

e. Revisions and adjustments will be made to the presentation/layout/content of employment and payroll questions to streamline and improve the flow.

*C. Revisions to Item 5: Sales, Shipments, Receipts, or Revenue:* Remove Item 5B, market value of products shipped to other domestic plants of the company for further assembly, fabrication, or manufacture. This question is poorly reported and not utilized by data users.

*D. Revisions Related to Integrating Annual Surveys:*

The Census Bureau is undertaking an initiative to integrate and re-engineer select annual programs. Programs include the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM), Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS), Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS), Service Annual Survey (SAS), Annual Capital Expenditures Survey (ACES), Manufacturing Shipments Inventories and Unfilled Orders (M3UFO), and Company Organization Survey (COS). Efforts include coordinating collection strategies/instruments/communication; integrating, changing or revising content; ensuring content is relevant; coordinating samples; and improving frame and coordinating status updates across annual surveys.

The initiative to integrate and re-engineer select annual programs is scheduled to begin implementation in survey year 2023. The goal is to shift select annual programs from individual independent surveys to a streamlined integrated annual program. The new annual program will move from industry focused, individual surveys to requesting a more holistic view of the companies. Prior to survey year 2023, we plan to begin to align our annual programs and improve efficiencies across programs in targeted areas related to consistent content, processes, and systems. The initiative is in response to data user needs (timely, granular, harmonized data), and declining response rates.

To this extent, the ASM is currently doing research to add the M3UFO (unfilled orders) questions to the ASM for Survey Year 2021. A combination of phone and in-person cognitive interviews with up to 40 respondents, over two rounds will begin in October 2020 and will likely conclude by March 2021. If it is determined that respondents are able to provide unfilled orders data at the establishment level, the Census Bureau plans to move the unfilled orders content to the ASM. By collecting this content on the ASM, we would eliminate the M3UFO survey.

This survey is an integral part of the government's statistical program. Its

results provide a factual background for decision making by the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government. Federal agencies use the annual survey's input and output data as benchmarks for their statistical programs, including the Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production and the Bureau of Economic Analysis' (BEA) estimates of the gross domestic product. The data also provide the Department of Energy with primary information on the use of energy by the manufacturing sector to produce manufactured products. These data also are used as benchmark data for the Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey, which is conducted for the Department of Energy by the Census Bureau. Within the Census Bureau, the ASM data are used to benchmark and reconcile monthly and quarterly data on manufacturing production and inventories. The ASM is the only source of complete establishment statistics for the programs mentioned above.

The ASM furnishes up-to-date estimates of employment, payroll, hours, wages of production workers, value added by manufacture, cost of materials, value of shipments by NAPCS product code, inventories, cost of employer's fringe benefits, operating expenses, and expenditures for new and used plant and equipment. The survey provides data for most of these items at the two- through six-digit NAICS levels. The ASM also provides geographic data by state at a more aggregated industry level.

The survey also provides valuable information to private companies, research organizations, and trade associations. Industry makes extensive use of the annual figures on NAPCS product shipments at the U.S. level in its market analysis, product planning, and investment planning. State development/planning agencies rely on the survey as a major source of comprehensive economic data for policymaking, planning, and administration.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182; Sections 224 and 225 make reporting for this survey mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be

submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0607-0449.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Board) will meet in open session on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the work of the private sector contractor, which assists the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in administering the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award), and information received from NIST and from the Chair of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in order to make such suggestions for the improvement of the Award process as the Board deems necessary. Details on the agenda are noted in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. Eastern time until 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The meeting will be open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually using WebEx. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1020, telephone number (301

975–2361, or by email at [robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov](mailto:robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Board will meet in open session on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. Eastern time until 4:00 p.m. Eastern time. The Board is currently composed of eleven members selected for their preeminence in the field of organizational performance excellence and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Board consists of a balanced representation from U.S. service, manufacturing, small business, nonprofit, education, and health care industries. The Board includes members familiar with the quality, performance improvement operations, and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, nonprofits, health care providers, and educational institutions. The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the work of the private sector contractor, which assists the NIST Director in administering the Award, and information received from NIST and from the Chair of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in order to make such suggestions for the improvement of the Award process as the Board deems necessary. The Board shall make an annual report on the results of Award activities to the Director of NIST, along with its recommendations for the improvement of the Award process. The agenda will include: Report from the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, Baldrige Program Business Plan Status Report, Baldrige Foundation Fundraising Update, Products and Services Update, and Recommendations for the NIST Director. The agenda may change to accommodate Board business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Baldrige Performance Excellence website at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm>. The meeting will be open to the public.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Board's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On December 8, 2020, approximately one-half hour will be reserved in the afternoon for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in

the final agenda that will be posted on the Baldrige website at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend are invited to submit written statements to the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–1020, via fax at 301–975–4967 or electronically by email to [robyn.verner@nist.gov](mailto:robyn.verner@nist.gov).

All participants will be attending via webinar. Please contact Ms. Verner by email at [robyn.verner@nist.gov](mailto:robyn.verner@nist.gov) for detailed instructions on how to join the webinar. All requests must be received by 12/07/2020.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(2)(B) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

**Kevin Kimball,**  
*Chief of Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Request for Participation on Technical Language Processing Community of Interest

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Systems Integration Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is forming a community of interest (COI) to develop best practices guidelines on how to tailor Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools to engineering text-based data: Technical language processing (TLP). Developed guidelines will be technology and vendor agnostic and will address the current needs of industry to have independent guidelines based on user requirements and measurement science research. The TLP COI wants to advance research and development initiatives to advance TLP smart manufacturing and other industrial applications. The TLP COI is seeking members from government, industry, and academia to create a better synergy between end users, the research community, and solution providers to

reduce complexity, cost, and delay of adoption of TLP solutions.

**DATES:** Intention to participate must be received by May 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Intention to participate may be submitted by sending an email to Michael Brundage, Project Leader, Engineering Laboratory, NIST. The email address to participate is [tlp-coi@nist.gov](mailto:tlp-coi@nist.gov). Please provide your full name, email address, phone number, company, and position in the company in your intent to participate email.

The COI will meet quarterly via web conference and in-person meetings. Further instructions will be provided on <https://nist.gov/el/tlp-coi>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Michael Brundage, Project Leader, Engineering Laboratory, NIST by email at [tlp-coi@nist.gov](mailto:tlp-coi@nist.gov) or contact Jo-Anne Fung-A-Fat by phone at (301) 975–3508.

Please direct media inquiries to NIST's Public Affairs Office at 301–975–2762.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The TLP COI will bring together interested participants to discuss ongoing and future directions for text analysis of technical data. This group will meet quarterly with a mixture of in-person and virtual meetings. Meetings will be a mixture of working meetings and information sessions. Information on meeting times and formats will be posted on <https://www.nist.gov/el/tlp-coi>. The output from this group will influence guidelines and roadmap documents to improve adoption of TLP solutions.

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The TLP COI wants to advance research and development initiatives to advance TLP smart manufacturing and other industrial applications. The following list defines the scope of the TLP COI's focus:

- **Education:** Highlighting results to the community from research and scientific discoveries of natural language processing and technical language processing and added value to industrial applications.