DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will hold a meeting via teleconference on Friday, April 27, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the Committee’s draft annual report to the NIST Director. Any draft meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at http://nehrp.gov/. Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting from remote locations by calling into a central phone number.

DATES: The ACEHR will hold a meeting via teleconference on Friday, April 27, 2012, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding the meeting should be sent to National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8604. For instructions on how to participate in the meeting, please see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jack Hayes, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8604. Dr. Hayes’ email address is jack.hayes@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 975–5640.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–360). The Committee is composed of 12 members appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) serves in an ex-officio capacity on the Committee. The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- The effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities (improved design and construction methods and practices; land use controls and redevelopment; prediction techniques and early-warning systems; coordinated emergency preparedness plans; and public education and involvement programs);
- Any need to revise NEHRP; and
- The management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at http://nehrp.gov/

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that the ACEHR will hold a meeting via teleconference on Friday, April 27–28, 2012, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Eastern Time. There will be no central meeting location. Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting from remote locations by calling into a central phone number. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the Committee’s draft annual report to the NIST Director. Any draft meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at http://nehrp.gov/.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee’s affairs are invited to request detailed instructions by contacting Michelle Harman on how to dial in from a remote location to participate in the meeting. Michelle Harman’s email address is michelle.harman@nist.gov, and her phone number is 301–975–5324. Approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved from 2:45 p.m.–3 p.m. Eastern Time for public comments; speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements to the ACEHR, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8604, via fax at (301) 975–5433, or electronically by email to info@nehrp.gov.

All participants of the meeting are required to pre-register. Anyone wishing to participate must register by close of...
business Friday, April 20, 2012, in order
to be included. Please submit your
name, email address, and phone number
to Michelle Harman. After registering,
participants will be provided with
detailed instructions on how to dial in
from a remote location in order to
participate. Michelle Harman’s email
address is michelle.harman@nist.gov,
and her phone number is (301) 975–
5324.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and
Information Administration

[Docket No. 120322212–2212–01]

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 II/III 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
April 27, 2012.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ed Drocella at (202) 482–2608 or
edrocella@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

NTIA, in coordination with the
Federal Communications Commission
(FCC) and other federal agencies,
established 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
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.

The Test-Bed pilot program is
evaluating 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. 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. Participants will send equipment
employing DSA techniques 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,
NTIA will evaluate the DSA spectrum
sensing and/or geo-location capabilities
of the equipment in the geographic area
of the Test-Bed.

- Phase III—Field Operation
Evaluation. After successful completion
of Phase II, NTIA will permit the DSA
equipment 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. NTIA and the participant
will establish a point-of-contact to stop
Test-Bed operations if interference is
reported.

NTIA published the Phase I test plan
in the Federal Register for public
review and comment in December
2008. NTIA addressed the public
comments on the test plan and
published a final version on the NTIA
Web site in February 2009. The annual
progress reports provide the status of
the Phase I testing.

II. Request for Comments

NTIA has established a review
process to give the public an
opportunity to participate in the
development of test plans for the Test-
Bed pilot program. A copy of the draft
Phase II/III test plan is available in
Word, and PDF formats on the following
Web site: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/
category/spectrum-sharing?page=1.

NTIA will publish the final version of
the Phase II/III test plan on its Web site.


Kathy D. Smith,
Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications
and Information Administration.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL
PROTECTION

Proposed Collection; Comment
Request

[Docket No. CFPB–2012–0013]

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial
Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Consumer
Financial Protection (Bureau), as part of
its continuing effort to reduce
paperwork and respondent burden,
invites the general public and other
Federal agencies to take this
opportunity to comment on proposed
and/or continuing information
collections, as required by the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,
Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C.
available at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/
spectrum-sharing?page=1.

There are certain limitations on the public
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.