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By **Federal Register** Notice dated February 26, 1997 (62 FR 8664), the Department requested of the public nominations for persons interested in being appointed, in one of the three general categories cited above, as members of the National Manufactured Home Advisory Council. A total of 52 nominations were received, and from that number 24 have been selected by the Secretary to serve on the Council. In addition, one person has been selected as an alternate in each of the three categories. All appointments to the Council shall be effective for a period of 2 years from the publication date of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### **Selections**

Those persons selected by the Secretary to serve on the National Manufactured Home Advisory Council are listed below by the major interest category which they represent and the localities and States from which they come:

#### **Consumer**

Berger, Jack, Harrisburg, PA  
Cook, Clarence, Shelby, Township, MI  
Gaberlavage, George J., Washington, D.C.  
Maskiell, George E., Concord, NH  
Nanni, James, Yonkers, NY  
Ryan, James V., Potomac, MD  
Bowman, Mary Beth, Little Rock, AR  
Williams, William, Largo, FL  
Shelton, Gladys, Athens, GA Alternate

#### **Government**

Boyer, John F., Jr., Harrisburg, PA  
Byrd, Arnold J., Albany, NY  
Cammarosano, Michael F., Baton Rouge, LA  
Cullum, Fred B., Burlingame, CA  
Denman, Ann McK., Austin, TX  
Lee, Allen D., Portland, OR  
McCullough, Robert A., Toms River, NJ  
Zingeser, Joel P., Gaithersburg, MD  
Bryant, William R., Anne Arundel Co., MD, Alternate

#### **Industry**

Chambliss, Charles W., Elkhart, IN  
Henry, Robert J., Riverside, CA  
Huddleston, Roger, Mahomet, IL  
Hug, William, Phoenix, AZ  
Hussey, Edward, Goshen, IN  
Weidner, Samuel V., Elkhart, IN  
Wells, Jack, Syracuse, NY  
Wells, Walter E., West Middlebury, IN  
Allen, George F., Jr., Indianapolis, IN, Alternate

Dated: May 29, 1998.

#### **Art Agnos,**

*Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4374-N-02]

#### **Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards: Notice Announcing the Selection of a Private Consensus Standards Development Organization**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of selection of a private consensus standards development organization.

**SUMMARY:** By a **Federal Register** Notice published on August 6, 1997 (62 FR 42382), HUD requested statements of interest from organizations interested in coordinating and developing suggestions for changes to the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (FMHCSS). HUD would consider these suggestions for adoption into the FMHCSS, through HUD's regular notice-and-comment rulemaking process. Through a similar process completed 10 years ago, HUD had selected the Council of American Building Officials to help develop and maintain recommended standards. Based upon the statements of interest received in response to the August 7, 1997, Notice, HUD is announcing the selection of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for this purpose. HUD will, however, continue to consider standards developed by organizations and persons other than NFPA for incorporation into the FMHCSS.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David R. Williamson, Director, Office of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 9156, 451 7th Street SW, Washington DC 20410-0500; telephone (202) 708 6401, or on e-mail through Internet at David\_R\_Williamson@hud.gov. For hearing and speech impaired persons, the telephone number may be accessed by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. (Other than the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll free.)

#### **Background**

The National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401-5426), initiated a program that, in part, provides for the establishment by the Department of standards by which all Manufactured Homes are constructed. It further provides for preemption by these standards of all standards of a State or political subdivision applicable to the same aspect of performance of a Manufactured Home that are not identical to the Federal Manufactured Home construction and safety standard.

In the August 6, 1997 **Federal Register** Notice, the Department requested statements of interest from private organizations to administer a voluntary process for the development of suggested Manufactured Housing standards. The Department was seeking to use a private consensus standards development organization to speed up the process of developing new standards to the benefit of both the consumer and the industry. Among other requirements, the Department wanted assurances that the submitting organization would seek to ensure that its suggestions for changes to the FMCHSS reflect a balance of interests and that the submitting organization would be willing to give priority consideration to developing suggestions for standards identified by the Department as requiring prompt attention. The Department further stated that by use of this standards development process it would not relinquish its responsibility and authority under the Act to establish and enforce the FMHCSS. The Department hopes, however, that under most circumstances, standards developed by this voluntary standards body would be accepted as submitted for publication as a proposed rule and it would go through the full notice-and-comment rulemaking set out in the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). Finally, the Department listed what it wished to see in the statements of interest and the criteria to be used in reviewing them. A similar process had been used by the Department when it announced the first selection of a voluntary standards development organization (CABO).

#### **Selection**

In response to the August 6, 1997 **Federal Register** Notice, the Department received several sets of comments and two entities responded with proposals for selection as HUD's consensus standards development organization. These were the Council of American Building Officials and the National Fire

Protection Association. The Department carefully evaluated these proposals in relation to the criteria for reviewing statements of interest. Subsequent to that it invited each organization to come to HUD and meet with program officials, both to respond to identical questions posed to each organization and to permit each organization to present any matter to HUD officials that it deemed appropriate and ask any questions. Following these meetings the Department gave further consideration to which entity should be selected.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department announces the selection of the National Fire Protection Association to be a consensus standards development organization to develop and maintain recommended standards for the Manufactured Housing program. NFPA will thus replace the selection of CABO made in 1988. There is no agreement between the Department and the NFPA that obligates the NFPA to develop recommended standards or that obligates the Department to use or pay for the development of recommended standards. This selection in no way precludes any other individual or entity from making recommendations to the Department regarding program standards; such recommendations will also be reviewed and considered by the Department for incorporation into the FMHCSS, as required by law.

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**Art Agnos,**

*Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Recreation Lakes Study; Notice of Interest Briefing

**AGENCY:** National Recreation Lakes Study.

**ACTION:** Notice of Interest Briefing on National Recreation Lakes Study.

**SUMMARY:** The Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 authorizes a presidential commission to review the demand for recreation at Federal lakes, and to develop alternatives for enhanced recreation uses, primarily through innovative public/private partnerships. This briefing will provide information on the study and allow for ideas to be expressed. Commissioner designee, Dr. John Zirschky, Acting Assistant

Secretary of the Army, will be in attendance.

**DATES:** June 11, 1998, starting at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The briefing location is in the first floor Auditorium of the South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW. Please have photo identification available for admission into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Whittington, 202-219-7104.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

**Jana Prewitt,**

*Executive Director, National Recreation Lakes Study.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Review of the "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions"

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FGDC is sponsoring a public review of the draft "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions".

The FGDC recognizes that standards must meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such view. The FGDC invites the community to review, test, and evaluate the proposed standard. Comments are encouraged about the content, completeness, applicability, and usability of the proposed standard.

The FGDC anticipates that the proposed standard will be adopted as Federal Geographic Data Committee standard after updating or revision. The standard may be forwarded to voluntary standards bodies for adoption if interest warrants such actions.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 20, 1998.

**CONTACT AND ADDRESSES:** Requests for written copies of the standard should be addressed to "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Part 5: Raster Profile and Extensions", FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox), U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192; telephone 703-648-5514; facsimile 703-648-5755; or Internet at [gdc@usgs.gov](mailto:gdc@usgs.gov). The standard may be downloaded from this Internet address:

[ftp://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Standards/SDTS\\_Pt5/](ftp://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Standards/SDTS_Pt5/).

Reviewer's comments may be sent to the FGDC via Internet mail to: [gdc-sdtsras@www.fgdc.gov](mailto:gdc-sdtsras@www.fgdc.gov). Reviewer comments may also be sent to the FGDC Secretariat at the above address. Please send one hardcopy version of the comments and a soft copy version, preferably on a 3.5x3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS) defines a general mechanism for the transfer of geographically referenced spatial data and its supporting metadata, i.e., attributes, data quality reports, coordinate reference systems, security information, etc. The overriding principle that SDTS promotes is that the spatial data transfer should be self-documenting. The data set in SDTS should contain all of the information that is needed to assess and (or) use the data for any appropriate GIS application. The SDTS base specification (Parts 1, 2 and 3) is implemented via profiles of SDTS. A SDTS profile, in general terms, may be defined as a limited subset of the standard, designed for use with a specific type of data model, i.e., topological vector, point, grid, image, etc. Specific choices are made for encoding possibilities not addressed, left optional, or left with numerous choices within the SDTS base specification. A profile may also specify extensions to the base standard to address changing technologies, and to take advantage of other industry standards. For raster image data, there are numerous standards, with various properties, restrictions, and degrees of implementation. The SDTS Raster Profile and Extensions (SRPE) permits the use of two common industry standards for image data: Basic Image Interchange Format (BIIF) and Tagged Image File Format (TIFF). The BIIF defines a general mechanism for the transfer of image data and any support data, i.e. image parameters, visualization parameters, compression parameters, text annotations, symbols, etc. BIIF is an ANSI/ISO standard and is in wide the use in the commercial military community (formerly NITF). TIFF is a general purpose image file format that is used widely for simple image applications.

For answers to questions related to the content of the standard please contact the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Subcommittee on Base Cartographic Data, attn. Mark Demulder, U.S. Geological Survey, 511 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.