Federal Advisory Committee Nomination Opportunities
April 3, 2017

Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Labor (DOL) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

BACKGROUND: The BLS is soliciting new members for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Five current membership terms expire on May 20, 2017. The TAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Bureau of Labor Statistics on technical aspects of data collection and the formulation of economic measures. On some technical issues there are differing views, and receiving feedback at public meetings provides BLS with the opportunity to consider all viewpoints. The Committee will consist of 16 members and will be chosen from a cross-section of economists, statisticians, and behavioral scientists who represent a balance of expertise.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to providing comments on papers and presentations developed by BLS research and program staff, conducting research on issues identified by BLS on which an objective technical opinion or recommendation from outside of BLS would be valuable, recommending BLS conduct internal research projects to address technical problems with BLS statistics that have been identified in the academic literature, participating in discussions of areas where the types or coverage of economic statistics could be expanded or improved and areas where statistics are no longer relevant, and establishing working relationships with professional associations with an interest in BLS statistics, such as the American Statistical Association and the American Economic Association.

The economists will have research experience with technical issues related to BLS data and will be familiar with employment and unemployment statistics, price index numbers, compensation measures, productivity measures, occupational and health statistics, or other topics relevant to BLS data series. The statisticians will be familiar with sample design, data analysis, computationally intensive statistical methods, non-sampling errors or other areas which are relevant to BLS work. The behavioral scientists will be familiar with questionnaire design, usability or other areas of survey development. BLS invites persons interested in serving on the TAC to submit their names for consideration for committee membership.

Nominations should include:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the candidate; and
- A summary of the candidate's training or experience relating to BLS data specifically, or economic statistics more generally.

Nominations may be submitted to Acting Commissioner Bill Wiatrowski, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Room 4040, Washington, DC 20212.
Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

BACKGROUND: EPA established the PPDC in September 1995 to provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on issues associated with pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The following sectors are represented on the current PPDC: Environmental/public interest and animal rights groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide industry and trade associations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; federal and state/local/tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations.

The PPDC usually meets face-to-face twice a year, generally in the spring and the fall. Additionally, members may be asked serve on work groups to develop recommendations to address specific policy issues. The average workload for members is approximately 4 to 6 hours per month. PPDC members may receive travel and per diem allowances where appropriate and according to applicable federal travel regulations.

Nominations should include:
- Current contact information for the nominee, including the nominee's name, organization (and position within that organization), current business address, email address, and daytime telephone number;
- Brief Statement describing the nominee's interest and availability in serving on the PPDC;
- Résumé and a short biography (no more than 2 paragraphs) describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee, including a list of relevant activities, or any current or previous experience on advisory committees; and
- Letter(s) of recommendation from a third party supporting the nomination. The letter should describe how the nominee's experience and knowledge will bring value to the work of the PPDC.

Nominations may be submitted to Dea Zimmerman (LC-8J), PPDC Designated Federal Officer, Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604 or in electronic format to zimmerman.dea@epa.gov.
BACKGROUND: This notice responds the Sea Grant Program Improvement Act of 1976, which requires the Secretary of Commerce to solicit nominations at least once a year for membership on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board (Board), a Federal Advisory Committee that provides advice on the implementation of the National Sea Grant College Program. The NOAA intends to fill two expected vacancies on the Board in 2017 and another two in 2018 to apply for membership to the Board. In general, the Board shall advise the Secretary and the Director concerning: Strategies for utilizing the Sea Grant College Program to address the Nation's highest priorities regarding the understanding, assessment, development, management, utilization, and conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources; the designation of Sea Grant Colleges and Sea Grant Institutes; and such other matters as the Secretary refer to the Board for review and advice.

The Board shall report to the Congress every two years on the state of the National Sea Grant College Program. The Board shall indicate in each such report the progress made toward meeting the priorities identified in the strategic plan in effect under section 204(c). The Board shall consist of 15 voting members who shall be appointed by the Secretary for a 4-year term, renewable for a 2nd 4-year term at the discretion of the Secretary. The Director and a director of a Sea Grant program who is elected by the various directors of Sea Grant programs shall serve as nonvoting members of the Board. Not less than 8 of the voting members of the Board shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more of the disciplines and fields included in marine science. The other voting members shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in, or representative of, education, marine affairs and resource management, coastal management, extension services, State government, industry, economics, planning, or any other activity which is appropriate to, and important for, any effort to enhance the understanding, assessment, development, management, utilization, or conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources.

Nominations should include:

- A current resume, submitted via the methodology discussed in the ‘Contact Information’ section of the notice; and
- A cover letter highlighting specific areas of expertise relevant to the purpose of the Board (optional).

Nominations may be submitted to Ms. Mary Anne Garlic, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC 3, Room 11717, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 or in electronic format to maryann.garlic@noaa.gov.

NOTICE: [https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2017-06011](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2017-06011)

APPLICATIONS DUE: There is no due date for applications. However, the program intends to begin reviewing applications to fulfill existing vacancies by April 28th 2017

**Hydrographic Services Review Panel**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce (DOC) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Ocean Service (NOS)

**BACKGROUND:** The NOAA Administrator seeks and encourages applications from individuals with expertise in marine navigation and technology, port administration, marine shipping or other intermodal
transportation industries, cartography and geographic information systems, geodesy, physical oceanography, coastal resource management, including coastal preparedness and emergency response, and other related fields. Nominations are sought to fill five vacancies that occur on January 1, 2018. Nominations should be submitted by no later than May 30, 2017. The responsibilities and authorities of HSRP include: Acquiring and disseminating hydrographic data and providing hydrographic services, as those terms are defined in the Act; promulgating standards for hydrographic data and services; ensuring comprehensive geographic coverage of hydrographic services; and testing, developing, and operating vessels, equipment, and technologies necessary to ensure safe navigation and maintain operational expertise in hydrographic data acquisition and hydrographic services.

Nominations should include:

- A cover letter that responds to the five questions listed in the Federal Register Notice and serves as a statement of interest to serve on the panel;
- Highlight the nominee's specific area(s) of expertise relevant to the purpose of the Panel from the list in the Federal Register Notice;
- A current resume;
- A short biography of 400 to 500 words;
- The nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, mailing address, email, phone, fax and contact information.

Nominations may be submitted in electronic format to Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov and Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov. Applicants should receive a confirmation response.

NOTICE: https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2017-05639

APPLICATIONS DUE: May 30, 2017