

1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Under section 5116(i), amounts in the registration fee account are available without further appropriation. In addition, section 5127(b) was amended to authorize appropriations of \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998; however, Congress did not appropriate any of the authorized \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1995.

Approximately \$250,000 is projected to be available in fiscal year 1995. Awards will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period not to exceed four years. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress toward achieving grant activities, and the availability of Federal funds.

Eligible Applicants

By law, grants are intended for "national nonprofit employee organizations engaged solely in fighting fires for the purpose of training instructors to conduct hazardous materials response training programs for individuals with statutory responsibility to respond to hazardous materials accidents and incidents." 49 U.S.C. 5116(j)(1). RSPA interprets the first part of the quoted phrase to mean nonprofit organizations with employee members who fight fires.

Objectives of the Grant Program

RSPA expects that, by training additional instructors, course deliveries to hazardous materials emergency responders will increase. Because many responders cannot leave their immediate locations for extended periods of time, due to budget and other limitations, the only way to deliver training to them is to train sufficient instructors for required course deliveries at convenient locations.

As provided by statute, funds awarded to an organization under this grant program may only be used to train instructors to conduct hazardous materials response training programs, to purchase training equipment used exclusively to train instructors to conduct those training programs, and to disseminate information and materials necessary for the conduct of training programs. RSPA will make a grant to an organization under this program only if the organization enters into an agreement with RSPA to train instructors, on a nondiscriminatory basis, to conduct hazardous materials response training programs using a course or courses developed or identified as qualified under the curriculum guidelines prepared by

RSPA and its interagency partners, or other courses that RSPA determines are consistent with the objectives of the curriculum guidelines. Ultimate course selection and delivery to responders is the responsibility of State and Indian tribe grantees under the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program.

Grant and Selection Criteria

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. RSPA intends to evaluate applications based on the criteria set forth below. Applications shall include, at a minimum:

(1) How applicants intend to accomplish training for instructors of individuals with statutory responsibility to respond to accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials.

(2) The regions or locations in which fire departments or other organizations providing emergency response to hazardous materials transportation accidents and incidents are in need of hazardous materials training and the method used to identify those needs.

(3) Prioritized training needs, and a description of the means for identifying additional specific training needs.

(4) A statement of work for the upcoming budget period that describes and sets priorities for the activities and tasks to be conducted, the costs associated with each activity, the number and types of deliverables and products to be completed, and a schedule for implementation.

In addition, since RSPA expects that the amount of funds requested by all applicants may exceed a total of \$250,000, applicants should provide a prioritized listing of specific program tasks to be performed and the cost of each task.

Applications will be rated on the ability to achieve the above-stated requirements. RSPA encourages the addition of non-Federal funds to support the project, but does not require cost sharing. Program funding is dependent on collection of registration fees and may be less than the authorized amount. Applications must be received not later than May 15, 1995. An application kit will be available from RSPA on April 1, 1995.

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Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service

AGENCY: Department Offices, Treasury.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date of the next meeting and the agenda for consideration by the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service.

DATES: The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on February 17, 1995 at the Treasury Executive Institute, Suite 500, 1255 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC at 9:30 a.m..

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), Room 4004, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220. Tel. (202) 622-0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Treasury has renewed the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service for a two-year term. The Committee is chaired by the Under Secretary of the Treasury (Enforcement) and is composed of the following twenty private sector representatives appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Charles V. Bremer
American Textile Manufacturers Institute
William H. Brown, III, Esq.
Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis
Mr. Ezunial Burts
Port of Los Angeles
Mr. Kenneth R. Button
Economic Consulting Services
Mr. Dennis J. Curran
Arthur Anderson & Co.
Mr. Michael M. Davenport
Roanoke Companies
Ms. Marian E. Duntley
DHL Airways, Inc.
Prof. Marsha A. Echols
Howard University
Mr. Stanley P. Hebert
Port of Oakland
Mr. William F. Joffroy, Jr.
William F. Joffroy, Inc.
Mr. Arthur L. Litman
Tower Group International
Salvatore R. Martoche, Esq.
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Ms. Mary K. McMunn
Air Transport Association
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Eddie Bauer, Inc.
Mr. Robert A. Perkins
A.N. Deringer
Mr. David Phelps

American Iron and Steel Institute
Mr. Burton B. Ruby
Jaymar-Ruby Corp.
Mr. M. Sigmund Shapiro
Samuel Shapiro & Co.
Mr. Paul F. Wegener
M.G. Maher & Co., Inc.

The preliminary agenda to be considered at the meeting is as follows:

1. Committee role, operations, and bylaws.
2. Customs reorganization.
3. Customs budget.
4. Customs Modernization Act implementation.
5. The Customs in-bond program.
6. Administration of border cargo selectivity.

The provisional agenda may be amended prior to the meeting. The meeting is open to the public. However, participation in the discussion is limited to Committee members and Treasury and Customs staff. It is necessary for any person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting to give advance notice. In order to be admitted to the meeting, please contact Ms. Theresa Manning no later than February 10, 1995, Tel: (202) 622-0220.

John P. Simpson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement).

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Section 203 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-40), dated May 7, 1991, revised the disciplinary, grievance and appeal procedures for employees appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7401(1). It also required the periodic designation of employees of the Department who are qualified to serve on Disciplinary Appeals Boards. These employees constitute the Disciplinary Appeals Board Panel from which Board members in a case are appointed. This notice announces that the roster of employees on the panel is available for review and comment. Employees, employee organizations, and other interested parties shall be provided (without charge) a list of the names of employees on the panel upon request and may submit comments concerning the suitability for service on the panel of any employee whose name is on the list.

DATES: Names that appear on the panel may be selected to serve on a Board or

as a grievance examiner February 23, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for the list of the names of employees on the panel and written comments to: Secretary of Veterans Affairs (058A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Scaringi, Acting Chief, Employee Relations Division (058A), Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 535-8884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pub. L. 102-40 requires that the availability of the roster be posted in the **Federal Register** periodically, and not less than annually.

Approved: January 11, 1995.

Jesse Brown,

Secretary, Veterans Affairs.

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