

identifiable name is attached to an objection, the Forest Service will attempt to verify the identity of the objector to confirm objection eligibility;

(2) Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection);

(3) Identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on an objection. The Forest Service will communicate to all parties to an objection through the lead objector. Verification of the identity of the lead objector must also be provided if requested;

(4) The name of the plan revision being objected to, and the name and title of the Responsible Official;

(5) A statement of the issues and/or parts of the plan revision to which the objection applies;

(6) A concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If the objector believes that the plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy, an explanation should be included;

(7) A statement that demonstrates the link between the objector's prior substantive formal comments and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment; and

(8) All documents referenced in the objection (a bibliography is not sufficient), except that the following need not be provided:

- a. All or any part of a Federal law or regulation,
- b. Forest Service Directive System documents and land management plans or other published Forest Service documents,
- c. Documents referenced by the Forest Service in the planning documentation related to the proposal subject to objection, and
- d. Formal comments previously provided to the Forest Service by the objector during the plan revision comment period.

Responsible Official

The responsible official for the revision of the land management plan for the Francis Marion National Forest is Rick Lint, Forest Supervisor, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212.

Dated: August 10, 2016.

John Richard Lint,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 160714611-6611-01]

Office of Administration; Commerce Alternative Personnel System

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces modifications to the provisions of the Commerce Alternative Personnel System, formerly the Department of Commerce Personnel Management Demonstration Project, published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 1997.

As published on January 2, 2015 (80 FR 25), the Commerce Alternative Personnel System implemented direct-hire authority, under section 3304(a)(3) of Title 5 of the United States Code, for recruitment of certain scientific and engineering positions in the ZP career path at the Pay Band IV and above. Direct-hire authority was authorized for positions located in the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), employed under the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). The System was modified again, as published on June 22, 2016 (81 FR 40653), to increase the number of positions FirstNet could fill under direct-hire authority and to include certain occupational series in the ZP career path at the Pay Band III level and above.

This notice serves to make changes to the System to expand the use of direct-hire authority to the NTIA, Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS), and authorizes ITS to fill certain ZP positions, on a limited basis, at the Pay Band III level and above. This notice also serves to announce the addition of the 1520—Mathematics occupational series to the Commerce Alternative Personnel System.

DATES: The amended Commerce Alternative Personnel System is effective August 17, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Department of Commerce—Sandra Thompson, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Room 51020, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-0056 or Valerie Smith at (202) 482-0272.

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

approval of 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 allowing 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 ten times to clarify certain DoC Demonstration Project authorities, and to extend and expand the project: 64 FR 52810 (September 30, 1999); 68 FR 47948 (August 12, 2003); 68 FR 54505 (September 17, 2003); 70 FR 38732 (July 5, 2005); 71 FR 25615 (May 1, 2006); 71 FR 50950 (August 28, 2006); 74 FR 22728 (May 14, 2009); 80 FR 25 (January 2, 2015); 81 FR 20322 (April 7, 2016); 81 FR 40653 (June 22, 2016). With the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, on December 26, 2007, the project was made permanent (extended indefinitely) and renamed the Commerce Alternative Personnel System (CAPS).

CAPS provides for modifications to be made as experience is gained, results are analyzed, and conclusions are reached on how the system is working. This notice announces that the DoC implements ITS' use of direct-hire authority under 5 U.S.C. 3304(a)(3) to fill specific scientific and engineering positions announced through this notice in the ZP career path and adds the occupational series: 1520—Mathematics to the ZP career path. The DoC will follow the CAPS plan, as published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 1997, and subsequent modifications as listed in the Background Section of this notice.

Kevin E. Mahoney,

Director for Human Resources Management and Chief Human Capital Officer.

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I. Executive Summary

CAPS is designed to (1) improve hiring and allow DoC to compete more effectively for high-quality candidates through direct hiring, selective use of higher entry salaries, and selective use of recruitment incentives; (2) motivate and retain staff through higher pay potential, pay-for-performance, more responsive personnel systems, and selective use of retention incentives; (3) strengthen the manager's role in personnel management through delegation of personnel authorities; and (4) increase the efficiency of personnel systems through the installation of a simpler and more flexible classification system based on pay banding through reduction of guidelines, steps, and paperwork in classification, hiring, and other personnel systems, and through automation.

