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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Announcement of the Extension of the SBAExpress Pilot Loan Program

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of pilot extension.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announces extension of the SBAExpress Loan program as a pilot until September 30, 2002. This extension will allow time for the Agency to develop, implement and test significant changes to the program. These changes are the product of discussions with SBA field offices, SBA lenders, and the small business community.

The SBAExpress Pilot Loan program was established in 1995 to streamline and expedite the SBA's loan application, processing and approval procedures for smaller loans and to substantially increase the number of those loans approved by the Agency. While the program has grown to represent 29 percent of the SBA's current loan volume, the Agency has identified a number of changes and enhancements that would make the program more attractive to its lending partners and better meet the needs of small businesses. The extension of SBAExpress as a pilot until September 30, 2005, will allow the Agency to implement those changes and test their implications for the Agency's portfolio. It will also allow SBA to further consult with regulatory and lending institutions, lenders and the small business community about the program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Dated: June 7, 2002.

Jane Palsgrove Butler,

Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4050]

Request for Proposals

The Office of Crime Programs, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL/C) is seeking proposals from qualified U.S. Organizations and Institutions with the requisite capability and experience to develop a methodology for assessing the effectiveness of anticorruption policies and actions being taken by national governments. The methodology should include a process to identify deficiencies in such policies and actions for the purpose of providing constructive input and targeting technical assistance to address deficiencies. Organizations will also be asked to test this methodology on four sample countries. Current plans are to award up to a total of \$200,000 to be available to develop this International Anticorruption Assessment Process (IAAP). Applications are due 7/12/02 at 4 p.m. EST. Interested applicants may obtain detailed application instructions from the following website: www.statebuy.gov; click on grant opportunities.

For questions, please contact Linda Gower, Grants Officer, at (202) 776-8774 or gowerlg@state.gov.

Dated: June 6, 2002.

Steve Peterson,

Director, Office of Crime Programs, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3988]

Notice of Meeting; United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee Telecommunication Development Sector

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC-D). The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department on policy, technical and operational issues with respect to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This meeting will address preparations for the ITU-D Study Group and Telecommunication Development Advisory Group meetings.

The ITAC-D will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 on June 18, 2002 at the Department of State Room 1406. Admittance of

public members will be limited to the seating available. In this regard, entrance to the Department of State is controlled. People intending to attend the meeting should send a fax to (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting. On this fax, please include the name of the meeting, your name, social security number, date of birth and organization. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with your picture on it, U.S. passport, or U.S. Government identification. Directions to the meeting location and on which entrance to use may be determined by calling the ITAC Secretariat at 202 647-2592 or e-mail to worsleydm@state.gov. Attendees may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admission of participants will be limited to seating available.

Dated: May 30, 2002.

Doreen McGirr,

Director, ITU-D Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-260]

WTO Consultations Regarding EC Provisional Safeguard Measures Against Imports of Certain Steel Products

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that on May 30, 2002, the United States requested consultations with the European Communities (EC) under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), regarding the imposition of provisional safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products. These measures appear to be inconsistent with the EC's obligations under the provisions of the GATT 1994 and of the *WTO Agreement on Safeguards*, and, in particular, Article XIX of the GATT 1994 and Articles 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12 of the *Agreement on Safeguards*. Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU), such consultations are to take place within a period of 30 days from the date of the request, or within a period otherwise mutually agreed between the United States and the EC. USTR invites written