

ADDRESSES: Please send requests for consideration and supporting material to Mr. Tom Sams, Acting Director, Office of the Middle East, U.S. Department of Commerce, either by fax on 202-482-0878 or by mail to U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 2029B, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin M. Reichelt, Office of the Middle East, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2029B, Washington, DC 20230. Email: Kevin.Reichelt@trade.gov; Phone: 202-482-2896.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the Iraqi Minister of Trade co-chair the Dialogue. The Dialogue consists of a U.S. Section and an Iraqi Section. Each Section consists of members from the private sector, representing the views and interests of the private sector business community. Each Party appoints the members to its respective Section. The Sections provide policy advice and counsel to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and to Iraq's Minister of Trade that reflect private sector views, needs, and concerns regarding private sector business development in Iraq and enhanced bilateral commercial ties that would form the basis for expanded trade between the United States and Iraq. The Dialogue will exchange information and encourage bilateral discussions that address the following areas:

- Factors that affect the growth of private sector business in Iraq, including disincentives to trade and investment and regulatory obstacles to job creation and investment growth;
- Initiatives that the Government of Iraq might take, such as enacting, amending, enforcing, or repealing laws and regulations, to promote private sector business growth in Iraq;
- Promotion of business opportunities in both Iraq and the United States, and identification of opportunities for U.S. and Iraqi firms to work together; and
- Attracting U.S. businesses to opportunities in Iraq and serving as a catalyst for Iraqi private sector growth.

Applications to represent any sector will be considered. The U.S. section will represent a cross-section of American businesses.

Members serve in a representative capacity representing the views and interests of their particular industries. Members are not special government employees, and receive no compensation for their participation in Dialogue activities. Only appointed members may participate in Dialogue

meetings; substitutes and alternates will not be permitted. Section members serve for three-year terms, but may be reappointed. U.S. Section members serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce.

Candidates will be evaluated based on: their interest in the Iraqi market; export/investment experience in the Iraqi market; contribution to diversity based on size of company, geographic location, and sector; and ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Business Dialogue will be active.

In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, potential candidates shall be:

- A U.S. citizen residing in the United States or able to travel to the United States or other location to attend official Business Dialogue meetings;
- The President or CEO (or comparable level of responsibility) of a private sector company, or, in the case of large companies, a person having substantial responsibility for the company's commercial activities in Iraq, either of which shall possess unique experience with or specialized knowledge about the commercial environment in Iraq; or the head of a non-profit entity, such as a trade or industry association, who possesses unique technical expertise, and the ability to provide counsel with respect to private sector business development in Iraq; and
- Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.
- Applicants may not be federally registered lobbyists, and, if appointed, will not be allowed to continue to serve as members of the U.S. Section of the Dialogue if the member becomes a federally-registered lobbyist.

Members will be selected on the basis of who best will carry out the objectives of the Business Dialogue as described above and as stated in the Terms of Reference for the Dialogue. (The Terms of Reference are available from the point of contact listed above.)

Recommendations for appointment will be made to the Secretary of Commerce. All candidates will be notified of whether they have been selected.

To be considered for membership, please submit the following information as instructed in the addresses and dates captions above: name(s) and title(s) of the individual(s) requesting consideration; name and address of company or non-profit entity to be represented; size of the company or non-profit entity; description of relevant

product, service, or technical expertise; size of company's export trade, investment, and/or international program experience; nature of operations or interest in Iraq; responsibilities of the candidate within the company or non-profit entity; and a brief statement of why the candidate should be appointed, including information about the candidate's ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Business Dialogue will be active.

Tom Sams,

Acting Director, Office of the Middle East, International Trade Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No: 131113954-3954-01]

Request for Public Comments on Draft Final Report on the Technical Investigation of the May 22, 2011 Tornado in Joplin, Missouri

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce, announces the availability for public comment of the draft final report of the investigation conducted by NIST into the tornado that impacted Joplin, Missouri on May 22, 2011. NIST will consider all comments received on the draft report before it is issued in final form.

DATES: Comments on the draft report must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday, January 6, 2014.

