

Institutions of Higher Learning and Other Non-Profit Institutions" and indicate or provide the following information:

(1) Whether the organization falls under OMB Circular No. A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions," or OMB Circular No. A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations;"

(2) A detailed program budget indicating direct expenses with clearly identified administrative costs by program element and by region (NIS or Central and East Europe), indirect costs, and the total amount requested. The budget also should reflect administrative costs as a percentage of the total requested funding. NB: Indirect costs are limited to 10 percent of total direct program costs. Applicants requesting funds to supplement a program having other sources of support should submit a current budget for the total program and an estimated future budget for it showing how specific lines in the budget would be affected by the allocation of requested grant funds. Other funding sources and amounts, when known, should be identified.

(3) The applicant's cost-sharing proposal, if applicable, containing appropriate details and cross references to the requested budget;

(4) The organization's most recent audit report (the most recent U.S. Government audit report, if available) and the name, address, and point of contact of the audit agency. N.B.: The threshold for grants that trigger an audit requirement has been raised from \$25,000 to \$300,000.

(5) An indication of the applicant's priorities if funding is being requested for more than one program or activity.

All payments will be made to grant recipients through the Department of State.

#### *Narrative Statement*

The Applicant must describe fully the proposed programs, including detailed information about plans for advertising programs, peer review and selection procedures and identification of anticipated selection committee participants, estimates of the types and amounts of anticipated awards, and benefits of these programs for the Central and East European, Russian, and Eurasian fields.

Applicants who have received previous grants from this State Department program should provide detailed information on the awards made, including, where applicable, names/affiliations of recipients, and amounts and types of awards. Applicant's should specify both past and anticipated applicant to award

ratios. A summary of an organization's past grants under this State Department program also should be included.

Proposals from national organizations involving language instruction programs should provide, for those programs supported in the past year, information on the criteria for evaluation, including levels of instruction, degrees of intensiveness, facilities, methods for measuring language proficiency (including pre- and post-testing), instructors' qualifications, and budget information showing estimated costs per student.

#### *Certifications*

Applicants must include a description of affirmative action policies and practices and certifications of compliance with the provisions of: (1) The Drug-Free Workplace Act (Public Law 100-690), in accordance with Appendix C of 22 CFR part 137, Subpart F; and (2) Section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Public Law 101-121), in accordance with Appendix A of 22 CFR part 138, New Restrictions on Lobbying Activities.

#### *Technical Review*

The Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union will evaluate applications on the basis of the following criteria:

(1) Responsiveness to the substantive provisions set forth above in Program Part II, Information (45 points);

(2) The professional qualifications of the applicant's key personnel and selection committees, and their experience conducting national competitive award programs of the type the applicant proposes on the countries of Central and East Europe, Russia, and Eurasia (35 points); and

(3) Budget presentation and cost effectiveness (20 points).

#### *Further Information*

For further information, contact W. Kendall Myers, Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, INR/RES, Room 6841, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520-6510. Telephone: (202) 736-4572 or 736-4386, fax: (202) 736-4851 or (202) 736-4807.

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**W. Kendall Myers,**

*Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3135]

### **Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy Charter Amendment and Meeting Notice**

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 1999, in Room 1105, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520. The meeting will be hosted by Committee Chairman R. Michael Gadbaw and by Acting Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs Alan P. Larson.

The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity concerning issues and problems in international economic policy. The objective of the ACIEP is to provide expertise and insight on these issues that are not available within the U.S. Government. The charter has been amended to increase the membership.

Topics for the November 23 meeting will be: Asian Financial Crisis—Next Steps and Indonesia; World Trade Organization and the New Round; International Affairs Resources; and short briefings and discussion on Southeast Europe, Sanctions, Biotechnology, APEC Private Sector Initiatives, and Anti-Corruption Developments.

The public may attend these meetings as seating capacity allows. The media is welcome but discussions are off the record. Admittance to the Department of State Building is by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on this list, please provide your name, title, company or other affiliation if appropriate, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to the ACIEP Executive Secretariat by phone at (202) 647-5968 or fax (202) 647-5713 (Attention: Arlene Nelson) by Friday, November 19, 1999. On the date of the meeting, persons who have registered should come to the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid means of identification will be required for admittance: a U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government ID.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlene Nelson, ACIEP Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Room 6828, Main State, Washington, DC 20520.

Dated: October 22, 1999.

**William J. McGlynn,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Amtrak Reform Council; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Amtrak Reform Council.

**ACTION:** Notice of special public outreach meeting with South/South Central State Departments of Transportation.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a special public outreach meeting of the Council with representatives from the South/South Central states. At the special meeting, the Council will hear from, among others, representatives from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia, to discuss all aspects of intercity railroad passenger service, including corridor service, in the South/South Central region of the country. The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator from Texas, is scheduled as the Keynote Speaker.

**DATES:** The Special Public Outreach meeting will be held on November 8, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Dallas Union Station (attached to the Hyatt Regency Dallas), 400 S. Houston Street, Dallas, TX 75207.

**ADDRESSES:** The Meetings will held in Pullman Room B, Dallas Union Station (attached to the Hyatt Regency Dallas), 400 S. Houston Street, Dallas, TX 75207, telephone at the Hyatt (214) 651-1234. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for

achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after two years, the ARC has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the ARAA and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and Congressional leaders. Each member is to serve a five-year term.

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**Thomas A. Till,**  
*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation (DOT) announces a meeting of the DOT Partnership Council (the Council). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Council will meet on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, room 10214, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The room is located on the 10th floor.

**TYPE OF MEETING:** These meetings will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should contact DOT to obtain appropriate accommodations.

**POINT OF CONTACT:** Jean B. Lenderking, Corporate Human Resource Leadership Division, M-13, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., room 7411, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-8085.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to brief the Council on the Federal Employees

Cancer Warmline, the Life with Cancer Signature Project in memory of the late American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) President John Sturdivant; status report on Phase II of DOT labor-management climate study; and initiatives/options for enhancing partnership efforts throughout DOT.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** We invite interested persons and organizations to submit comments. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Ms. Jean Lenderking at the address shown above. Comments should be received by November 12, 1999 in order to be considered at the November 17th meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 22, 1999.

For the Department of Transportation.

**John E. Budnik,**

*Associate Director, Corporate Human Resource Leadership Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Loudon, Roane, Anderson, and Knox Counties, TN

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed project in Loudon, Roane, Anderson, and Knox Counties, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles S. Boyd, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, 640 Grassmere Park, Suite 112, Nashville, TN 37211, Telephone (615) 781-5770.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to connect Interstate 40 with Interstate 75 from near the current I-40/I-75 interchange in Loudon County, near Lenoir City, Tennessee, to an area north and east in Anderson County, near the interchange of I-75 and State Route 61. The proposed project is considered necessary to improve the operation and safety of these affected interstate highways.

Alternatives to be considered include: (1) taking no action; (2) three build alternatives consisting of different