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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary

National Geospatial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Renewal.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Secretary of the Interior has renewed the National Geospatial Advisory Committee. The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), through the FGDC Chair (the Secretary of the Interior or designee), related to management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16 and Executive Order 12906. The Committee will review and comment upon geospatial policy and management issues and will provide a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal partners in the geospatial community.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mahoney, USGS (phone: (206) 220–4621, email: jmahoney@usgs.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are publishing this notice in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463 (Codified as amended at 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

The Committee will conduct its operations in accordance with the provisions of the FACA. It will report to the Secretary of the Interior through the Chair of the FGDC Steering Committee and will function solely as an advisory body. The Committee will provide recommendations and advice to the Department and the FGDC on policy and management issues related to the effective operation of Federal geospatial programs.

The Secretary of the Interior will appoint Committee members. The Committee will be composed of up to 30 representatives, who will be selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various stakeholders involved in national geospatial activities and the development of the NSDI.

The Committee is expected to meet 3–4 times per year. Committee members will serve without compensation. Travel and per diem costs will be provided for Committee members by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The USGS will provide necessary support services to the Committee. Committee meetings will be open to the public. Notice of Committee meetings will be published in the Federal Register at least 15 days before the date of the meeting. The public will have an opportunity to provide input at these meetings.

In accordance with FACA, we will file a copy of the Committee’s charter with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration; Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate; Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives; and the Library of Congress.

The Certification for renewal is published below.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the National Geospatial Advisory Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16 (Revised), “Coordination of Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data Activities.” The Committee will assist the Department of the Interior by providing advice and recommendations related to the management of Federal geospatial programs and the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure.


Ken Salazar,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[DOcket No. BOEM–2011–0097]

Commercial Leasing for Wind Power on the Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Massachusetts—Call for Information and Nominations

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Call for Information and Nominations.

SUMMARY: BOEM invites the submission of nominations for commercial leases that would allow a lessee to propose the construction of a wind energy project on the OCS offshore Massachusetts and to develop a project if approved after further environmental review. On December 29, 2010, BOEM issued the Massachusetts Request for Interest (RFI) requesting submission of nominations and other information by February 28, 2011 (75 FR 82055). In response to requests from several interested and affected parties, including the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BOEM reopened the comment period for the RFI on March 17, 2011 (76 FR 14681), asking for submissions by April 18, 2011. BOEM received 11 nominations of interest from 10 individual entities responding to the RFI, as well as 247 comments from members of the public and state and Federal agencies. On May 2, 2011, BOEM announced it would reduce the area identified in the RFI based on comments received from the fishing community, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and the Massachusetts congressional delegation. BOEM further refined the area that is under consideration for this Call for Information and Nominations (Call) based on consultation with the BOEM Massachusetts Renewable Energy Task Force, as described in the “Development of the Call Area” section later in this notice. The area that is under consideration for this Call is referred to herein as the “Call Area.”

Although this announcement is not itself a leasing announcement, the Call Area described herein, or portions thereof, may be made available for future leasing. BOEM will use the responses to this Call to gauge specific interest in acquiring commercial wind leases in some or all of the Call Area,


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