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April 18, 2012

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

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Sincerely,

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Chairman
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2120 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Carl Levin
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United States Senate
228 Russell Senate Office Building
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CHARTER
OCEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY PANEL

1. Committee's Official Designation: The committee shall be known as the Ocean Research Advisory Panel (hereafter referred to as "the Panel").

2. Authority: The Secretary of Defense, under the provision of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR § 102-3.50(a) (required by statute), established the Panel.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Panel shall provide independent scientific advice and recommendations to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council (hereafter referred to as "the Council"), as set out in (4) below.

4. Description of Duties: The Panel shall:

   a. Provide advice on policies and procedures to implement the National Oceanographic Partnership Program.
   b. Provide advice on selection of partnership projects and allocation of funds for partnership projects for implementation under the program.
   c. Provide advice on matters relating to national oceanographic data requirements.
   d. Fulfill any additional responsibilities that the Council considers appropriate.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Panel shall report to the Council.

6. Support: The Department of Defense (DoD), through the Secretary of the Navy and the Office of Naval Research, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the Panel's performance and functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies/procedures.

   Additional information and assistance, as required and with DoD approval, may be obtained from other DoD Components with contracting authority and support contractors, including DoD Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, for studies and analysis support.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years: The estimated annual operating costs, to include travel and meeting and contract support, are approximately $207,000.00. The estimated annual personnel costs to the DoD are 0.3 full-time equivalents.

8. Designated Federal Officer: The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with governing DoD policies and procedures.

   In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all Panel and subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting; however, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, a properly approved Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the entire duration of the Panel or subcommittee meeting.

   The Designated Federal Officer, or the Alternate Designated Federal Officer, shall call all of the Panel's and subcommittees' meetings; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; adjourn any meeting when the Designated Federal Officer, or the Alternate Designated Federal Officer, determines adjournment to be in the public interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies/procedures; and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Panel reports.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Panel shall meet at the call of the Panel's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Panel's Chairperson. The estimated number of Panel meetings is two per year.

10. Duration: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, this charter is subject to renewal every two years.

11. Termination: The Panel shall terminate upon rescission of 10 U.S.C. § 7903.

12. Membership and Designation: The Panel shall consist of not less than 10 and not more than 18 members, representing the following:

    a. One member who will represent the National Academy of Sciences.
    b. One member who will represent the National Academy of Engineering.
    c. One member who will represent the Institute of Medicine.
    d. Members selected from among individuals who will represent the views of ocean industries, State governments, academia, and such other views as the Chairman of the Council considers appropriate.
    e. Members selected from among individuals eminent in the fields of marine science or marine policy, or related fields.

    Panel Members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Council and their appointments shall be renewed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense. The Panel's membership shall select the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Panel for renewable one-year terms. In addition, the Secretary of Defense may invite other distinguished government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Panel, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Panel on an ad hoc basis.

Non-voting observers and those non-voting experts and consultants appointed by the Secretary of Defense shall not count toward the Panel's total membership.

Panel Members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109 and shall serve as special government employee members. With the exception of travel and per diem for official Panel related travel, Panel members shall serve without compensation.

The Secretary of Defense may approve the appointment of Panel members for one to four year terms of service; however, no member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service.

Each Panel member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

13. Subcommittees: The Department, when necessary, and consistent with the Panel's mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees deemed necessary to support the Panel. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the advisory committee's sponsor.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Panel, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Panel for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Panel; nor can any subcommittee or its members update or report directly to the DoD or any Federal officers or employees.

All subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the Panel members; that is, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a Panel member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service on the subcommittee of one to four years; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee.

Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and shall serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. With the exception of travel and per diem for official Panel related travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

All subcommittees operate under the provisions of FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies/procedures.

14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Panel and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Record Schedule 26, and appropriate Department of Defense policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552).

15. Filing Date: April 18, 2012