ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Nominations of Candidates for EPA’s Science Advisory Board Economic Guidelines Review Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office invites nominations of environmental economists to be considered for appointment to the SAB’s Economic Guidelines Review Panel.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than July 3, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Holly Stallworth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564–2073 or at stallworth.holly@epa.gov.

General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found at the EPA SAB website at http://www.epa.gov/sab.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. The SAB Economic Guidelines Review Panel will be an ad hoc panel of the SAB that provides advice through thechartered SAB. It will be changed with reviewing revised chapters of the Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analyses by EPA’s National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE). The EPA relies on the Guidelines for Preparing Economic Analyses when evaluating the economic consequences of its regulations and policies and it is critical that the Guidelines reflect the most current, peer-reviewed and established practices in the economics profession. The NCEE has been working to improve the Guidelines by updating and revising selected chapters as appropriate. While most chapters will be revised, NCEE anticipates more substantive changes in chapters addressing the following topics: baselines and other analytic design considerations, discounting future benefits and costs, analyzing benefits (including health, ecosystem services valuation and benefit transfer), analyzing costs, economic impact analysis (including employment effects), distributional effects (including environmental justice). The Economic Guidelines Review Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. The SAB Economic Guidelines Review Panel will operate under the autonomous SAB.

Request For Nominations: The SAB Staff Office is seeking nominations of environmental economists with extensive experience and expertise estimating benefits and/or costs of environmental outcomes, conducting and/or evaluating benefit cost analyses, and assessing distributional effects, including economic impacts of environmental regulation. Peer reviewed economics journal publications within the last ten years focused on cost estimation, benefits valuation, evaluation of benefit cost analyses or economic impact analyses is highly desirable.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals with relevant experience for possible service on the SAB Economic Guidelines Review Panel identified in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (preferred) following the instructions for “Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad hoc Committees Being Formed,” provided on the SAB website (see the “Nomination of Experts” link under “Current Activities”) at http://www.epa.gov/sab.

To receive full consideration, EPA’s SAB Staff Office requests contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee’s resume or curriculum vitae; sources of recent grant and/or contract support; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations.

Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB website, should contact Dr. Holly Stallworth as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than July 3, 2019. EPA values and welcomes diversity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of sex, race, disability, or ethnicity.

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations. The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to this Federal Register notice, and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff, will be posted in a List of Candidates on the SAB website at http://www.epa.gov/sab. Public comments on the List of Candidates will be accepted for 21 days. The public will be requested to provide additional information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should review.
should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office, a balanced review panel includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience. The SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the List of Candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Selection criteria to be used for panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors), e.g., journal publications within the last ten years on cost estimation/benefits valuation, evaluation of benefit cost analyses or economic impacts of environmental regulation; (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a loss of impartiality; and (e) skills working in panels and advisory committees; and, (f) for the panel as a whole, diversity of expertise and scientific points of view.

The SAB Staff Office’s evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the “Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees” [EPA Form 3110–48]. This confidential form allows government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between a person’s public responsibilities (which include membership on an EPA federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a loss of impartiality, as defined by federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/Web/ethics?OpenDocument.

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Khanna Johnston,
Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee, Diversity and Digital Empowerment

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of intent to renew the charter for the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) hereby announces that the charter of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (hereinafter Committee) will be renewed for a two-year period pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, Federal Communications Commission, Media Bureau, (202) 418–2608 or email: Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After consultation with the General Services Administration, the Commission intends to renew the charter on or before July 5, 2019, providing the Committee with authorization to operate for two years.

The purpose of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Commission on how to empower disadvantaged communities and accelerate the entry of small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities, into the media, digital news and information, and audio and video programming industries, including as owners, suppliers, and employees. It is also to provide recommendations to the Commission on how to ensure that disadvantaged communities are not denied the wide range of opportunities made possible by next-generation networks. This Committee is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders with interests in these areas to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission on media ownership and procurement opportunities, empowering communities in order to spur educational, economic, and civic development, and consumer access to digital technologies.

Advisory Committee

The Committee will be organized under, and will operate in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The Committee will be solely advisory in nature. Consistent with FACA and its requirements, each meeting of the Committee will be open to the public unless otherwise noticed.

A notice of each meeting will be published in the Federal Register at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting. Records will be maintained of each meeting and made available for public inspection. All activities of the Committee will be conducted in an open, transparent, and accessible manner. The Committee shall terminate two (2) years from the filing date of its charter, or earlier upon the completion of its work as determined by the Chairman of the FCC, unless its charter is renewed prior to the termination date.

During the Committee’s second term, it is anticipated that the Committee will meet in Washington, DC approximately two (2) times a year. The first meeting date and agenda topics will be described in a Public Notice issued and published in the Federal Register at least fifteen (15) days prior to the first meeting date. In addition, as needed, working groups or subcommittees (ad hoc or steering) will be established to facilitate the Committee’s work between meetings of the full Committee. Meetings of the Committee will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Federal Communications Commission.

Katura Jackson,
Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreements to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within twelve days of the date this notice appears in the Federal Register. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission’s website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202) 523–5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 201307
Agreement Name: Crowley/Sealand Space Charter Agreement.
Parties: Maersk Line A/S d/b/a Sealand and Crowley Latin America Services, LLC.
Filing Party: Wayne Rohde; Cozen O’Connor
Synopsis: The Agreement authorizes Crowley to charter space to Sealand in the trade between Port Everglades, FL on the one hand and Haiti and the Dominican Republican on the other hand.