

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Shanta Rajaram, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS/NIH, NSC, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-6033, rajarams@mail.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 7, 2021.

Tyeshia M. Roberson-Curtis,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.

The meeting will be open to the public by videocast as indicated below.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Advisory Council for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering NACBIB, January 2022.

Date: January 19, 2022.

Open: 12:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Agenda: Report from the Institute Director, Council Members and other Institute Staff.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Democracy II, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Closed: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Democracy II, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: David T. George, Ph.D., Associate Director for Research Administration, Office of Research Administration, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging, and Bioengineering, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Room 920, Bethesda, MD 20892, georged@mail.nih.gov.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <https://www.nibib.nih.gov/about-nibib/advisory-council>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: December 8, 2021.

Victoria E. Townsend,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2021-2039]

National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancy

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Request for applications; re-solicitation for a member representing individuals employed in offshore operations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is re-soliciting applications from persons interested in membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (Committee) to fill a vacant position representing individuals employed in offshore operations. This recently established Committee will advise the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to activities directly involved with, or in support of, the exploration of offshore mineral and energy resources, to the extent that such matters are within the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.

DATES: Your completed application should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 11, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Applications should include a cover letter expressing interest

in an appointment to the Committee and a resume detailing their experience along with a brief biography.

Applications should be submitted: Via email with subject line "Application for NOSAC" to Mr. Patrick Clark at Patrick.W.Clark@uscg.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Patrick W. Clark, Designated Federal Officer of the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Telephone 202-372-1358; or Email at Patrick.W.Clark@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 17, 2020, the Coast Guard published a request in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 15211) for applications for membership in the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee. The Coast Guard is re-soliciting applications from persons interested in membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee to represent the viewpoint of individuals employed in offshore operations. Applicants who responded to the previous notices do not need to reapply.

The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee is a Federal advisory committee. It will operate under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (5 U.S.C. Appendix), and the administrative provisions in § 601 of the *Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018* (specifically, 46 U.S.C. 15109).

The Committee was established on December 4, 2018, by § 601 of the *Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018*, Public Law 115-282, 132 Stat. 4192 and amended by § 8331 of the *Elijah E. Cummings Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2020*, Public Law 116-283. That authority is codified in 46 U.S.C. 15106. The Committee will advise the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to activities directly involved with, or in support of, the exploration of offshore mineral and energy resources, to the extent that such matters are within the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.

The Committee is required to meet at least once a year in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 15109(a). We expect the Committee to meet at least twice a year, but it may meet more frequently. The meetings are generally held in cities that have high concentrations of maritime personnel and related marine industry businesses.

All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary or other compensation from the Federal Government.

Under the provisions in 46 U.S.C. 15109(f)(6), if you are appointed as a

member of the Committee, your membership term will expire on December 31st of the third full year after the effective date of your appointment. The Secretary may require an individual to have passed an appropriate security background examination before appointment to the Committee, 46 U.S.C. 15109(f)(4).

While there are two positions on the advisory committee representing the viewpoints of individuals employed in offshore operations, there is currently only one vacancy.

The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Committee members based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disabilities and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or any other non-merit factor. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment selections.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Committee, email your cover letter and resume along with the brief biography to Patrick W. Clark, Designated Federal Officer of the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee, via the transmittal method provided in the **ADDRESSES** section by the deadline in the **DATES** section of this notice.

Date: December 2, 2021.

Jeffrey G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2020-0665]

Guidance: Change 1 to NVIC 21-14 Guidelines for Qualification for STCW Endorsement for Vessel Security Officers

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of Change 1 to Guidelines for Qualification for STCW Endorsements for Vessel Security Officers, Vessel Personnel with Designated Security Duties, and Security Awareness, NVIC 21-14. This change notice revises NVIC 21-14 to indicate that the Coast Guard has determined that certain sea service

aboard military and government owned or operated vessels may be credited toward meeting the sea service requirement for the STCW endorsement for vessel security officer (VSO).

DATES: Change 1 to NVIC 21-14 is effective as of October 29, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this notice, search the docket number USCG-2020-0665 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document, contact the Mariner Credentialing Program Policy Division (CG-MMC-2), Coast Guard; telephone 202-372-2357; email MMCPolicy@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After publication of NVIC 21-14, COMDTPUB 16721, in 2014, the Coast Guard became aware of the need to address the question of whether sea service acquired on military and government owned or operated vessels should be allowed to be used to qualify for a STCW endorsement as VSOs. This change notice revises NVIC 21-14 to indicate that the Coast Guard has determined that sea service accrued aboard certain military and government owned or operated vessels may be credited toward the sea service requirements in 33 CFR 104.215(d)(1)(v)(A) and 33 CFR 104.215(d)(1)(v)(B).

Section 33 CFR 104.215(d)(1)(v)(A) requires 12 months of sea service on a vessel subject to 33 CFR 104.105 to qualify for a STCW endorsement as VSO. Section 33 CFR 104.215(d)(1)(v)(B) requires 6 months of sea service on a vessel subject to 33 CFR 104.105, and satisfaction of a knowledge requirement to qualify for an STCW endorsement as VSO.

The Coast Guard determined that service onboard government owned or operated vessels, such as Military Sealift Command vessels (designated USNS), USACE vessels, and NOAA vessels, of at least 100 gross register tons (GRT) will be creditable toward both 33 CFR 104.215(d)(1)(v)(A) and 33 CFR 104.215(d)(1)(v)(B). The Coast Guard will credit sea service earned on these vessels toward the full sea service requirements because they are operated similarly to a merchant vessel.

The Coast Guard also determined that up to 5 months of service on military vessels will be accepted towards the 6 month minimum sea service requirement in 33 CFR 104.215(d)(1)(v)(B). The remaining month could be accrued on vessels subject to 33 CFR 104.105 or the government owned or operated vessels of at least 100 GRT listed above.

The regulations at 46 CFR 10.232(d)(1) allow the use of military service towards credentials when the Coast Guard determines it is equivalent to sea service acquired on merchant vessels. The purpose of the sea service requirements for a STCW endorsement as VSO is to ensure that the mariner is familiar with general merchant vessel operations. The Coast Guard has determined that the mariner can demonstrate the necessary merchant vessel operational experience with a combination of military sea service, a minimum of 30 days sea service on government owned or operated vessels or any vessel subject to 33 CFR 104.105, and by satisfying the knowledge requirements in 33 CFR 104.215. The policy uses a minimum tonnage of 100 gross register tons to be consistent with requirements for merchant mariners.

In addition, this policy supports the intent of 10 U.S.C. 2015 and Executive Order 13860 of March 4, 2019, titled "Supporting the Transition of Active Duty Service Members and Military Veterans Into the Merchant Marine," by supporting practices that ensure that members of the United States Armed Forces receive appropriate credit for their military training and experience toward merchant mariner credentialing requirements.

As part of this change to NVIC 21-14, the Coast Guard makes some other minor changes to provide clarity. First, we note in the list of requirements to qualify for a VSO endorsement, the mariner must meet the physical examination requirements in 46 CFR part 10, subpart C. This requirement already exists and applies to this endorsement per 46 CFR 11.337(b). We are adding it to the NVIC so that it is more clear that the physical examination requirements are also a requirement, in addition to what is listed in 33 CFR 104.215(d). Second, we add a statement that the evidence of knowledge of vessel operations obtained through training or equivalent job experience required for 33 CFR 104.215(d)(3) may be documented on agency, company, or vessel letterhead. This new instruction describes a method the mariner can use to provide evidence of training and job experience to the Coast Guard in their VSO endorsement application.

This notice is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: October 29, 2021.

J.W. Mauger,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy.

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