The current participating organizations include 7 offices of the Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Secretary for Administration in the Office of the Secretary; the Bureau of Economic Analysis; the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences—National Telecommunications and Information Administration; the First Responder Network Authority—National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and 12 units of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Weather Service—Space Environment Center, National Ocean Service, Program Planning and Integration Office, Office of the Under Secretary, Marine and Aviation Operations, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Workforce Management Office, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

This amendment modifies the June 22, 2016, **Federal Register** notice (81 FR 40653). Specifically, it expands and implements direct-hire authority for ITS and enables ITS to hire, after public notice is given, any qualified applicants in the ZP career path series as defined in the Basis for CAPS Expansion section without regard to 5 U.S.C. 3309–3318, 5 CFR part 211, or 5 CFR part 337, subpart A on a limited basis.

II. Basis for CAPS Expansion

A. Purpose

CAPS is designed to provide managers at the lowest organizational level the authority, control, and flexibility to recruit, retain, develop, recognize, and motivate its workforce,

while ensuring adequate accountability and oversight.

ITS is responsible for providing core telecommunications research and engineering services to promote enhanced domestic competition and new technology deployment; advancing telecommunications and information services; improving foreign trade opportunities for U.S. telecommunication firms and more efficient use of the radio frequency spectrum. ITS also serves as a principal Federal resource for investigating the telecommunications challenges of other Federal agencies, state and local governments, private corporations and associations, and international organizations. In particular, this includes assisting Federal public safety agencies, the Federal Communications Commission, and agencies that use Federal spectrum. As specified in the June 28, 2010, Presidential Memorandum, “Unleashing the Wireless Broadband Revolution” NTIA is responsible for exploring innovative spectrum-sharing technologies. As the research and engineering laboratory for NTIA, ITS supports NTIA by performing research that enables the U.S. Government, national and international standards organizations, and many aspects of private industry to manage the radio spectrum and ensure that innovative, new technologies are recognized and effective. To continue to advance strategic initiatives to make additional spectrum available for commercial wireless use and to meet the increasing radio spectrum needs of both Federal and commercial users in the U.S. as efficiently and effectively as possible, ITS must quickly hire qualified individuals, for specialized roles, to advance communication technologies.

Section 3304(a)(3) of Title 5 United States Code provides agencies with the authority to appoint candidates directly to jobs for which the OPM determines that there is a severe shortage of candidates or a critical hiring need. OPM's direct-hire authority enables agencies to hire, after public notice is given, any qualified applicant without regard to 5 U.S.C. 3309–3318, 5 CFR part 211, or 5 CFR part 337, subpart A.

This notice implements ITS' use of direct-hire authority to fill up to 20 positions in the ZP career path, at Pay Band III or higher, in the following occupational series: 0854—Computer Engineering; 0855—Electronics Engineering; 1310—Physics; 1550—Computer Science; or 1520—Mathematics. The use of direct-hire authority to fill these positions will not exceed 20 positions in the ZP career

path at any one time. ITS will track the number of hires made under direct-hire authority, ensuring numbers specified for the occupational series are not exceeded.

In 1997, with the approval of the DoC's Demonstration Project (62 FR 67434, December 24, 1997), OPM concurred that some occupations in the ZP career path at the Pay Band III and above constitute a shortage category, and some occupations for which there is a special rate under the General Schedule pay system constitute a shortage category. Past recruitment efforts have demonstrated a critical shortage of candidates possessing specialized technical expertise in spectrum measurements, spectrum monitoring, propagation modeling, 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) technologies, mobile systems development, computer security, systems engineering, scientific software development, as well as expertise in public safety organizational operations and infrastructure capabilities. ITS will use direct-hire authority to recruit Computer Engineers, Electronics Engineers, Computer Scientists, Physicists and Mathematicians in the ZP career path, Pay Band III or higher, with efforts focused on recruiting individuals possessing the above listed specialized technical areas of expertise. Recruitment of individuals possessing this expertise is critical in order to measure, analyze, monitor, and evaluate cutting edge technologies and methods that will make spectrum sharing possible.

DoC's CAPS allows for modifications of procedures if no new waiver from law or regulation is added. Given that this expansion and modification is in accordance with existing law and regulation and CAPS is a permanent alternative personnel system, the DoC is authorized to make the changes described in this notice.

