

accommodations, please contact Rachel Karton at the information above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), the SBA announces the meetings of the National SBDC Advisory Board. This Board provides advice and counsel to the SBA Administrator and Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct Board leadership elections and discuss the following pertaining to the SBDC Program:

- Outreach and Engagement with the SBDC State Directors
- Annual Plan

**Andrienne Johnson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #17852 and #17853; CALIFORNIA Disaster Number CA–00380]

#### Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of California

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 6.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of California (FEMA–4699–DR), dated 04/03/2023.

*Incident:* Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides.

*Incident Period:* 02/21/2023 through 07/10/2023.

**DATES:** Issued on 07/17/2023.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 06/05/2023.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 01/03/2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President’s major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit

organizations in the State of California, dated 04/03/2023, is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning 02/21/2023 through 07/10/2023.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Maritime Administration

#### U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Advisory Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Advisory Council (Council).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, Aug 7, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Requests to attend the meeting must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, July 31, 2023, in order to facilitate entry. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than July 26, 2023. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by July 28, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in-person at the USMMA. Meeting access information will be available no later than Aug 3, 2023. Information on who the committee members are can be found in the U.S. Maritime Administration’s Press release: <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/newsroom/secretary-buttigieg-appoints-members-us-merchant-marine-academy-advisory-council>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Council’s Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact, Will Sheehan, 202–366–4105 or [will.sheehan@dot.gov](mailto:will.sheehan@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Council is established pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51323. The Council operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

The objective and scope of the Council is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) on matters relating to the USMMA including in the areas of curriculum development and training programs; diversity, equity, and inclusion; sexual assault prevention and response; infrastructure maintenance and redevelopment; midshipmen health and welfare; governance and administrative policies; and other matters.

#### II. Agenda

The meeting agenda will cover the following proposed topics:

1. Welcome, opening remarks, and introductions.
2. Academy Operations Program Overview (Instructional Program, Midshipman Program, Office of Admissions, and other administrative and support functions).
3. Capital Asset Management Program Overview (Capital Improvement Projects, Facilities Maintenance, Repairs and Equipment, and tour of Academy grounds).
4. Discussions on problem sets and recommendations (e.g., the November 2021 National Academy of Public Administration’s report entitled, “Organizational Assessment of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: A Path Forward.”).
5. Administrative items.
6. Public comment.

#### III. Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public and will be held in-person at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Council. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than July 26, 2023.

Only written statements will be considered by the Council; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions or speak during the meeting unless requested to do so by a member of the Council.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51323; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. app. 2; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165.)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**  
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket Number MARAD–2018–0088]

#### Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education; Designation Policy Update and Notice of Opportunity To Apply for Designation for 2023

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice updates the Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE) designation policy and invites eligible and qualified training entities to apply to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) for designation as a 2023 CoE. CoE designations serve to assist the maritime industry in obtaining and maintaining the highest quality workforce. On December 23, 2022, Congress passed the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023 NDAA), which changed the eligibility criteria for CoE designations by amending the definition of “covered training entity” (see Key Terms). As a result, MARAD has terminated action on all 2022 applications which were based on eligibility criteria no longer valid under the new law.

**DATES:** Applications, including all supporting information and documents, must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. E.T. on September 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications, including all supporting information and documents, must be submitted via electronic mail to [CoEDMWTE@dot.gov](mailto:CoEDMWTE@dot.gov). The original application letter, including one copy of all supporting information and documents, may also be submitted by mail addressed to U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Deputy Associate Administrator for Maritime Education and Training, Attention: CoE Designation Program, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerard Wall, Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training

and Education (CoE) Program Manager, via electronic mail at [gerard.wall@dot.gov](mailto:gerard.wall@dot.gov) or call 202–366–7273.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3507 of the FY 2018 NDAA provided authority to the Secretary to designate eligible and qualified entities as CoEs. This authority is codified at 46 U.S.C. 51706. Following the enactment of the FY 2018 NDAA, MARAD developed a procedure to recommend to the Secretary the designation of eligible institutions as CoEs. Section 3532 of the FY 2023 NDAA, enacted on December 23, 2022, changed eligibility criteria for CoE designations by amending the definition of “covered training entity.” MARAD has revised its CoE designation procedure to conform to the amended CoE eligibility criteria in the FY 2023 NDAA.

Previously, the definition of “covered training entity” was restricted to institutions specifically identifying as a “Community or Technical College” or “Maritime Training Center.” The FY 2023 NDAA replaced those terms with new categories that include postsecondary education entities, apprenticeship sponsors, and structured experiential learning training programs.

46 U.S.C. 51706(c)(1)(B), provides that a “covered training entity” includes (i) a postsecondary educational institution; (ii) a postsecondary vocational institution; (iii) a public or private nonprofit entity that offers one or more other structured experiential learning training programs for United States maritime industry, including a program that is offered by a labor organization or conducted in partnership with a nonprofit organization or one or more employers in the United States maritime industry; (iv) an entity sponsoring a registered apprenticeship program; or (v) a maritime training center designated prior to the date of enactment of the FY 2023 NDAA. As reflected in the definition of “covered training entity” in the Key Terms section of this notice, to be eligible for a 2023 CoE designation, an entity must meet one of the eligibility criteria under clauses (i) through (v) of 46 U.S.C. 51706(C)(1)(B).

Qualified training entities seeking to be designated as CoEs should apply to MARAD. MARAD has developed the new policy to provide interested parties with comprehensive agency guidance on how to apply for CoE designation and how the CoE program will be administered. Applications should include information to demonstrate that the applicant institution meets certain eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and qualitative attributes

consistent with section 3532 of the FY 2023 NDAA.

The MARAD application procedure and program details are listed below and are also available to the public on its website at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/education/maritime-centers-excellence>.

Eligible entities who submitted applications in response to the previous MARAD notice in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 43103) on July 19, 2022, must resubmit their applications, including a new letter from the Chief Executive indicating which of the revised eligibility categories best reflects the nature of their institution and a statement explaining how they qualify under that applicable eligibility category. Such applicants may resubmit supporting documents and data from 2022 unless there are substantive changes to the previously submitted information in which case an updated version is to be submitted with the 2023 application.

#### Prior Federal Action

Multiple Federal Register Notices were published between May 2018 and March 2020 seeking and responding to public comment on the proposed CoE designation policy. All unabridged comments are available for review electronically at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching DOT Docket “MARAD–2018–0088” or by visiting the DOT Docket, Room PL–401, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal Holidays.

On March 06, 2020, MARAD published its final CoE designation policy in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 13231). Subsequently, MARAD issued a notice in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 67599) on October 23, 2020, entitled Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce: Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Training and Education Designation, and on the MARAD website at [www.MARAD.dot.gov](http://www.MARAD.dot.gov), requesting applications from qualified training entities seeking to be designated as a CoE. The application period closed on December 22, 2020. Thirty applications for designation were received. Upon the Secretary’s approval, twenty-seven institutions were designated on May 19, 2021, as 2021 CoEs.

On July 19, 2022, MARAD issued a notice in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 43103), entitled Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce: Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Training and Education Designation, and on the MARAD website at [www.MARAD.dot.gov](http://www.MARAD.dot.gov), to solicit