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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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. 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: National Oceanographic Data Center Send2NODC Web Application.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0024.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (reinstatement with change of a previously approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 200.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Burden Hours: 300.

Needs and Uses: This request is for reinstatement with change of a previously approved information collection. When creating a Request to Archive oceanographic data or information at the United States (U.S.) National Oceanographic Data Center (NODC), well-organized and complete metadata describing those data are needed for long term understanding and use of those data. The Send2NODC web application provides a web-based form for easily collecting required and optional descriptive metadata to describe oceanographic data in a way that supports Executive Order 12906 and structures those metadata to conform to the internationally used ISO19115-2 Geospatial Metadata standard. Descriptive metadata informs the suitability of data for use by future data users and should provide critical context about how data were collected, what techniques and measurements were made, and data quality characterizations. Information about the data provider or other individuals is

used only by NODC to contact the data provider with questions about submitted data, about the status of the data in the archival process, and to provide appropriate scientific recognition and attribution for submitted data. Send2NODC will be used by ocean scientists, principal investigators and their data managers.

Change: Information submission is now generally web-based.

Method of Collection

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; businesses or other for-profit organizations; state, local and tribal governments, federal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: December 29, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of Administration

[Docket No.: 141202999-4999-01]

Commerce Alternative Personnel System

AGENCY: Office of Administration, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the expansion of employee coverage under the Commerce Alternative Personnel System, formerly the Department of Commerce Personnel Management Demonstration Project, published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 1997. This coverage is extended to include employees located in the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), employed under

the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). FirstNet was created as an independent authority within the NTIA, Department of Commerce, to provide emergency responders with the first high-speed, nation-wide network dedicated to public safety.

This notice also serves to make changes to the plan to accommodate the expansion of and modification to the Commerce Alternative Personnel System. These changes include the addition of specific occupational series, Commerce Alternative Personnel System Board composition, and the implementation of direct-hire authority on a limited basis for certain FirstNet positions in the ZP career path at the Pay Band IV and above.

DATES: This notice expanding and modifying the Commerce Alternative Personnel System is effective January 2, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approved the Department of Commerce (DoC) demonstration project for an alternative personnel management system, and published the final plan in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67434). The demonstration project was designed to simplify current classification systems for greater flexibility in classifying work and paying employees; establish a performance management and rewards system for improving individual and organizational performance; and improve recruiting and examining to attract highly-qualified candidates. The purpose of the project was to strengthen the contribution of human resources management and test whether the same innovations conducted under the National Institute of Standards and Technology alternative personnel management system would produce similarly successful results in other DoC environments. The project was implemented on March 29, 1998. The project plan has been modified seven times to clarify certain DoC