SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 319M of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7f) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), the Department of Health and Human Services established the National Biodefense Science Board. The Board shall provide expert advice and guidance to the Secretary on scientific, technical, and other matters of special interest to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate. The Board may also provide advice and guidance to the Secretary and/or the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) on other matters related to public health emergency preparedness and response.

Description of Duties: The Board shall advise the Secretary and/or ASPR on current and future trends, challenges, and opportunities presented by advances in biological and life sciences, biotechnology, and genetic engineering with respect to threats posed by naturally occurring infectious diseases and chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear agents. At the request of the Secretary and/or ASPR, the Board shall review and consider any information and findings received from the working groups established under 42 U.S.C. 247d–7f(b). At the request of the Secretary and/or ASPR, the Board shall provide recommendations and findings for expanded, intensified, and coordinated biodefense research and development activities. Additional advisory duties concerning public health emergency preparedness and response may be assigned at the discretion of the Secretary and/or ASPR.

Structure: The Board shall consist of 13 voting members, including the Chairperson; additionally, there may be non-voting ex officio members. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 247d–7f(a), members and the chairperson shall be appointed by the Secretary from among the Nation’s preeminent scientific, public health and medical experts, as follows: (a) Such federal officials as the Secretary determines are necessary to support the functions of the Board, (b) four individuals from the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and device industries, (c) four academicians, and (d) five other members as determined appropriate by the Secretary and/or ASPR, one of whom must be a practicing health care professional, one of whom must be from an organization representing health care consumers, one of whom must have pediatric subject matter expertise, and one of whom shall be a State, tribal, territorial, or local public health official. Additional members for category (d), above, will be selected from among emergency medical responders and organizations representing other appropriate stakeholders. A member of the Board described in (b), (c), and (d) in the above paragraph shall serve for a term of 3 years, except that the Secretary may adjust the terms of the initial Board appointees in order to provide for a staggered term of appointment of all members. Members who are not fulltime or permanent part-time federal employees shall be appointed by the Secretary as Special Government Employees.

Dated: June 4, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Biodefense Science Board; Call for Nominees

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary is accepting application submissions from qualified individuals who wish to be considered for membership on the National Biodefense Science Board (NBBSB). Six members have membership expiration dates of December 31, 2013; therefore six new voting members will be selected for the Board. Nominees are being accepted in the following categories: Industry, Academia, Healthcare Consumer Organizations, and Organizations Representing Other Appropriate Stakeholders. Please visit the NBBSB Web site at www.phe.gov/nbbs for all application submission information and instructions. The deadline for all application submissions is July 7, 2013, at 11:59 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Request for Nominations of Candidates To Serve on the World Trade Center Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (stAC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services

The CDC is soliciting nominations for membership on the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (STAC). Title I of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–347) was enacted on January 2, 2011, amending the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) by adding Title XXXIII establishing the WTC Health Program within HHS (Title XXXIII of the PHS Act is codified at 42 U.S.C. 300mm to 300nn–61). Section 3302(a) of the PHS Act established the WTC Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (STAC). The STAC is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees in the Executive Branch. PHS Act Section 3302(a)(1) establishes that the STAC will: Review scientific and medical evidence and to make recommendations to the [WTC Program] Administrator on additional WTC Program eligibility criteria and on additional WTC-related health conditions.

The committee may be consulted for other matters as related to and outlined in the Act at the discretion of the WTC Program Administrator. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports Section 3302(a)(1) instructs the committee to provide advice to the WTC Program Administrator. In accordance with Section 3302(a)(2) of the PHS Act, the WTC Program Administrator will appoint the members of the committee, which must include at least:

- 4 occupational physicians, at least two of whom have experience treating WTC rescue and recovery workers;
- 1 physician with expertise in pulmonary medicine;
- 2 environmental medicine or environmental health specialists;
- 2 representatives of WTC responders;
- 2 representatives of certified-eligible WTC survivors;
- 1 industrial hygienist;
- 1 toxicologist;
- 1 epidemiologist; and
- 1 mental health professional.

At this time the Administrator is seeking nominations for members fulfilling the following categories:

- occupational physician;
- physician with expertise in pulmonary medicine;
- environmental medicine or environmental health specialist;
- representative of WTC responders;
- representative of certified-eligible WTC survivors;

Other members may be appointed at the discretion of the WTC Program Administrator.

A STAC member’s term appointment may last 3 years. If a vacancy occurs, the WTC Program Administrator may appoint a new member who represents the same interest as the predecessor. STAC members may be appointed to successive terms. The frequency of committee meetings shall be determined by the WTC Program Administrator based on program needs. Meetings may occur up to four times a year. Members are paid the Special Government Employee rate of $250 per day, and travel costs and per diem are included and based on the Federal Travel Regulations.

Any interested person or organization may self-nominate or nominate one or more qualified persons for membership. Nominations must include the following information:

- The nominee’s contact information and current occupation or position;
- The nominee’s resume or curriculum vitae, including prior or current membership on other National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), CDC, or HHS advisory committees or other relevant organizations, associations, and committees;
- The category of membership (occupational, pulmonary or environmental medicine physician, environmental health specialist, representative of responder or survivor beneficiaries) that the candidate is qualified to represent;
- A summary of the background, experience, and qualifications that demonstrates the nominee’s suitability for the nominated membership category;
- Articles or other documents the nominee has authored that indicate the nominee’s knowledge and experience in relevant subject categories; and
- A statement that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to regularly attend and participate in STAC meetings, and has no known conflicts of interest that would preclude membership on the Committee.

Nominations must be submitted to the WTC Program Administrator on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Thursday, June 13, 2013.

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