1. The NTIS Advisory Board shall be composed of a Chairperson appointed by the Secretary and four other members appointed by the Secretary. In the event of a vacancy in the Chairperson position, the NTIS Director may designate a member to serve as acting Chairperson until a Chairperson is appointed by the Secretary.

2. Members shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service and objectivity; shall have recognized expertise in data collection, compilation, analysis, use, and dissemination, as well as data science, information technology, cybersecurity, and privacy. Members will be selected from the business, academic, non-profit, and state and local government communities.

3. The term of office of each member of the Board shall be three years, except that vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy. All appointments shall automatically terminate if the charter is terminated or not renewed. All members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

4. Any person who has completed two consecutive full terms of service on the Board shall be ineligible for appointment for a third term during the one-year period following the expiration of the second term.

5. Members shall serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will be subject to all ethical standards and rules applicable to SGEs.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Committee will not be paid for their services, but will, upon request, be allowed travel and per diem expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq., while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

2. The Board shall meet at the call of the Secretary or the Secretary’s designee, but not less than once every six months.

3. NTIS may establish such subcommittees of its members as may be necessary, pursuant to the provisions of FACA, the FACA implementing regulations, and applicable Department of Commerce guidance. Subcommittees will report to the NTIS Advisory Board and may not provide advice or work directly to the Department of Commerce or NTIS.

4. Recordkeeping. Records of the NTIS Advisory Board, any formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Board, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Nomination Information

1. NTIS seeks nominations of practitioners with recognized expertise in data collection, compilation, analysis, use, and dissemination, as well as data science, information technology, cybersecurity, and privacy. Members will be selected from the business, academic, non-profit, and state and local government communities.

2. Members will be selected from the entire spectrum of Federal data interests including demographic, economic, trade, health, scientific, patent, environmental, geospatial, cybersecurity, and transactional data. No Federal Government employee shall serve as a member of the Board.

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Supplementary Information: The USPTO will begin issuing trademark registration certificates electronically via the USPTO’s Trademark Status and
Background

The USPTO has made significant efforts to implement end-to-end electronic processing of trademark applications and related submissions. End-to-end electronic processing means that an application and all application and registration-related submissions are filed and processed electronically, and any related correspondence between the USPTO and the relevant party is conducted electronically. TEAS was established to provide applicants the capability of filing their trademark applications electronically, and TSDR provides real-time access to the electronic file wrappers of U.S. trademark applications and registrations, and displays information contained in USPTO records regarding trademark applications and related submissions. After implementation, trademark registration certificates will no longer be issued by printing the registration certificate on paper and mailing it to the correspondence address of record. Instead, the USPTO will issue the registration electronically under the electronic signature of the Director and with a digital seal, which will serve to authenticate the registration. The USPTO will upload the official registration certificate to the TSDR database, and an electronic notice will be emailed to the trademark owner with a link to provide access to the certificate upon issue. Posted with the electronic registration certificate will be information regarding registration maintenance requirements pursuant to sections 8(d) and 71(c) of the Trademark Act of 1946. Trademark owners will be able to use the emailed link to view, download, and print a complete copy of the registration certificate at no charge at any time.

While the USPTO will no longer send a paper registration certificate upon issue, trademark owners will be able to obtain a printed copy of the first page of the issued registration that is suitable for framing. This document, known as a “presentation” copy, will be printed on heavy paper; feature a gold foil seal; identify the owner(s); and display bibliographic data, the trademark, and the classes of goods and/or services. Trademark owners who file an initial application on or after the implementation date will be able to order presentation copies for $25 per copy through the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). Trademark owners who filed an initial application before the implementation date will be able to order presentation copies for free using a TEAS form. Trademark owners will continue to be able to order certified copies of the trademark registration for a fee. The certified copy certified title of the registration and includes the signature of an authorized certifying officer.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially-Exclusive Patent License in the Field of Wearables

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations, the Department of the Air Force hereby gives notice of its intent to grant a Partially-Exclusive Patent License in the field of wearables to FlexEnergy LLC, a small business, limited liability corporation having a place of business at 6969 Worthington Galena Blvd., Suite D, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

DATES: Written objections must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of publication of this Notice.


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