2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Commerce	2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee	363

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	02/08/2024	02/08/2026	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	The Secretary determined not to renew this discretionary committee; therefore, this charter expired and terminated on February 8, 2026.	02/08/2026

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
15 U.S.C. 3711	10/21/1980	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	$0.00	$0.00
18e. Total Costs	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

During the one formal meeting typically held during the year, the members discussed the nominations for that particular year and reach an agreement on the nominations to recommend to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for his or her recommendation to the President of the United States for award of the Medal. Due to the extensive preparation done by the members prior to the meeting, the committee typically were able to conclude business in one meeting. The program was administered by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Prior to the meeting, the committee reviewed all nominations submitted each year (approximately 50). This review required an understanding of, and experience in, developing and utilizing technological innovation and/or familiarity with the education, training, employment and management of technological manpower. Much of the work was done in advance of the formal committee meeting by the members on their own time. This work was done through phone calls, letters, and emails without formal meetings or cost to the government.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership of the Committee was reflective of the variety of fields of the American innovation system. Members were sought from small, medium-sized, and large businesses and academia, with expertise in a wide array of sub-sectors of the technology enterprise.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

No meetings were held in FY26. In previous years, it would meet approximately once a year. Extensive preparatory work was done by the Members on their own time, prior to the formal meeting, at which nominations are reviewed, and those nominees selected by the Committee were forwarded to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office then reviewed the Committee's recommendations, and forwarded a list of recommended nominees for the Medal to the President of the United States. At present this one meeting appeared adequate for the Committee to fulfill its essential responsibilities of providing expert assistance for the recommendation of recipients for the Medal. Since this is a Presidential Award, and the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. for technological achievement, it was essential that a high caliber, independent Committee be retained to carry out the evaluation and recommendation process.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee provided the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office with expert evaluation and advice from individuals in the private sector and academia with extensive knowledge and experience in developing and utilizing technological innovation and the education, training, employment and management of technological manpower. Such expertise was not available within the Department of Commerce.

Also, the stature of Committee members and the composition of the Committee ensured balance, objectivity, and independence to the process.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee review and selection process needed to be conducted as a closed meeting because the Committee's evaluation included discussion of the nominees' reputations, ability in their fields, professional backgrounds, and performance. Public disclosure of this information would have constituted a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In addition, premature disclosure of the Committee's recommendations could have resulted in publicity causing professional embarrassment and harm to the reputations of those individuals or companies not ultimately selected and could have resulted in the withdrawal of future nominees from consideration, thus significantly frustrating implementation of the Medal program.

21. Remarks

No Committee meeting was held this year. All Committee members were notified by writing that their services were no longer required (per the Secretary of Commerce's instructions) on March 5, 2025, and there was no search under way to find new Committee members. The Secretary determined not to renew this discretionary committee; therefore, this charter expired and terminated on February 8, 2026.

Designated Federal Officer

Jennifer McIntosh DFO

Narrative Description

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary of Commerce was responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, which was designated to the USPTO Director. The Committee's recommendations were made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	☑
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	☐
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☐
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

National recognition of American innovators who have made outstanding contributions to America's competitiveness, standard of living, and quality of life through technological innovation.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☐
Unable to Determine	☑
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐

$5,000,001 - $10,000,000 ☐
Over $10,000,000 ☐
Cost Savings Other ☐

Cost Savings Comments
NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
265

Number of Recommendations Comments
No Recommendations were generated this year by the committee.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
Upon public announcement of the NMTI Laureates.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
Not applicable.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☑ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments
Agency provided feedback to committee members through the program manager. The public received feedback when the award was announced by the Office of the President.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	☑
Online Agency Web Site	☑
Online Committee Web Site	☑
Online GSA FACA Web Site	☑
Publications	☐
Other	☐

Access Comments

N/A