ADDRESSES: An electronic copy of the draft report may be found on the Joplin Investigation Web page http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/weather/joplin_tornado_2011.cfm. Comments may be submitted by email to disaster@nist.gov or by mail to: NIST Technical Investigation Joplin, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Stop 8611, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8611.

All comments received will be posted without redaction on the NIST Web site at: http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/weather/joplin_tornado_2011.cfm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or if you have

questions, please contact Dr. Long Phan by email at disaster@nist.gov or by telephone at 301-975-6077.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to the tornado that impacted Joplin, Missouri on May 22, 2011 (Joplin tornado), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) sent four engineers to the area to conduct a preliminary reconnaissance to conduct an initial assessment of the event to assist the NIST Director in determining whether a full technical investigation of the event was warranted. Based on the analysis of the data collected and other pertinent information, the NIST Director established a Team under the authorities of the National Construction Safety Team (NCST) Act (15 U.S.C. 7301 *et seq.*) on June 29, 2011 to conduct a detailed technical investigation. The establishment of the NCST Team was announced in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2011 (76 FR 42683).

The investigation objectives were:

1. Determine the tornado hazard characteristics and associated wind fields in the context of historical data.
2. Determine the response of residential, commercial, and critical buildings, including the performance of designated safe areas.
3. Determine the performance of lifelines as it relates to the continuity of operations of residential, commercial, and critical buildings.
4. Determine the pattern, location, and cause of fatalities and injuries, and associated emergency communications and public response.
5. Identify, as specifically as possible, areas in current building, fire, and emergency communications codes, standards, and practices that warrant revision.

The draft report outlines 47 findings related to the May 22, 2011, Joplin tornado and concludes with a list of 16 recommendations for action in areas of improved measurement and characterization of tornado hazards, new methods for tornado resistant design of buildings, enhanced guidance for community tornado sheltering, and improved and standardized emergency communications.

Request for Public Comment: Persons interested in commenting on the draft investigation report should submit their comments as instructed above. NIST will consider all comments received and may revise the report based on such comments. All comments will be made publicly available without redaction, so the public should not include personal or proprietary information in comments. All comments received in response to this notice will be made publicly

available without redaction, so members of the public should not include personal or proprietary information in comments.

Comments submitted should be specific to the maximum extent possible: they should clearly state the issue, location (page number, paragraph or sentence), provide a short reason for any suggested change, and provide suggested language for the requested revision.

Comments may be submitted to NIST in two ways. Comments may be submitted by email to disaster@nist.gov, or by mail to:

NIST Technical Investigation Joplin,
National Institute of Standards and
Technology, Stop 8611, Gaithersburg,
MD 20899-8611.

All comments should contain the following information:

Name (Optional):

Affiliation (Optional):

Contact (Optional): Phone number or email address where the commenter can be contacted in case of questions about their comment

Page Number:

Paragraph/Sentence: (e.g., paragraph 2/sentences 2-4)

Comment:

Reason for Comment:

Suggestion for Revision:

Dated: November 26, 2013.

Mary Saunders,

Associate Director for Management Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
[RIN 0648-XD010]

**Pacific Fishery Management Council;
Public Meeting**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meetings (conference calls).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene two conference calls of its Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee (EFHRC).

DATES: The first conference call will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2014, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. The second conference call will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2014, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: For those members of the public who wish to attend the conference call, a public listening station will be available at the Pacific Council offices: 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220. Please contact the Pacific Council ahead of time if you wish to attend the public listening station.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the conference calls is to discuss and finalize the Phase 2 Report, which summarizes the status of the essential fish habitat periodic review, describes the proposals that were received, and makes recommendations to the Pacific Council for further action. The Phase 2 Report is scheduled to be considered by the Pacific Council at its March, 2014 meeting.

Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the EFHRC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This listening station is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, at (503) 820-2280, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 27, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine

Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 2013-28864 Filed 12-2-13; 8:45 am] **BILLING CODE 3510-22-P**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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**Pacific Fishery Management Council;
Public Meeting**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council)