

following companies as new "Members" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2 (1)): Garnac Grain Co., Inc., Overland Park, KS; Trujillo & Sons, Inc., Miami, FL; Gulf Pacific Disc, Inc., Houston, TX; Gulf Pacific Rice Co., Inc., Houston, TX; and Gulf Rice Arkansas, Inc., Crawfordsville, AR.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, September 1, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST programs; ATP Focused Program Selection Process and other ATP Issues; a report by the National Research Council's Board on Assessment of NIST Programs; and a laboratory tour. Discussions on staffing of management positions at NIST, and the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 9:10 a.m. on September 1, 1998, will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene September 1, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 1998.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held in the Radio Building, Room 1107 (seating capacity 60, includes 35 participants), National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy A. Webb, Administrative Coordinator, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on August 7, 1998, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for nominations of members to serve on the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

SUMMARY: NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for

appointment to Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel). The terms of some of the members of the Judges Panel will soon expire. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice of appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before August 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, NIST, Building 101, Room A605, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-948-3716. Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current membership list, and executive summary may be found on its electronic home page at: <<http://www.quality.nist.gov>>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program and Designated Federal Official, NIST, Building 101, Room A605, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; telephone 301-975-2163; FAX-301-948-3716; or via e-mail at harry.hertz@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Judges Panel Information

The Judges Panel was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1), the Federal Advisory Commission Act (5 U.S.C. app.2), The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Act of 1987 (Public Law 101-107).

Objectives and Duties

1. The Judges Panel will ensure the integrity of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award selection process by reviewing the results of examiners' scoring of written applications, and then voting on which applicants merit site visits by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality and business performance improvements claimed by applicants.

2. The Judges Panel will ensure that individuals on site visit teams for the Award finalists have no conflict of interest with respect to the finalists. The Panel will also review recommendations from site visits, and recommend Award recipients.

3. The Judges Panel will function solely as an advisory body, and will comply with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Panel will report to the Director of NIST.

Membership

1. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members selected on a clear,

standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. There will be a balanced representation from U.S. service and manufacturing industries, and will include members familiar with the quality and overall performance improvement operations of manufacturing companies, service companies, and small businesses who have established distinguished quality service in their area of business. No employee of the Federal Government shall serve as a member of the Judges Panel.

2. The Judges Panel will be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and will serve at the discretion of the Secretary. The term of office of each Panel member shall be three years. All terms will commence on January 1 and end on December 31 of the appropriate year.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Judges Panel shall serve without compensation, but may, upon request, be reimbursed travel expenses, including per diem, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.

2. The Judges Panel will meet three times per year. Additional meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the NIST Director or by the Chairperson. Meetings are one to four days in duration.

3. All Judges must annually participate in a three-day Examiner training course.

4. Committee meetings are closed to the public pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, and in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code. The meetings involve examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data and are therefore closed to the public since it is likely that trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential may be disclosed.

II. Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought from all U.S. service and manufacturing industries as described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be familiar with the quality and overall performance improvement operations of manufacturing companies, service companies, and small businesses. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular category should come from organizations or individuals within that

category. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledge the responsibilities of serving on the Judges Panel, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Judges Panel. Besides participation at meetings, members must be able to devote the equivalent of seventeen days, between meetings to either developing or researching topics of potential interest, reading Baldrige applications, and so forth, in furtherance of their committee duties.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Judges Panel membership.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081198E]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting via teleconference.

DATES: The teleconference will be held Thursday, August 27, 1998. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. eastern standard time (EST) and continue until approximately 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Public meetings via teleconference will be held in St. Petersburg, FL; Panama City, FL; Miami, FL; Pascagoula, MS; and Galveston, TX (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A listening phone will be located at each of the following locations: NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, Suite 201, St. Petersburg, FL, telephone 813-570-5305; NMFS Panama City Laboratory, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL, telephone 850-234-6541; NMFS Miami Laboratory, Room 200, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL, telephone 305-361-4259; NMFS Mississippi Laboratories, 3209 Frederick Street, Pascagoula, MS, telephone 228-762-4591; and NMFS Galveston Laboratory, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX, telephone 409-766-3500.

The Council will review scientific findings regarding a change in definitions of maximum sustainable yield and a rebuilding schedule for red snapper. The Council also will consider potential changes and information provided by NMFS on the performance level of bycatch reduction devices to determine if the Council should request emergency action by the Secretary of Commerce, to release reserve total allowable catch in order to avoid severe adverse economic and social impacts.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 20, 1998.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and