

Dated: December 14, 1999.

Evelyn S. Lieberman,

Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State.

[FR Doc. 99-32892 Filed 12-17-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710-11-P

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3173]

Notice of Meetings; United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITAC-T) National Committee, Study Groups A, B, & D

The Department of State announces meetings of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee—Telecommunication Standardization (ITAC-T) National Committee, Study Groups A, B, & D. The purpose of the Committees is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to the International Telecommunication Union and international telecommunication standardization. Except where noted, meetings will be held at the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

The ITAC-T National Committee will meet from 9:30 to 4:00 on January 13 and March 14, 2000, to continue preparations for the June ITU Telecommunication Sector Advisory Group (TSAG) and the October World Telecommunication Sector Assembly (WTSAs).

U.S. Study Group A will meet on February 16, 2000, to review the results of the December Study Group 3 meeting and prepare for the next Study Group 2 meeting; on March 21, 2000, to review the results of the Study Group 2 meeting, begin preparations for the next Study Group 12 meeting, and make final preparations for the next Study Group 3 meeting; and on April 18, 2000, to review the results of the Study Group 3 meeting, and make final preparations for the Study Group 12 meeting. U.S. Study Group A normally meets from 9:30 to noon.

U.S. Study Group B will meet January 6, 2000, to complete preparations for the next Study Group 4 meeting; on February 9, 2000, to review the results of the Study Group 4 meeting, begin preparations for the next Study Group 15 meeting, and final preparations for the next Study Group 13 meeting. U.S. Study Group B meets from 9:30 to 4:00.

U.S. Study Group D will meet January 18, 2000, for final preparations for the next Study Groups 8 & 16 meetings; on March 1, 2000, to review the results of

the Study Groups 8 & 16 meetings, begin preparations for the next Study Group 9 meeting, and final preparations for the next Study Group 7 meeting; and on April 26, 2000, to review the results from Study Group 7, and make final preparations for the next Study Group 9 meeting. U.S. Study Group D normally meets from 9:30 to noon.

Members of the general public may attend these meetings. Entrance to the Department of State is controlled; people intending to attend any of the ITAC meetings should send a fax to (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting. This fax should display the name of the meeting (ITAC T, or U.S. Study Group A, B, or D, and date of meeting), your name, social security number, date of birth, and organizational affiliation. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admission: U.S. driver's license, passport, U.S. Government identification card. Enter from the C Street Lobby; in view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive not less than 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Actual room assignments may be determined at the lobby or by calling the Secretariat at 202 647-0965/2592.

Attendees may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admission of members will be limited to seating available.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Marian Gordon,

Director, Telecommunication & Information Standardization, Department of State.

[FR Doc. 99-32890 Filed 12-17-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710-07-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Weather and Winter Mobility Program

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of letters of interest.

SUMMARY: This document solicits letters of interest from private sector vendors of weather information services and products for participation in development of Surface Transportation Weather Decision Support Requirements (STWDSR) relating to the legislative requirement to incorporate research on the impact of environmental, weather, and natural conditions on intelligent transportation systems, including the effects of cold climates provided in section 5207 of the

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The FHWA's weather and winter mobility program is conducting a project to document these requirements. Firms and individuals having expertise in products or services relevant to the STWDSR document are invited to participate in stakeholder meetings and review of draft documents as a contribution to the STWDSR. Up to two outreach sessions will be held between 1/1/00 and 6/30/00 with accompanying rounds of document review.

DATES: Letters of interest from private vendors should be received by February 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Your letters of interest may be mailed or hand carried to the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Transportation Operations, HOTO-1, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or submitted electronically to:

Paul.Pisano@fhwa.dot.gov in WordPerfect 6.1 or higher.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Pisano, Office of Transportation Operations, HOTO-1, (202) 366-1301, or Mr. Wilbert Baccus, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-32, (202) 366-4233, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's home page at: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's web page at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Internet users may access the FHWA Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) web site at <http://www.its.dot.gov>.

Background

Section 5207(b)(5) of the TEA-21, Public Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, at 458 (1998), requires the FHWA to incorporate research on the impact of environmental, weather, and natural conditions on intelligent transportation systems.

The FHWA has conducted system engineering and program planning activities to define a conceptual Weather Information for Surface Transportation Decision Support

System (WIST-DSS). This system is intended to be an integrated part of the ITS, and is described in the white paper on "Weather Information for Surface Transportation," May 15, 1998, available electronically at: <http://www.its.dot.gov/welcome.htm>. The document can be retrieved by logging into the Electronic Document Library as a guest (select "EDL Login"), and then searching on the document number, which is 11263.

