facilitate ground-breaking research related to broadband, if that data were to become available?

18. What are possible changes to federal policies and programs that could enhance broadband research?

19. What are recommendations for standardizing broadband and commonly-used demographic terms across the research community? How can these terms be operationalized to ensure comparability of data?

Dated: September 6, 2016.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

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### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI) Nomination Evaluation Committee will meet in closed session on September 9, 2016. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the relative merits of persons, teams, and companies nominated for the 2015 NMTI.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on September 9, 2016, at approximately 9 a.m., and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Palafoutas, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box, Alexandria, VA 22313; telephone (571) 272–9821; or by electronic mail: *nmti@uspto.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee, chartered to the United States Department of Commerce, will meet at the United States Patent and Trademark Office campus in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for recommending to the President prospective NMTI recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee evaluates the nominations received pursuant to public solicitation and makes its recommendations for the Medal to the Secretary. Committee members are distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business, and patent law drawn from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms.

In order to complete the 2015 NMTI selection process prior to the next cycle of awards, USPTO asked the members of the Evaluation Committee to meet as soon as possible. Because the committee is newly formed and has multiple scheduling conflicts, September 9, 2016 is the best date available for the committee to meet in order to make timely recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce.

The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee was established in accordance with the FACA. The Committee meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B), because the discussion of the relative merit of the Medal nominations is likely to disclose information of a personal nature that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and premature disclosure of the Committee's recommendations would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the Medal Program.

The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, United States Department of Commerce, formally determined on September 6, 2016 pursuant to Section 10(d) of the FACA, that the meeting may be closed because Committee members are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Due to closure of this meeting, copies of any minutes of the meeting will not be available. A copy of the determination is available for public inspection at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Dated: September 7, 2016.

**Russell Slifer,**

*Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Deletions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed Deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to delete products and a service from the Procurement List that was previously furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before 10/9/2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia, 22202–4149.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:** Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603–7740, Fax: (703) 603–0655, or email *CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

### Deletions

The following products and service are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

*Products*

*Product Name(s)—NSN(s)*: 6530–01–163–3704—Cup, Specimen
*Contracting Activity:* Department of Veterans Affairs
*Product Name(s)—NSN(s):*
6532–00–914–3069—Shirt, Operating, Surgical
6532–00–914–3070—Shirt, Operating, Surgical
6532–00–914–3071—Shirt, Operating, Surgical
*Contracting Activity:* Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support
*Product Name(s)—NSN(s):* 7350–01–138–0022—Pitcher, Water
*Contracting Activity:* Department of Veterans Affairs

*Service*

*Service Type:* Administrative/General Support Service
*Mandatory for:* GSA, Southwest Supply Center, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, TX
*Mandatory Source(s) of Supply:* Travis Association for the Blind, Austin, TX