



North Slope Science Initiative
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Instructions for Applying or Nominating an Individual to Serve as a
Member of the Science Technical Advisory Panel,
North Slope Science Initiative

1. Before completing the **Nomination Form**, first read the [Federal Register Notice](#) dated **October 25, 2017** and review the following **Membership Criteria** to ensure that they are met by the applicant or nominee.

Membership Criteria: The Science Technical Advisory Panel shall consist of a representative group of not more than 15 scientists and technical experts from diverse professions and interests, including the oil and gas industry, subsistence users, Alaska Native entities, conservation organizations, and academia, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. Nominees must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the Arctic in their field of expertise. Members will be selected to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the Federal Government based on their technical expertise in one or more of the following areas: North Slope traditional and local knowledge, landscape ecology, petroleum engineering, civil engineering, geology, botany, hydrology, limnology, habitat biology, wildlife biology, restoration science, biometrics, sociology, cultural anthropology, economics, ornithology, oceanography, fisheries biology, climatology, or other relevant areas of expertise¹.

2. A **Nomination Package** consists of a completed **Nomination Form** and at least one **Reference Letter** from someone knowledgeable of the nominee's technical expertise.
3. Send your **Nomination Package** to the following address or FAX number:

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Do not send your nomination form as an email attachment.

The deadline for the NSSI to receive all public nominations/applications for membership on the panel is November 24, 2017.

¹ Advisory committee members appointed for this purpose are designated as a "special Government employee" (SGE) or a "regular Government employee" (RGE, for selectees / members who currently serve as an executive branch employee) with respect to Federal executive branch ethics provisions. For more information, see link below to the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

Nomination Packages received by the NSSI after the deadline will not be considered.

4. References also may send **Reference Letter(s)** directly to the address or FAX number above, or electronically by email to memiller@blm.gov. Letters sent by mail, FAX, or electronically by email must be received by the NSSI by November 24, 2017 for your nomination to be considered.

Additional Information

For more information about the North Slope Science Initiative, including the Science Technical Advisory Panel Charter and description of duties, please visit the website at <http://www.blm.gov/Alaska>.

Appointments to the Science Technical Advisory Panel are made by the **Secretary of the Interior**. Terms of appointment are three (3) years in length. Current or former appointees may be reappointed at the option of the **Secretary of the Interior**, provided they have reapplied or have been renominated.

The Science Technical Advisory Panel is a federal advisory committee that operates according to provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, as well as other federal laws, actions, and regulations. For more information about FACA and federal advisory committees, see:

[U.S. General Services Administration, Federal Advisory Committee Act Information²](#)

If appointed to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel, federal executive branch ethics provisions will apply to you as a “special Government employee” or as a “regular Government employee.” For more information about the applicability of ethics provisions, see:

[U.S. Office of Government Ethics, Advisory Committee Member Information³](#)

² <https://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21242>

³ <https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/Selected%20Employee%20Categories?openview>, select “Advisory Committee Members”