SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This business meeting is open to the public. If you would like to listen to the business meeting, please contact the above for the call-in information.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the briefing and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376–8105 or at signlanguage@usccr.gov at least three business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda
II. Business Meeting
   A. Program Planning
      • OCRE Program Planning Update
      • Update on Status of 60th Anniversary Plans
   B. State Advisory Committees
      • Presentation by Indiana SAC Chair Diane Clements-Boyd and SAC member Carlton Waterhouse of report on School-to-Pipeline Program in Indiana
   C. Management and Operations
      • Staff Director’s Report
      • Staff Changes
III. Adjourn Meeting


Brian Walch,
Director, Communications and Public Engagement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
[Docket No.: 161229999–6999–01]

Commerce Alternative Personnel System

AGENCY: Office of Administration, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the expansion of employee coverage under the Commerce Alternative Personnel System, formerly the Department of Commerce Alternative Personnel Management Demonstration Project, published in the Federal Register on December 24, 1997. This coverage is extended to include employees located in the Enterprise Services Organization (ESO), a new organization, in the Office of the Secretary (OS), Office of the Deputy Secretary.

DATES: This notice expanding and modifying the Commerce Alternative Personnel System is effective January 6, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Department of Commerce—Sandra Thompson, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Room 51020, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482–0056 or Valerie Smith at (202) 482–0272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approved the Department of Commerce (DoC) demonstration project for an alternative personnel management system, and published the final plan in the Federal Register on Wednesday, December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67434). The demonstration project was designed to simplify current classification systems for greater flexibility in classifying work and paying employees; establish a performance management and rewards system for improving individual and organizational performance; and improve recruiting and examining to attract highly-qualified candidates. The purpose of the project was to strengthen the contribution of human resources management and test whether the same innovations conducted under the National Institute of Standards and Technology alternative personnel management system would produce similarly successful results in other DoC environments. The project was implemented on March 29, 1998. The project plan has been modified eleven times to clarify certain DoC Demonstration Project authorities, and to extend and expand the project: 64 FR 52810 (September 30, 1999); 68 FR 47948 (August 12, 2003); 68 FR 54505 (September 17, 2003); 70 FR 38732 (July 5, 2005); 71 FR 25615 (May 1, 2006); 71 FR 50950 (August 28, 2006); 74 FR 22728 (May 14, 2009); 80 FR 25 (January 2, 2015); 81 FR 20322 (April 7, 2016); 81 FR 40653 (June 22, 2016); 81 FR 54747 (August 17, 2016). With the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110–161, on December 26, 2007, the project was made permanent (extended indefinitely) and renamed the Commerce Alternative Personnel System (CAPS).

CAPS provides for modifications to be made as experience is gained, results are analyzed, and conclusions are reached on how the system is working. This notice announces that the DoC expands CAPS to include non-bargaining unit employees in the Enterprise Services Organization (ESO) in all duty locations, as a participating organization. The ESO will hire new employees and convert reassigned employees to career paths and occupational series already established under CAPS, requiring no additional series to be added to accommodate the expansion.

The DoC will follow the CAPS plan as published in the Federal Register on December 24, 1997, and subsequent modifications as listed in the Background Section of this notice.

Kevin E. Mahoney,
Director for Human Resources Management
and Chief Human Capital Officer.

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I. Executive Summary

CAPS is designed to (1) improve hiring and allow DoC to compete more effectively for high-quality candidates through direct hiring, selective use of higher entry salaries, and selective use of recruitment incentives; (2) motivate and retain staff through higher payker, pay-for-performance, more responsive personnel systems, and selective use of retention incentives; (3) strengthen the manager’s role in personnel management through delegation of personnel authorities; and (4) increase the efficiency of personnel systems through the installation of a simpler and more flexible classification system based on paybanding through reduction of guidelines, steps, and paperwork in classification, hiring, and other personnel systems, and through automation.

The current participating organizations include 7 offices of the Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Secretary for Administration in the Office of the Secretary; the Bureau of Economic Analysis; 2 units of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA); the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and the First Responder Network Authority (an independent authority within NTIA); and 12 units of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Weather Service—Space Environment Center, National Ocean Service, Program Planning and Integration Office, Office of the Under Secretary, Marine and Aviation Operations, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Workforce Management Office, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

This amendment modifies the December 24, 1997 Federal Register notice. Specifically, it expands DoC CAPS to include the ESO.
II. Basis for CAPS Expansion

A. Purpose

CAPS is designed to provide managers at the lowest organizational level the authority, control, and flexibility to recruit, retain, develop, recognize, and motivate its workforce, while ensuring adequate accountability and oversight.

The ESO is a new organization designed to deliver common business support and mission-enabling services in the functional areas of human resources, acquisition, information technology financial management, and other areas as determined necessary.

The mission of the ESO is to: Enhance customer experience through the efficient delivery of high-quality mission-enabling services; increase service transparency and accountability; and enable employees, currently performing these functions, to dedicate more time to the unique mission needs of their organization. The expansion of CAPS coverage to include the ESO should improve the organization’s ability to recruit and retain a high-quality workforce to meet the organization’s mission.

DoC’s CAPS allows for modifications of procedures if no new waiver from law or regulation is added. Given that this expansion and modification is in accordance with existing law and regulation and CAPS is a permanent alternative personnel system, the DoC is authorized to make the changes described in this notice.

B. Participating Employees

Employee notification of this expansion will be accomplished by providing employees and managers electronic access to all CAPS policies and procedures, including the eleven previous Federal Register Notices. A copy of this Federal Register notice will also be accessible electronically upon approval. Supervisor training and informational briefings for employees will be conducted as the ESO undergoes full transition over a period of a few years.

III. Changes to the Project Plan

The CAPS at DoC, published in the Federal Register on December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67434), is amended as follows:

1. The following organization will be added to the project plan, Section II D—Participating Organizations Office of the Secretary (OS), Office of the Deputy Secretary, Enterprise Services Organization (ESO)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–085–2016]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 76—Danbury, Connecticut Notification of Proposed Production Activity; MannKind Corporation, (Fumaryl Diketopiperazone (FDKP) Carrier/Receptor Powder), Danbury, Connecticut

MannKind Corporation (MannKind) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Danbury, Connecticut within Subzone 76B. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on December 21, 2016.

MannKind currently has authority to use the facility for the production of Technosphere Insulin®, an inhalable insulin made by a combination of imported fumaryl diketopiperazone (FDKP) and domestic material active ingredients. MannKind’s current request would add a finished product to the scope of authority. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt MannKind from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, MannKind would be able to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to FDKP carrier/receptor powder (duty rate 6.5%) for the foreign-status components and materials in the existing scope of authority. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is February 15, 2017.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the ‘‘Reading Room’’ section of the Board’s web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Juanita H. Chen at Juanita.Chen@trade.gov or (202) 482–1378.


Elizabeth Whitman, Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security

In the Matter of: Dane Francisco Delgado, Inmate Number: 60114–379, Supervisional Institution, P.O. Box 605, Eden, TX 76837; Order Denying Export Privileges

On November 4, 2014, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Dane Francisco Delgado (‘‘Delgado’’), was convicted of violating Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778 (2012)) (‘‘AECA’’). Specifically, Delgado knowingly and willfully conspired with persons known and unknown to export, furnish, and cause to be exported from the United States to Mexico defense articles designated on the United States Munitions List without having first obtained from the Department of State a license or written authorization for such export. Delgado was sentenced to 60 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and a $100 assessment.

Section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations (‘‘EAR’’ or ‘‘Regulations’’)1 provides, in pertinent part, that ‘‘[t]he Director of the Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Export Enforcement, may deny the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of a violation of the Export Administration Act (‘‘EAA’’), the EAR, or any order, license or authorization issued thereunder; any regulation, license, or order issued under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706); 18 U.S.C. 793, 794 or 798; section 4(b) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (50