

DATES: The program announcements and application forms for the FY 2000 NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program are expected to be available on or about January 15, 2000. Applications must be received on or before March 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Program Announcement #00HQPA0004 for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program, may be obtained by writing to Ms. Amanda Goodwin, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192; (703) 648-7372, fax (703) 648-7901. Requests must be in writing; verbal requests will not be honored. Also, copies of each Program Announcement will be available through the Internet at <www.usgs.gov/contracts/index.html> and <www.fgdc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program contact Ms. Kathleen Craig, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192; (703) 648-7357, fax (703) 648-7901.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program individual proposals should be directed towards only one of the three categories per application. A total of \$1,000,000 is available for award.

2000 CAP Categories

Category 1: "Don't Duck Metadata"

The project objectives for this category are the documentation of geospatial data through metadata creation and serving that documentation on the Internet through a NSDI clearing house. Under this category funds are provided for: (a) Organizations needing assistance in metadata creation and clearinghouse development; and (b) those organizations that can provide training assistance or state/regional consolidated assistance efforts.

Category 2: "Framework Community Implementations"

This funding category advances the capacity of communities to create and use basic geospatial data. Framework data are defined as geodetic control, cadastral, digital orthoimagery, elevation, bathymetry, transportation, hydrography, and governmental units. Projects funded under this category will demonstrate collaborative GIS approaches and decision-support in solving community issues utilizing basic "framework" data using or refining existing FGDC Framework standards. Projects will establish a

collaborative process that provides different kinds of organizations and disciplines the ability to integrate and share framework data. Applicants must demonstrate partnership with at least one other organization and are expected to make a 100% in-kind award match. As part of category 2 submissions, joint Canadian/U.S. partnership projects are invited.

Category 3: "Web Mapping Testbeds"

Projects funded under this category are expected to result in the technical ability for users to discover and view map data from multiple map servers through the National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse. These projects will use the OpenGIS Consortium's pending open specifications for web mapping and the result of these pilot projects will aid in refining future versions of those standards. Projects must build on existing web mapping and Clearinghouse installations and expertise within a geographic area, and must include two or more participating organizations with a requirement to visualize each organization's data in an operational Internet environment.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

John A. Kelmelis,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

United States Geological Survey

Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI); Notice of Availability for Public Review of Report on United States Geological Survey Federal-State Cooperative Water Program

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability for public review of the report, "External Task Force Review of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Federal-State Cooperative Water Program," Circular 1192, August 1999. Review of this report is sought under the Terms of Reference of the ACWI Task Force to Review the Federal-State Cooperative Water Program.

The ACWI has been established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum 92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water-information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government about activities and plans which may improve

the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs. The USGS established the Federal-State Cooperative Water Program Task Force as approved by the ACWI at the meeting of August 1998. Additional information about the ACWI, including the Task Force, is available at <http://water.usgs.gov/wicp/>.

The Task Force report is now available for public review and comment. The report may be accessed at <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/circ/circ1192/>. A printed copy of the report may be obtained by contacting the U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, 409 National Center, Reston, VA 20192; (703) 648-5216.

DATES: Comments on the report should be provided no later than February 29, 2000. Comments should be sent to Dr. Ethan T. Smith (Executive Secretary), Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, 417 National Center, Reston, VA 20192; (703) 648-5022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USGS Federal-State Cooperative Water Program is the largest single source of hydrologic data and information in the country. Hydrologic monitoring, assessments, investigations, and research conducted under the program support both national interests and cooperator needs. Costs for the program are jointly funded by the USGS and some 1,200 State, Tribal, and local government partners. The Federal-State Cooperative Water Program is a unique partnership, rather than a grants program. State, Tribal, and local cooperators transfer their share of the funding to the USGS for work on specific projects. The resulting data and information are archived and shared nationwide. More information is available in the Federal-State Cooperative Water-Resources Program Fact Sheet available at <http://water.usgs.gov/wid/html/COOP.html/>.

The Task Force conducted the first external review of the Coop Program in its 100-year history. The purpose of the Task Force was to gather information, to assess the effectiveness of the program, and to draft recommended improvements. The Task Force has completed their work and has published their findings and recommendations in a report, USGS Circular 1192. The report is titled "External Task Force Review of the United States Geological Survey Federal-State Cooperative Water Program, August 1999."

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Robert M. Hirsch,

Chief Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-040-00-1310-EJ]

Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Exploration and Development Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Sublette County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice: Comment period extension.

SUMMARY: Notices of Availability (NOA) of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Exploration and Development Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) were published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (64 FR 66474) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (64 FR 66194-66195) on November 26, 1999, providing 60 days for the public to review and comment on the DEIS. BLM is extending that review and comment period 10 days. A letter regarding the extension of time has been sent to all parties receiving the DEIS.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS will now be due on February 4, 2000. The formal public hearing will still be held at 7 p.m. on January 12, 2000, at the Pinedale High School Auditorium, 101 E. Hennick, Pinedale, WY. The purpose of the hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to verbalize their comments on the proposed natural gas exploration and development DEIS.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the DEIS should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Bill McMahan (Project Coordinator), 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901, or they can be e-mailed to bill_mcmahan@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wyoming BLM State Director received requests from the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, Wyoming Wildlife Federation, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and the Wyoming Outdoor Council for a 30-day extension of time to review and comment on the DEIS. After carefully considering the request for extension of the 60-day public comment period provided for this DEIS, the Wyoming BLM State Director decided to extend the comment period for 10 days rather

than 30 days for the following reasons: The Council on Environmental Quality regulations, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1506, require that agencies provide at least 45 days for the public to comment on DEISs. The 60-day comment period provided already allows the public an additional 15 days to review and comment on this DEIS.

Public comment periods under those regulations commence upon the date that EPA publishes a NOA of the draft in the **Federal Register**. EPA's NOA for this DEIS was published on November 26, 1999. BLM mailed all copies of the DEIS, and the Technical Report, to interested parties on or before November 19, 1999, to insure that they would have the document in hand for the full 60-day review and comment period.

The DEIS, along with the Technical Document, are a substantial work, but are comparable to other Wyoming BLM EIS's such as Continental Divide/Wamsutter II Natural Gas Project, the Wyodak Coalbed Methane Project, and other major statements BLM has prepared. We acknowledge that holiday activities and obligations, along with concurrent review timeframes of other environmental documents, may affect interested parties' ability to review them. However, we do not believe those are compelling reasons to extend the comment period more than 10 days.

Dated: December 28, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-920-5700-00]

Change of Public Room Hours

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In order to meet our customers needs, the Nevada State Office Public Room hours will be extended. The new hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: 1340 Financial Blvd, Reno, NV 89502; P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520-0006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Natalie Okimura or Josephine Leone at 775-851-6500.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

Thomas V. Leshendok,

Deputy State Director, Minerals Management.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-99-052]

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: January 6, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none
 2. Minutes
 3. Ratification List
 4. Inv. Nos. 731-TA-861-862 (Preliminary) (Expandable Polystyrene Resins from Indonesia and Korea)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on January 6, 2000.)
 5. Inv. Nos. 701-TA-202 and 731-TA-103 and 514 (Review) (Cotton Shop Towels from Bangladesh, China, and Pakistan)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on January 21, 2000.)
 6. Outstanding action jackets:
 - (1.) Document No. GC-99-110: Regarding Inv. No. 731-TA-752 (Final) (Crawfish Tail Meat from China).
 - (2.) Document No. GC-99-111: Regarding Inv. No. 337-TA-422 (Certain Two-Handle Centerset Faucets and Escutcheons and Components Thereof).
- In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Dated: December 30, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.