

request with information in support of the request Joseph Fausnaugh, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, 5100 West Central Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615, telephone (419) 407-9700, email joe.fausnaugh@metroparkstoledo.com, by February 13, 2017. After that date, if no additional requestors have come forward, transfer of control of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma may proceed.

Metroparks Toledo is responsible for notifying the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Shawnee Tribe, and the Wyandotte Nation that this notice has been published.

Dated: December 20, 2016.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

[F.C.S.C. Meeting and Hearing Notice No. 1-17]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR part 503.25) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of open meetings as follows:

Thursday, January 26, 2017: 10:00 a.m.—Issuance of Proposed Decisions in claims against Iraq.

Status: Open.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting, may be directed to: Patricia M. Hall, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street NW., Suite 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6975.

Brian M. Simkin,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

On January 6, 2017, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the District of Maine in the lawsuit entitled *United States and State of Maine v. Smith Cove Preservation Trust*, Civil Action No. 1:17-CV-00009-JDL

In this action, the United States, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), sought injunctive relief for remedial cleanup and recovery of response costs against Smith Cove Preservation Trust ("Settling Defendant"), the current owner of the approximately 120-acre former Callahan Mine property at the Callahan Mine Superfund Site in Brooksville, Maine ("Site"). The complaint seeks relief under to Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607. The State of Maine ("Maine") has asserted parallel claims under CERCLA and related State provisions and is a co-plaintiff to the proposed Consent Decree.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Settling Defendant will provide in-kind services (permission for EPA and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to use "Borrow Material" located within Settling Defendant's property for use in implementing response actions at the Site), access, and institutional controls, all of which would be valuable for the environmental response at the Site, based on an analysis of Settling Defendant's ability to pay. In exchange, Settling Defendant will receive a covenant not to sue under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA for remedial cleanup and response costs relating to the Site, subject to certain reservations of rights.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and State of Maine v. Smith Cove Preservation Trust*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-09953. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

| <i>To submit comments:</i> | <i>Send them to:</i> |
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| By email | pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov . |
| By mail | Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. |

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department Web site: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$14.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury. For a paper copy without the exhibits, the cost is \$9.00.

Robert E. Maher Jr.,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Or by email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 7, 2016 the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on January 6, 2017 to:

1. David W. Johnston, Permit No. 2017-034
2. Joseph Wilson, Permit No. 2017-033

3. James Droney, Permit No. 2017–032

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Smart Cities and Communities Federal Strategic Plan: Exploring Innovation Together

AGENCY: The National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD), National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ernest Lucier at (703) 292–4873 or lucier@nitrd.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

DATES: January 9, 2017.

SUMMARY: With this notice, the National Coordination Office for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) requests comments from the public regarding the draft Smart Cities and Communities Federal Strategic Plan: Exploring Innovation Together. The draft Strategic Plan is posted at: https://www.nitrd.gov/drafts/SCC_StrategicPlan_Draft.pdf.

ADDRESS AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* SCCTF@nitrd.gov, comments submitted by email should be machine-readable and should not be copy-protected;
- *Fax:* (703) 292–9097, Attn: Smart Cities and Communities; or
- *Mail:* Attn: Smart Cities and Communities, NCO, Suite II–405, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

The deadline for submission under this RFC is February 28, 2017. Submissions must not exceed 3 pages in 12 point or larger font, with a page number provided on each page. Responders should include the name of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the comment.

Responses to this RFC may be posted online at <http://www.nitrd.gov>. Therefore, the Smart Cities and Communities Task Force requests that no business proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this RFC.

In accordance with FAR 15.202(3), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Responders are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Draft Strategy

Motivated by a vision of ubiquitous, smart infrastructure, systems, and services, many cities and communities view advances in networking and information technology as a way to increase efficiency, reduce costs, and improve quality of life for their residents. They seek to become “smart cities” and “smart communities” by embedding new digital technologies into their infrastructure, systems, and services to enhance existing, and develop new, city/community resources. Smart city/community solutions are intended to enable new capabilities and opportunities—all in the face of limited budgets. The possible applications are numerous: Citizen services, smart grids, intelligent transportation systems, and remote healthcare, to name a few.

Although information technology promises enormous public benefits, it also introduces new challenges. These challenges range from technical to ethical, legal, and social, including cybersecurity, data sharing and analysis, privacy, public health and well-being, workforce and education needs, and cultural and socioeconomic considerations. Addressing these challenges requires new forms of cross-sector and cross-government collaboration, experimentation, knowledge sharing, and alignment.

This strategic plan offers a high-level framework to guide and coordinate smart city/community-related Federal initiatives, with an emphasis on local government and stakeholder engagement. Coordinating efforts across Federal agencies should help accelerate the development of smart city/community solutions that maximize the value of investments and optimize benefits to residents.

The Central Goals that motivate this strategy are to:

- Understand local needs and local goals;
- Accelerate smart city/community innovation and infrastructure development;
- Facilitate cross-sector collaboration and bridge existing silos;
- Boost exports and promote U.S. global leadership; and

- Focus on people-centered solutions that support job growth and economic competitiveness.

A key objective of this plan is to identify priorities for federally funded research and development (R&D) as well as capacity-building to help transform our cities and communities and improve our standards of living. To do so, the Strategic Priorities identified herein are to:

- Accelerate fundamental R&D for smart cities/communities;
- Facilitate secure and resilient infrastructure, systems, and services for smart cities/communities;
- Foster smart cities/communities through data and knowledge sharing, best practices, and collaboration; and
- Enable evaluation of progress and long-term growth of smart cities/communities.

This plan envisions Federal agencies working together and engaging with local leaders, academia, industry, civil society, and other key stakeholders. The aim is to accelerate the development and implementation of new discoveries and innovations that in turn enable cities and communities to achieve local goals and address their most important challenges. Therefore, the Next Steps recommended in this strategic plan include, through the Smart Cities and Communities Task Force, promoting interagency coordination and collaboration; engaging cities/communities to collect feedback on and enable continued refinement of this strategic plan and future efforts; and developing a roadmap for specific Federal actions to execute the Strategic Priorities presented here.

Questions for Commenters

The Smart Cities and Communities Task Force invites comments on the draft strategic plan. In particular, commenters should consider the following questions as they develop their responses:

- Are the central goals appropriate and/or are there other goals that should be considered?
- Are the strategic priorities appropriate and/or are there other priorities that should be considered?
- Are the next steps identified in the draft plan appropriate and/or are there others that should be considered?

Submitted by the National Science Foundation for the National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information