

information to assess recreational uses of GRNMS and surrounding areas off the coast of Georgia, demographic profiles, and attitudes on GRNMS current regulations, especially the research only area, which displaced recreational fishing. In addition, user perceptions of the conditions of GRNMS natural resources/environment will be obtained.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: August 11, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2017-0031]

Performance Review Board (PRB)

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, the United States Patent and Trademark Office announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board.

ADDRESSES: Director, Human Capital Management, Office of Human Resources, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Mendez at (571) 272-6173.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board is as follows:

Anthony P. Scardino, Chair, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Frederick W. Steckler, Vice Chair, Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Andrew H. Hirshfeld, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Mary Boney Denison, Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Anthony P. Scardino, Chief Financial Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office

John B. Owens II, Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Sarah T. Harris, General Counsel, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Shira Perlmutter, Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Alternates

Sharon R. Marsh, Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Andrew I. Faile, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations, United States Patent and Trademark Office

Dated: August 10, 2017.

Joseph D. Matal,

Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory (STRL) Personnel Management Demonstration Project, Department of the Air Force, Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to AFRL's demonstration project plan.

SUMMARY: AFRL will implement a flexible term appointment and a flexible extended temporary promotion authority for its Scientific and Professional Positions (ST) and Senior Scientific Technical Manager (SSTM) incumbents. The need for ST and SSTM positions in particular technology areas diminishes as the emerging technology becomes more established over time and a set of trained scientists and engineers are groomed to support the new core technical competency. AFRL needs this

flexibility to better manage its ST and SSTM cadre in order to ensure critical technologies are led by high-caliber ST and SSTM incumbents.

The extended probationary period currently authorized for AFRL Science and Engineering (S&E) provides a longer period to evaluate an individual's ability to adequately contribute to the AFRL mission and coincides with the extensive Research and Development (R&D) process. That same evaluation period is needed for the SSTM cadre.

DATES: This notice may be implemented beginning on August 16, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- AFRL: Ms. Rosalyn Jones-Byrd, Personnel Demonstration Project Manager, AFRL, 1864 4th Street, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH 45433-5209; rosalyn.jones-byrd@us.af.mil.

- DoD: Dr. Jagadeesh Pamulapati, Direct, Defense Laboratories, 4800 Mark Center Dr., Alexandria, 22350-1100; jagadeesh.pamulapati.civ@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

This notice amends the AFRL's demonstration project plan published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2010 (75 FR 53076).

Section 342(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995, Public Law (Pub. L.) 103-337, as amended by Section 1109 of the NDAA for FY 2000, Public Law 106-65, and Section 1114 of the NDAA for FY 2001, Public Law 106-398, authorizes the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) to conduct personnel demonstration projects at DoD laboratories designated as STRLs. All STRLs authorized by Section 1105 of the NDAA for FY 2010, Public Law 111-84, as well as any newly-designated STRLs authorized by SECDEF or future legislation, may use the provisions described in this **Federal Register** Notice (FRN). STRLs implementing this flexibility must have an approved personnel management demonstration project plan published in a FRN and shall fulfill any collective bargaining obligations.

AFRL currently has fewer ST allocations than it did in 2014, and has identified and prioritized new or emergent technical focus areas which will replace several of the current allocations as vacancies occur. ST positions within the laboratory are established for individuals to lead research in emerging technology areas and mentor young scientists and engineers to attain competence in the new technology areas. Currently AFRL