which is located on the 13th floor of the National Press Club. “Higher Education: A Critical Partner in Global Agricultural Development” continues to be the central theme of BIFAD's initiatives and the July meeting.

Dr. Robert Easter, Chairman of BIFAD, will preside over the proceedings. Dr. Easter is interim Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Food security, including the broadly emerging issues surrounding climate change, and the role of universities in partnership with USAID to achieve critical short and long-term development objectives is the focus of the Board's Agenda as set for the 157th meeting. The 157th meeting continues to build toward the establishment of a special strategic partnership between USAID and the university community and the launching of a university "Brain Trust." The upcoming initiatives the Board's discussion incorporates the results from its second Conference of Deans (COD II) which was held in Washington, DC on June 28 and 29, 2009. The COD II's theme was "Building a Global Food Security Strategy: The Role of Higher Education in US International Development."

BIFAD's morning session will begin with a panel discussion, "BIFAD's Conference of Deans II: Perspectives on Food Security and the Role of Universities." University recommendations and USAID perspectives from the COD II will be presented. A second panel will complement the first session with the discussion, "Partners in Development: Business. Cooperatives and NGOs." At mid-morning congressional staff will provide updates on directions and funding implications of the Lugar-Casey and McCollum Agriculture Bills. Particular attention will be directed to the HECTARE component of the legislation. Congressional presenters will be Connie Veillette, Senior Professional Staff Member. House Foreign Relation Committee and Peter Frosch, Legislative Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Time will be made available for questions from the public attending.

After the morning break the Board will hear commentary from: the university community on "USAID's Agricultural Development Plans for Afghanistan." Several university perspectives will be presented.

Following an executive luncheon (closed to the public) the Board will continue discussion with an emphasis on agricultural innovation and responses to the impending climate change, particularly from an agro-ecological perspective. This will be highlighted in a special panel presentation, "Climate Proofing Agriculture: Lessons from the System of Rice Intensification." The presentation will be led by Norman Uphoff, Program Leader for Sustainable Rice Intensification, Cornell University. USDA's response will be provided by Carol Kramer-LeBlanc, Director, Sustainable Development Program, USDA/CREEES.

Shifting to a regional focus, USAID's Latin American Bureau will present to the Board key aspects of its trade-led strategy for agricultural diversification to promote agriculture and food security. "Optimizing the Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction Benefits of CAFTA-DR." This USAID presentation will be delivered by a representative from the Office of Sustainable Development. Bureau for Latin America.

Operational and management issues pertaining to the Board and linked to implementation of Title XII will be covered through several reports. First, the Board's sub-committee, Strategic Partnership for Agricultural Research and Education (SPARE), will report on its February 2009 meeting held at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Topics to be covered are SPARE's discussion on the Casey-Lugar Bill, particularly how the Agency can implement the HECTARE portion of the legislation, and issues related to scaling up agricultural programming in view of the Agency's increased efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The concluding report will be an update from USAID's Office of Acquisitions and Assistance (OAA) on the Agency's rule regarding the use of key subcontractors by prime contractors; particularly with regard to universities as subcontractors. The Board meeting is open to the public. The Board welcomes open dialogue to promote greater focus on critical issues facing USAID, the role of universities in development, and applications of U.S. scientific, technical and institutional capabilities to international agriculture. Note on Public Comment: Due to time constraints, public comments to the Board will be limited to two (2) minutes to accommodate as many as possible. The comments must be submitted ahead of the meeting and must be in writing. Those wishing to attend the meeting or submit additional information about BIFAD should contact Dr. Ronald S. Senykoff, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Development Partners, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 6.7-153, Washington, DC, 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-0218 or fax (202) 216-3124.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number 0906181062-9105-01]

Amendments to Alternative Personnel Management System (APMS) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of amendments.

SUMMARY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces amendments to NIST's Alternative Personnel Management System (APMS). The amendments change the performance management system of the Senior Professional (ST) employees at NIST.

DATES: This notice is effective on July 21, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions or comments, please contact Susanne Porch at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, (301) 975-2487.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with Public Law 99-574, the NIST Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987 (15 U.S.C. 275 note), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approved a demonstration project plan, “Alternative Personnel Management System (APMS) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST),” and published the plan in the Federal Register on October 2, 1987 (52 FR 37082). The project plan was amended twice to clarify certain NIST authorities (54 FR 21331, May 17, 1989, and 55 FR 39220, September 25, 1990). The project plan and subsequent amendments were consolidated in the final APMS plan, which became permanent on October 21 1997. (62 FR 54604). NIST published an amendment on May 6, 2005 (70 FR 23998), which became permanent on...
June 6, 2005. NIST published an amendment on July 15, 2008 (FR 73 40502), which became permanent on October 1, 2008.

The plan provides for modifications to be made as experience is gained. Results are analyzed, and conclusions are reached with regard to the working efficacy of the system. This notice formally amends the APMS plan to exclude NIST ST employees from the APMS performance management system and to include these employees in the Department of Commerce's 5-level performance management system. NIST is making this modification because it has determined that ST employees should be evaluated in the same manner as all other Department of Commerce ST employees, which is under the 5-level performance management system.

Dated: July 16, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,
Deputy Director.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A-570-854]

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Smith or Brandon Lusardi, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; to e-mail: (202) 482-1364 or (202) 482-1422, respectively.

Background


Extension of Time Limits for Final Results of Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires the Department to issue the final results of the review of an antidumping duty order within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published in the Federal Register. If it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, the Department may extend that 120-day period to 180 days.

Having provided the interested parties more time to submit publicly available information and case and rebuttal briefs for consideration in the final results of this review, the Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the final results of this review within the current time frame, as it requires additional time to properly analyze the data and arguments submitted by the interested parties.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of this review until October 5, 2009, which is the next business day after 180 days after the date on which the notice of the preliminary results was published in the Federal Register.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(h)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 14, 2009.

John M. Andersen,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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