

2000 Current Fiscal Year Report: Modernization Transition Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2000

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Modernization Transition
Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

1683

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 08/26/1999

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 102-567,
Section 707

8c. Actual Term Date

12/31/1999

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 102-567, Section
707

13. Effective Date

07/08/1993

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Consult on certifications	12/08/1999	- 12/09/1999

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$12,450.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$14,007.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$35,235.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$2,550.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$8,438.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$3,900.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$80,330.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.50	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

At each of its meetings, the MTC reviewed proposed certifications for consolidation, automation, and/or closure of weather service offices to determine if there would be a degradation of service. The MTC advised the Secretary of Commerce on these certification actions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

In compliance with P.L. 102-567 the MTC was comprised of seven members from civil defense

and public safety organizations, news media, and labor organizations certified by the Federal Labor Relations Authority as an exclusive representative of the National Weather Service employees, meteorological experts, and private-sector users of weather information, such as farmers and pilots. Additionally, five members represented agencies and departments of the U.S. Government that are responsible for providing or using weather services, including but not limited to the NWS, the DoD, the FAA, and FEMA.

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

The MTC met on an average of four times per year. In accordance with P.L. 102-567, the NWS had to consult with the MTC before certain certifiable activities of the NWS could occur. The final MTC meeting occurred on December 8-9, 1999. By law, the MTC terminated on December 31, 1999.

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

The law mandated that the MTC be consulted on certain modernization activities and, therefore, the information would only be relevant or applicable if it came from the MTC.

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

Not applicable.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Nicholas R. Scheller DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Bathurst, Donald	09/28/1999	12/31/1999	Federal Emergency Management Agency	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Belger, Monte	10/10/1997	12/31/1999	Federal Aviation Administration	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Crenshaw, Valerie	12/08/1993	12/31/1999	Cable News Network (CNN)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garcia, Andrew	11/21/1996	12/31/1999	Corps of Engineers, DoD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gordon, Ellen	03/18/1997	12/31/1999	Iowa Emergency Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jones, John	08/20/1998	12/31/1999	National Weather Service	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Landsberg, Bruce	09/24/1997	12/31/1999	Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Leavitt, Peter	11/22/1996	12/31/1999	Private Consulting Meteorologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lopez, Nancy	10/07/1997	12/31/1999	U.S. Geological Survey, DoI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sherertz, Frances	10/10/1997	12/31/1999	Federal Aviation Administration (alternate)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sierra, Ramon	09/24/1997	12/31/1999	NWS Employees Organization	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stanley, Ellis	12/08/1993	12/31/1999	Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

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

Checked if
Applies

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

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

No

Grant Review Comments

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

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments