

record, currently scheduled to occur on December 15, 2008, until February 13, 2009.

Additional information about the Broadwater Federal Consistency Appeal and the CZMA appeal process is available on the Department of Commerce's CZMA Consistency Appeals Web site at <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.)

Dated: December 10, 2008.

**Joel La Bissonniere,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, NOAA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Low-Power Television and Translator Digital Upgrade Program Application Form

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposed information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 13, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Clifton Beck, NTIA, Room H-4888, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The purpose of the Low-power Television and Translator Digital Upgrade Program is to assist each eligible low-power television station to receive reimbursement for equipment to

upgrade low-power television stations from analog to digital service in eligible rural communities.

The term "eligible low-power television station" means a low-power television broadcast station, Class A television station, television translator station, or television booster station—

(1) That is itself broadcasting exclusively in analog format; and

(2) That has not converted from analog to digital operations prior to the date of enactment of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005.

##### II. Method of Collection

The proposed form will be submitted electronically via the Internet or mail.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, state or local government agencies; individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Total Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 15,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public:* \$0.

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 9, 2008.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

**Docket No. 0811251523-81524-01**

#### Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice, Request for Comments

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes and seeks comment on the types and depth of testing that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) intends to conduct in Phase I of the Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed pilot program to assess whether devices employing Dynamic Spectrum Access techniques can share the frequency spectrum with land mobile radio systems.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before December 30, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the attention of Ed Drocella, Office of Spectrum Management, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6725, Washington DC, 20230; by facsimile transmission to (202) 482-4595; or by electronic mail to [testbed@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:testbed@ntia.doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ed Drocella at 202-482-2608 or [edrocella@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:edrocella@ntia.doc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

One of the recommendations in the Department of Commerce reports for the Presidential Spectrum Policy Initiative directed NTIA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other Federal agencies, to establish a Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed (Test-Bed) pilot program to examine the feasibility of increased sharing between Federal and non-Federal users. This pilot program is one of the key elements of the President's 21st Century Spectrum Policy Initiative and is an opportunity for Federal agencies to work cooperatively with industry, researchers, and academia to objectively evaluate new technologies that can improve management of the nation's airwaves.

On February 5, 2008, NTIA published a Notice in the **Federal Register** describing the Test-Bed pilot program.<sup>1</sup> Concurrently, the FCC released a Public

<sup>1</sup> Spectrum Sharing Test-Bed, 73 Fed. Reg. 6,710 (NTIA February 5, 2008) (notice of solicitation of participation).

Notice (PN) designating 10 MHz of non-Federal spectrum to be used in the Test-Bed pilot program and providing guidance for participants.<sup>2</sup> As described in the Notice and the PN, the Test-Bed pilot program will evaluate the ability of Dynamic Spectrum Access (DSA) devices employing spectrum sensing and/or geo-location techniques to share spectrum with land mobile radio (LMR) systems operating in the 410–420 MHz Federal band and in the 470–512 MHz non-Federal band.<sup>3</sup> To address potential interference to incumbent spectrum users, the Test-Bed will include both laboratory and field measurements performed in three phases:

**Phase I Equipment Characterization.** Equipment employing DSA techniques will be sent to the NTIA Institute for Telecommunication Sciences in Boulder, Colorado to undergo characterization measurements of the DSA capabilities in response to simulated environmental signals.

**Phase II Evaluation of Capabilities.** After successful completion of Phase I, the DSA spectrum sensing and/or geo-location capabilities of the equipment will be evaluated in the geographic area of the Test-Bed.

**Phase III Field Operation Evaluation.** After successful completion of Phase II, the DSA equipment will be permitted to transmit in an actual radio frequency signal environment. An automatic signal logging capability will be used during operation of the Test-Bed to help resolve interference events if they occur. A point-of-contact will also be established to stop Test-Bed operations if interference is reported.

Eleven parties submitted solicitations of interest to participate in the Test-Bed pilot program. As a result of selection criteria specified in the February 2008 Federal Register Notice, the following parties were selected to participate in the Test-Bed pilot program: Adapt4 LLC, Adaptrum Inc., BAE Systems, Motorola Inc., Shared Spectrum Company, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> See Federal Communications Commission Designates Spectrum and Provides Guidance For Participation in a Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed, *Public Notice*, ET Docket No. 06-89, 23 FCC Rcd. 1654 (Feb. 5, 2008).

<sup>3</sup> Dynamic Spectrum Access technology allows a radio device to (i) evaluate its radio frequency environment using spectrum sensing, geo-location, or a combination of spectrum sensing and geo-location techniques, (ii) determine which frequencies are available for use on a non-interference basis, and (iii) reconfigure itself to operate on the identified frequencies.

<sup>4</sup> Additional information on the Test-Bed pilot program is available at the following website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/frnotices/2006/spectrumshare/comments.htm>.

## II. Request for Comments

As discussed in the February 2008 Federal Register Notice, a peer review process will be employed to give the public an opportunity to participate in the development of test plans for the Test-Bed pilot program.<sup>5</sup> A copy of the draft Phase I test plan is available in HTML, Word, and PDF formats on the following website:

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/frnotices/2006/spectrumshare/comments.htm>.

On or before December 30, 2008, interested parties wishing to comment on the draft Phase I test plan should submit to the address set forth above, their name, address, phone number, e-mail address and their comments. NTIA will publish the final version of the Phase I test plan on its website.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

*Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

**Title:** National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application.

**Form Number(s):** N/A.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651–00xx.

**Type of Request:** New collection.

**Burden:** 40 hours annually.

**Number of Respondents:** 1,600 responses per year.

**Avg. Hours per Response:** 40 hours.

The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 40 hours to gather and prepare the necessary information, and submit the information to the USPTO.

**Needs and Uses:** The public uses the National Medal of Technology and

<sup>5</sup> There are certain limitations on the peer review process to take into account the proprietary rights of the developers participating in the Test-Bed. As part of the Test-Bed, NTIA may enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements or Joint Project Agreements with the equipment developers.

Innovation Nomination Application to recognize through nomination an individual's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The application must be accompanied by at least six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail: [Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov). Once submitted, the request will be publically available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** [Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov).

Include "0651–00xx National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- **Fax:** 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- **Mail:** Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before January 14, 2009 to [Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov) or by fax (202) 395–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: December 8, 2008.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0057]

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Evaluation of Export Offers

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),