

porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorstrata*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*). The LOC expires on February 17, 2014.

File No. 14157: Issued to Marilyn Mazzoil, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, FL 34946 on February 23, 2009, for vessel surveys, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins from the Florida-Georgia border south to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The objectives of the research are to examine the abundance and distribution of bottlenose dolphins in the study area. Activities may be conducted through March 1, 2014.

File No. 14219: Issued to Dr. Tara Cox, Savannah State University, PO Box 20467, Savannah, GA 31404 on February 23, 2009, for surveys, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins. The purpose of the research is to investigate foraging ecology, social structure, and population structure of dolphins in the estuarine and coastal waters of Georgia and southern South Carolina. Activities may be conducted through March 1, 2014.

File No. 14275: Issued to Dr. Gregory Bossart, Georgia Aquarium, 225 Baker Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30313 on February 23, 2009, for surveys, photo-identification and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins. The purpose of the research is to examine the abundance, distribution, and stock structure of dolphins in the Indian River Lagoon, Florida and adjacent Atlantic waters. Activities may be conducted through March 1, 2014.

File No. 808-1798-01: Issued to Dr. Andrew Read at Duke University Marine Laboratory, 135 Duke Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, NC 28516 on May 1, 2009, for aerial and vessel surveys, photo-identification, behavioral observations, and passive acoustics on a variety of cetacean species through September 30, 2010. The original study area was from the North Carolina/Virginia border south to North Charleston, South Carolina. The study area was expanded to allow researchers to work further south, to 29 degrees N. Also, 13 species of dolphins and whales were added to the LOC. This amended LOC supercedes version 808-1798 issued on September 20, 2005.

File No. 14348: Issued to the National Ocean Service's Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research [Principal Investigator: Eric Zolman], 219 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412 on July 1, 2009 for

photo-identification and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins through June 30, 2014. The purpose of the research is to investigate the residency, stock identity, range, distribution, abundance, and health of dolphins in the estuarine and coastal waters of Georgia and South Carolina.

File No. 14590: Issued to the National Marine Mammal Laboratory [Principal Investigator: Peter Boveng, Ph.D], 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 on July 24, 2009 for aerial surveys of harbor seals through August 1, 2014. The results of the surveys for the basis of the NMFS Stock Assessment Reports as well as provide information on the haul-out behavior and habitat requirements of harbor seals in Alaska. The LOC expires August 1, 2014.

File No. 14475: Issued to The Dolphin Project (TDP) [Principal Investigator: Francis Lapolla], P.O. Box 60753, Savannah, GA 31420, on August 7, 2009 for photo-identification and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins through July 30, 2014. The purpose of the research is to: (1) monitor the resident bottlenose dolphin population in the contiguous inland waters of Georgia and the southern South Carolina estuarine system and (2) continue to develop TDP's dorsal fin photograph catalogue and database to document site fidelity, home range movement, immigration/emigration and social behaviors exhibited by the Georgia estuarine population.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: March 23, 2010.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Middle East Public Health Mission; Application Deadline Extended

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. CS Saudi Arabia and CS Qatar will work in conjunction with Global Trade Programs, which will serve as a key facilitator in establishing strong commercial ties to the U.S. companies in the targeted sectors nationwide.

Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than Wednesday, April 9, 2010. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review all applications immediately after the deadline. We will inform applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after April 9, 2010. Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 100324167-0167-01]

NOAA'S Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) Strategic Plan FY 2011-FY 2015

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: NOAA'S Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) is seeking comments on the draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN Fiscal Year (FY) 2011–2015, submitted to meet the requirement for program direction under Public Law 111–11, Section 12104(b). The draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN describes the vision, mission, core activities, and organization of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research.

DATES: Comments on this draft report must be received by 5 p.m. September 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, by any one of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>. Identifier is XRIN 0648–XV56.

- *Fax:* (703) 713–1967, Attn: Yvette Jefferson.

- *Mail:* NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) ATTN: OER Plan Comments, 1315 East-West Highway, R/OER, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

- *Hand Delivery to Silver Spring Metro Center 3:* 1315 East-West Highway, Room 10151, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Instructions: No comments will be posted for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, *etc.*) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. OAR will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only. This is a non-regulatory request for comment.

Electronic copies of the draft OER Strategic Plan and Public Law 111–11 Chapter XII may be obtained from <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *OERPlan.Questions@noaa.gov* or NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), ATTN: OER Plan Questions, 1315 East-West Highway, R/OER, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA'S Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) is seeking comments on the draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN Fiscal Year (FY) 2011–2015, submitted to meet

the requirement for program direction under Public Law 111–11, Section 12104(b). The preparation of the report was also directed by the Appropriations Committee in the Joint Explanatory Statement and Senate Report (S. Rept. 110–124) accompanying the Consolidated Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations (Pub. L. 110–161).

OER seeks to better understand our ocean frontiers through bold and innovative exploration, research and technology development. The Office explores, maps, observes, detects and characterizes ocean areas and phenomena, obtaining archiving, and distributing ocean data in new ways to describe the ocean's living and nonliving resources and physical, chemical and biological characteristics. Data and observations resulting from OER investments will result in new discoveries, insights, knowledge and identification of new frontiers, and will likely lead to new or revised understandings of our largely unknown ocean. The draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN describes how NOAA will implement Chapter XII of Public Law 111–11 through the vision, mission, core activities, and organization of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the draft report, especially with respect to implementation of the research aspect of the organization. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the report, and possible omissions of important topics or issues. This draft report is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. For any shortcoming noted within the report, please propose specific remedies. Suggested changes will be incorporated where appropriate, and a final report will be posted on the OER Web site. Please follow these instructions for preparing and submitting comments. Overview comments should be provided first and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs or lines of the section should follow any overview comments and should identify the page and line numbers to which they apply. Please number each page of your comments. Following these instructions will facilitate the processing of comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered.

Dated: March 25, 2010.

Mark E. Brown,

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Safety and Security Equipment and Services Trade Mission to Brazil

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, is organizing a Trade Mission to Brazil, to be led by a senior Commerce official. This event is intended to tap immediate opportunities in the private and public security areas in Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and Sao Paulo. The mission will include representatives from a variety of U.S. safety and security equipment firms interested in gaining a foothold in the fast-growing Brazilian markets.

Commercial Setting

Brazil is the largest economy and population in Latin America, and offers considerable export opportunities for the United States. The Brazilian market for public and private security equipment and services in 2009 was valued at approximately \$ 20 billion. Due to an increasing level of crime rates in Brazil, local trade contacts believe that the market will expand by 20 percent in 2010.

According to the Brazilian Association of Electronic Security Companies (ABESE), approximately 5,000 companies serve the electronic security sector in Brazil, including equipment manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and services providers. The increase of security monitoring services and security devices in residences contributed to the fast expansion of the sector.

U.S. products enjoy good receptivity among large Brazilian and multinational companies that demand quality, durability and state-of-the-art technology. However, Chinese manufacturers are challenging the U.S. market share by offering similar products at lower prices. They are