III. Changes to the Project Plan

The CAPS at DoC, originally published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67434), and subsequently expanded as discussed above, Section III (81 FR 40653, June 22, 2016), is modified as follows:

1. The following series is added to Table 2:

Scientific and Engineering (ZP) Career Path 1520, Mathematics Series

2. Section III Personnel System Changes, (B) Staffing: Replace the paragraph in subsection titled: “Direct-Hire Authority: Critical Shortage Occupations” to state:

DoC FirstNet and ITS use direct-hire procedures for categories of occupations that require skills that are in short supply. The following occupations and series constitute a shortage category at the Pay Band III and above in the ZP Career Path: Emergency Management Specialists (Public Safety) (0089), Electrical Engineers (0850), Computer Engineers (0854), Electronics Engineers, (0855), Physicists (1310), Computer Scientists (1550), and Mathematicians (1520). FirstNet is authorized to fill positions in the following occupational series using direct-hire procedures: 0089, 0850, 0854, 0855, and 1550 in all duty locations. ITS is authorized to fill positions in the following occupational series: 0854, 0855, 1310, 1550, and 1520 in all duty locations. Positions in these categories may be filled by FirstNet and ITS through direct-hire procedures in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 3304(a)(3). DoC FirstNet and ITS advertise the availability of job opportunities in direct-hire occupations by posting on the OPM USAJOBS Web site. DoC FirstNet and ITS will follow internal direct-hire procedures for accepting applications.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S–75–2016]

Approval of Subzone Status: Westlake Chemical Corporation, Geismar, Louisiana

On May 25, 2016, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 154, requesting subzone status subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 154, on behalf of Westlake Chemical Corporation in Geismar, Louisiana.

The application was processed in accordance with the FTZ Act and Regulations, including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (81 FR 35297, June 2, 2016). The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary (15 CFR Sec. 400.36(f)), the application to establish Subzone 154C is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 154's 2,000-acre activation limit.

Dated: August 11, 2016.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Industry and Security Bureau

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. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security.

Title: International Import Certificate.

Form Number(s): BIS–645P.

OMB Control Number: 0694–0017.

Type of Request: Regular.

Burden Hours: 52 hours.

Number of Respondents: 195 respondents.

Average Hours per Response: 16 minutes per response.

Needs and Uses: The United States and several other countries have increased the effectiveness of their respective controls over international trade in strategic commodities by means of an Import Certificate procedure. For the U.S. importer, this procedure provides that, where required by the exporting country, the importer submits an international import certificate to the U.S. Government to certify that he/she will import commodities into the United States and will not reexport such commodities, except in accordance with the export control regulations of the United States. The U.S. Government, in turn, certifies that such representations have been made.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the 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: August 11, 2016.

Glenna Mickelson,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Credit Union Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the announcement of a public meeting of the Credit Union Advisory Council (CUAC or Council) of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB or Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Council. Notice of the meeting is permitted by section 9 of the CUAC Charter and is intended to notify the public of this meeting. Specifically, section 9(d) of the CUAC Charter states:

(1) Each meeting of the Council shall be open to public observation, to the extent that a facility is available to accommodate the public, unless the Bureau, in accordance with paragraph (4) of this section, determines that the meeting shall be closed. The Bureau also will make reasonable efforts to make the meetings available to the public through live recording. (2) Notice of the time, place and purpose of each meeting, as well as a summary of the proposed agenda, shall be published in the **Federal Register** not more than 45 or less than 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Shorter notice may be given when the Bureau determines that the Council's business so requires; in such event, the public will be given notice at the earliest practicable time. (3) Minutes of meetings, records, reports, studies, and agenda of the Council shall be posted on the Bureau's Web site (www.consumerfinance.gov). (4) The Bureau may close to the public a portion of any meeting, for confidential discussion. If the Bureau closes a meeting or any portion of a meeting, the Bureau will issue, at least annually, a summary of the Council's activities during such closed meetings or portions of meetings.

DATES: The meeting date is Thursday, September 1, 2016, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern daylight time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Dully, Outreach and Engagement Associate, 202–435–9588, CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov, Consumer Advisory Board and Councils Office, External Affairs, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 2 of the CUAC Charter provides: "Pursuant to the executive and administrative powers conferred on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau by section 1012 of the Dodd-