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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2023-0056]

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Charter Renewal

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has renewed the charter for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTI Committee) for an additional two-year period, as it is a necessary committee that is in the public interest. The charter is renewed until February 8, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Hosler, Program Manager, NMTI Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; 571-272-8514; or nmti@uspto.gov. Information is also available at www.uspto.gov/nmti.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NMTI Committee was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 1512 and the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* The NMTI Committee members are distinguished experts from the private and public sectors, with experience in and an understanding of technology and technological innovation. The NMTI Committee provides recommendations of nominees for the NMTI. The duties of the NMTI Committee are solely advisory in nature. Nominations for the NMTI are solicited through an open, competitive, and nationwide call, and the NMTI Committee members are responsible for reviewing the nominations received. The NMTI Committee forwards its recommendations, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, to the President.

On December 22, 2023, the Secretary of Commerce approved the continuance of the NMTI Committee. On February 7, 2024, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, Performing the non-

exclusive functions and duties of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, signed the charter for the NMTI Committee. This charter will terminate two years from the date of its filing with the standing committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives having legislative jurisdiction over the United States Patent and Trademark Office unless earlier terminated or renewed by proper authority. The charter was filed on February 8, 2024, and it expires on February 8, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for SpaceX Starship-Super Heavy Operations at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense; Federal Aviation Administration; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and United States Coast Guard.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force is the lead agency for this notice. The Federal Aviation Administration is a cooperating agency and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and U.S. Coast Guard were invited to be cooperating agencies for this action. The Department of the Air Force (DAF) is issuing this Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with (1) the execution of a real property agreement between the United States Space Force (USSF) and Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX), which would enable SpaceX to develop a launch site to support Starship-Super Heavy operations, including launch and landing at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (CCSFS), and (2) the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) issuance of a vehicle operator license at the selected launch site and approval of related airspace closures.

DATES: A public scoping period will take place starting from the date of this NOI publication in the **Federal Register** and will last for 30 days. Comments will

be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process; however, to ensure the DAF has sufficient time to consider public scoping comments during preparation of the Draft EIS, please submit comments within the 30-day scoping period.

The DAF invites the public, stakeholders, and other interested parties to attend one or more of the three in-person public scoping meetings or the virtual public scoping meeting. In-person meetings will be held March 5 at Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922; March 6 at Titusville Civic Center, 4220 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville, FL 32780; and March 7 at Radisson Resort At The Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral, FL 32920. Each in-person scoping meeting will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. A virtual meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 6 p.m. Information on how to attend the virtual meeting is available on the project website (SpaceForceStarshipEIS.com). The meetings will provide an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the Proposed Action and Alternatives and provide an early and open process to assist the DAF and its Cooperating Agencies in determining the scope of issues for analysis in the EIS, including identifying significant environmental issues and eliminating from further study non-significant issues. Scope consists of the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be considered in the EIS. Project team members will be available to answer questions and there will also be an opportunity to provide oral and written comments. Scoping meeting materials will be provided in English and Spanish.

The Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS is anticipated in December 2024 and the NOA for the Final EIS is anticipated in September 2025. A decision could be made no earlier than 30 days after the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: The project website (SpaceForceStarshipEIS.com) provides information related to the EIS, such as environmental documents, schedule, and project details, as well as a comment form. Comments may be submitted via the website comment form, emailed to ContactUs@SpaceForceStarshipEIS.com, or mailed to CCSFS Starship EIS c/o Jacobs, 5401 W Kennedy Blvd., Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33609. Members of the public who want to receive future mailings informing them of the availability of the Draft EIS and Final EIS are encouraged to submit a comment that includes their name and email or postal mailing