The STWDSR document will define weather information needs of surface transportation (especially road) users and operators, that ultimately will aid in improved decisionmaking to reduce negative impacts of weather on the roadway network. It will also define WIST-DSS requirements in response to these needs.

Creation of the STWDSR document will include defining the state-of-the-art in decision support systems involving weather and road-surface condition information, and allocating requirements to decision support system components within the ITS. Initially, the focus will be on highway winter maintenance agencies. The document also will identify future system research and operational tests to be funded by the FHWA, and will contribute to interdepartmental requirements through the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology (OFCM). Background The STWDSR plans specify participation of stakeholder groups, including nonprofit research and development organizations specializing in various aspects of meteorological system development, highway maintenance managers, and vendors of weather information systems and consulting.

The STWDSR development task is being conducted between 5/1/99 and 6/30/00 and is organized around two key deliverables:

1. STWDSR Version 1.0 delivered 11/15/99, and
2. STWDSR Version 2.0 delivered 6/30/00.

These deliverables are correlated with the OFCM program for the Weather Information for Surface Transportation Joint Action Group (WIST/JAG). The deliverables will be inputs to the OFCM requirements process, and independently will guide the FHWA program of research and development, operational tests and deployment guidance, as well as informing the weather-information elements of the National ITS Architecture. The Version 1.0 document will be a baseline for stakeholder review that will contribute to STWDSR Version 2.0.

Participation of private sector vendors of weather information services and

products will contribute to: (1) Defining the state of practice in tailored weather information for surface transportation decisionmakers; (2) identifying information needs into the tailoring process, and; (3) identifying technical advances needed to enhance the quality or delivery of weather information services. No proprietary information will be required. Attendance at stakeholder meetings will be at the expense of the private sector participants. The stakeholder meetings will be for nonproprietary information exchange. Formal marketing activities, such as, booths or product sales presentations will not be accommodated. Consenting participants may be selected to give presentations or serve on discussion panels relevant to STWDSR review and development, and user education.

The following items are required in the letter of interest:

1. The organization, contact person, address, telephone number, fax number and email.
2. Brief description of the expertise and/or products relevant to STWDSR development.
3. The level of effort the respondent is willing to undertake, including:
 - a. Attendance at stakeholder meetings;
 - b. Giving presentations at stakeholder meetings;
 - c. Review of draft documentation; and
 - d. Receipt of final documentation.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; Sec. 5207, Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, at 458 (1998); and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: December 9, 1999.

Gloria J. Jeff,

Federal Highway Deputy Administrator.

[FR Doc. 99-32909 Filed 12-17-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Transfer of Federally Assisted Land or Facility

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to transfer Federally assisted land or facility.

SUMMARY: Section 5334(g) of the Federal Transit Laws, as codified, 49 U.S.C. §§ 5301, *et seq.*, permits the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to authorize a recipient of FTA funds to transfer land or a facility to a public body for any public purpose with no further obligation to the Federal Government if,

among other things, no Federal agency is interested in acquiring the asset for Federal use. Accordingly, FTA is issuing this Notice to advise Federal agencies that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) intends to transfer approximately 75,882 square feet, or 1.74 acres, of land and improvements thereon situated at Marion Drive and Copper Beech Drive in Kingston, Massachusetts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Any Federal agency interested in acquiring the parcel of land and improvements thereon must notify the FTA Region I Office of its interest by January 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should notify the Regional Office by writing to Richard H. Doyle, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, 55 Broadway, Room 921, Cambridge, MA 02142.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret E. Foley, Regional Counsel, at 617/494-2409; Richard N. Cole, Director of Operations and Program Management, at 617/494-2395; or Jackie Hathaway, FTA Headquarters Office of Program Management, at 202/366-6106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

49 U.S.C. 5334(g) provides guidance on the transfer of capital assets. Specifically, if a recipient of FTA assistance decides an asset acquired under this chapter at least in part with that assistance is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was acquired, the Secretary of Transportation may authorize the recipient to transfer the asset to a local governmental authority to be used for a public purpose with no further obligation to the Government.

49 U.S.C. 5334(g)(1) Determinations

The Secretary may authorize a transfer for a public purpose other than mass transportation only if the Secretary decides:

(A) The asset will remain in public use for at least 5 years after the date the asset is transferred;

(B) There is no purpose eligible for assistance under this chapter for which the asset should be used;

(C) The overall benefit of allowing the transfer is greater than the interest of the Government in liquidation and return of the financial interest of the Government in the asset, after considering fair market value and other factors; and

(D) Through an appropriate screening or survey process, that there is no interest in acquiring the asset for Government use if the asset is a facility or land.