Process set forth in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice will be asked to sign a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with NIST. A CRADA template can be found at: <http://nccoe.nist.gov/node/138>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim McCarthy via email at Energy_NCCoE@nist.gov; or telephone 240-314-6816; National Institute of Standards and Technology, NCCoE; 9600 Gudelsky Drive; Rockville, MD 20850. Additional details about the Energy Sector program are available at <http://nccoe.nist.gov/energy>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: The NCCoE, part of NIST, is a public-private collaboration for accelerating the widespread adoption of integrated cybersecurity tools and technologies. The NCCoE brings 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; reduce risk for companies and individuals using IT systems; and encourage development of innovative, job-creating cybersecurity products and services.

Process: NIST is soliciting responses from all sources of relevant security capabilities (see below) to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) to provide products and technical expertise to support and demonstrate security platforms for the Situational Awareness use case for the Energy Sector. The full

use case can be viewed at: http://nccoe.nist.gov/sites/default/files/nccoe/NCCoE_ES_Situational_Awareness.pdf Interested parties should contact NIST using the information provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. NIST will then provide each interested party with a letter of interest, which the party must complete, certify that it is accurate, and submit to NIST. NIST will contact interested parties if there are questions regarding the responsiveness of the letters of interest to the use case objective or requirements identified below. NIST will select participants who have submitted complete letters of interest on a first come, first served basis within each category of product components or capabilities listed below up to the number of participants in each category necessary to carry out this use case. However, there may be continuing opportunity to participate even after initial activity commences. Selected participants will be required to enter into a consortium CRADA with NIST. NIST published a notice in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 2012 (77 FR 64314) inviting U.S. companies to enter into National Cybersecurity Excellence Partnerships; (NCEPs) in furtherance of the NCCoE. For this demonstration project, NCEP partners will not be given priority for participation.

Use Case Objective: To improve the security of operational technology, energy companies need mechanisms to capture, transmit, analyze and store real-time or near-real-time data from industrial control systems (ICS) and related networking equipment. With such mechanisms in place, energy sector providers, owners and operators can more readily detect anomalous conditions, take appropriate actions to remediate them, investigate the chain of events that led to the anomalies and share findings with other energy companies. Obtaining real-time and near-real-time data from networks also has the benefit of helping to demonstrate compliance with information security standards.

Requirements: Each responding organization's letter of interest should identify which security platform components or capabilities it is offering. Components are listed in section five (for reference, please see link in PROCESS section above) of the Situational Awareness for the Energy Sector use case and include, but are not limited to:

1. Security incident and event management (SIEM) or log analysis software
2. ICS equipment, such as remote terminal units (RTUs), programmable

logic controllers (PLCs), and relays, along with associated software and communications equipment (e.g., radios, encryptors)

3. "Bump-in-the-wire" devices for augmenting operational technology (OT) with encrypted communication and logging capabilities

4. Software for collecting, analyzing, visualizing and storing operational control data (e.g., historians, outage management systems, distribution management systems, human-machine interfaces)

5. Products that ensure the integrity and accuracy of data collected from remote facilities

Each responding organization's letter of interest should identify how their products address one or more of the following desired solution characteristics in section two (for reference, please see link in PROCESS section above) of the Situational Awareness for the Energy Sector use case:

1. Data visualization and analysis capabilities that help dispatchers and security analysts view control system behavior, network security events, and physical security events as a cohesive whole

2. Analysis and correlation capabilities that help dispatchers and security analysts understand and identify security events and predict how those events might affect control system operation

3. Scalability sufficient to meet the needs of a large metropolitan utility

4. Mechanisms that ensure the accuracy and integrity of data collected from remote facilities

5. Ability to collect logs, traffic, and operational data from a variety of sources, including servers, ICS equipment, networking equipment, security appliances, issue tracking systems, and mobile devices

6. Ability to allow dispatchers and security analysts to easily automate common, repetitive investigative tasks

7. Built-in information sharing capabilities that allow dispatchers and security analysts to easily share and acquire new threat indicators, correlation rules, mitigations, and investigative techniques

8. Customizable interfaces that allow users to tailor the system to meet specific business needs

9. Automated report generation to aid utilities in demonstrating compliance with relevant standards

10. Intuitive user interfaces that are appropriate for utility dispatchers with limited network security expertise or security analysts with limited expertise in electric power

Responding organizations need to understand and, in their letters of interest, commit to provide:

1. Access for all participants' project teams to component interfaces and the organization's experts necessary to make functional connections among security platform components

2. Support for development and demonstration of the Situational Awareness use case for the Energy Sector in NCCoE facilities which will be conducted in a manner consistent with Federal requirements (e.g., FIPS 200, FIPS 201, SP 800-53, and SP 800-63) Additional details about the Situational Awareness for the Energy sector use case are available at: http://nccoe.nist.gov/sites/default/files/nccoe/NCCoE_ES_Situational_Awareness.pdf. NIST cannot guarantee that all of the products proposed by respondents will be used in the demonstration. Each prospective participant will be expected to work collaboratively with NIST staff and other project participants under the terms of the consortium agreement in the development of the Situational Awareness for the Energy sector capability. Prospective participants' contribution to the collaborative effort will include assistance in establishing the necessary interface functionality, connection and set-up capabilities and procedures, demonstration harnesses, environmental and safety conditions for use, integrated platform user instructions, and demonstration plans and scripts necessary to demonstrate the desired capabilities. Each prospective participant will train NIST personnel as necessary, to operate its product in capability demonstrations to the energy community. Following successful demonstrations, NIST will publish a description of the security platform and its performance characteristics sufficient to permit other organizations to develop and deploy security platforms that meet the security objectives of the Situational Awareness for the Energy sector use case. These descriptions will be public information.

Under the terms of the consortium agreement, NIST will support development of interfaces among participants' products by providing IT infrastructure, laboratory facilities, office facilities, collaboration facilities, and staff support to component composition, security platform documentation, and demonstration activities. The dates of the demonstration of the Situational Awareness for the Energy sector capability will be announced on the NCCoE Web site at least two weeks in advance at <http://nccoe.nist.gov/>. The expected outcome of the demonstration

is to improve situational awareness across an entire energy sector enterprise. Participating organizations will gain from the knowledge that their products are interoperable with other participants' offerings.

For additional information on the NCCoE governance, business processes, and NCCoE operational structure, visit the NCCoE Web site <http://nccoe.nist.gov/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Vessel Monitoring System Requirements for the Commercial Bottomfish Fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 3, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Walter Ikehara, (808) 725-5175 or Walter.Ikehara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. As part of a fishery ecosystem plan, developed by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council under the authorization of the

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, NMFS requires that owners of commercial fishing vessels in the bottomfish fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) obtain a federal bottomfish permit. If their vessels are over 40 ft. (12.2 m) long, they must also mark their vessels in compliance with federal identification requirements and carry and maintain a satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS). These requirements are set out in 50 CFR Part 665, subpart D. This collection of information is needed for permit issuance, to identify actual or potential participants in the fishery, and aid in enforcement of regulations and area closures.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms. VMS data are collected electronically and automatically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0584.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Not-for profit institutions; state, local or tribal governments; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50 total; including 6 medium-large vessels (over 40 ft.).

Estimated Time per Response: Permit applications and renewals, 30 minutes; vessel identification, 45 minutes; initial VMS installation and annual maintenance, 24 hours; VMS maintenance, 12 hours annually.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 174.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$2,760 in recordkeeping and reporting costs and permit fees.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information