

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Telecommunications and Information Administration****The Continued Transition of the Technical Coordination and Management of the Internet Domain Name and Addressing System: Midterm Review of the Joint Project Agreement**

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

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce (Department), will hold a public meeting on February 28, 2008, to discuss the mid-term review of the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) between the Department and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 28, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Auditorium at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Please enter at the main entrance on 14th Street). The handicapped accessible entrance is located at the 14th Street Aquarium Entrance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meeting, contact Ashley Heineman, Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at (202) 482-0298 or ahaineman@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTIA and ICANN entered into the JPA on September 29, 2006. (The text of the agreement is available on NTIA's website at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/domainname/agreements/jpa/ICANNJPA_09292006.doc.) The JPA provides for the Department to conduct a midterm review of progress achieved on each ICANN activity and responsibility contained in the JPA and envisions consultation with interested stakeholders. To that end, on November 2, 2007, NTIA published a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) seeking comments on ICANN's progress towards achieving the responsibilities identified in the JPA. 72 Fed. Reg. 62220 (Nov. 2, 2007). (The text of the NOI is available on NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/domainname/jpamidtermreview.html>.)

On February 28, 2008, NTIA will hold a public meeting to discuss comments

received in response to the NOI and other stakeholder views and to facilitate further public discussion on the progress ICANN has made in fulfilling its responsibilities contained in the JPA. The agenda for the public meeting will be posted on NTIA's website at least one week prior to the meeting. This meeting will be webcast. The agenda and webcast information will be available on NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/domainname/jpamidtermreview.html>.

The meeting will be open to members of the public on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should communicate their needs to Ashley Heineman at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

Due to security requirements and to facilitate entry to the Department of Commerce building, anyone wishing to attend must contact Ashley Heineman at (202) 482-0298 or ahaineman@ntia.doc.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting in order to provide the necessary clearance information. Attendees should arrive at least one-half hour prior to the start of the meeting and must present a valid passport or other photo identification upon their arrival. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-C-2008-0001]

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Call for 2008 Nominations

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office.

ACTION: Notice and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (United States Patent and Trademark Office) is accepting nominations for its National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI) program.

Since establishment by Congress in 1980, the President of the United States has awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (formerly

known as the National Medal of Technology) annually to our Nation's leading innovators. If you know of a candidate who has made an outstanding, lasting contribution to the economy through the promotion of technology or technological manpower, you may obtain a nomination form from: <http://www.uspto.gov/nmti>.

Eligibility and Criteria: Information on eligibility and nomination criteria is provided on the Nominations Guidelines Form at <http://www.uspto.gov/nmti>.

DATES: The deadline for submission of an application is May 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The NMTI Nomination form for year 2008 may be obtained by visiting the Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/nmti>. Nomination applications should be submitted to Jennifer Lo, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, by electronic mail to: NMTI@uspto.gov or by mail to: Jennifer Lo, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22323-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Lo, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, telephone (571) 272-7640, or electronic mail: nmti@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Enacted by Congress in 1980, the Medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985. On August 9, 2007, the President signed the America COMPETES (Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science) Act of 2007. The Act amended Section 16 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, changing the name of the Medal to the "National Medal of Technology and Innovation." The Medal is the highest honor awarded by the President of the United States to America's leading innovators in the field of technology, and is given annually to individuals, teams, or companies who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology or technological manpower for the improvement of the economic, environmental or social well-being of the United States.

The primary purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize American innovators whose vision, creativity, and brilliance in moving ideas to market has had a profound and lasting impact on our economy and way of life. The Medal highlights the national importance of