

offenses and while awaiting trial or sentencing. Eight prospective contract detention facility sites within a 50-mile radius of the U.S. Courthouse located at 1300 Victoria, Laredo, Texas have been offered to the USMS for consideration. The eight sites are described as follows:

- Killam Property—East of I-35 and north of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- San Rafael Property—West of I-35 and south of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Las Blancas Subdivision Property—North of State Highway 359 and east of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Pinto Valle Industrial Park Property—East of Farm-to-Market Road 1472 and northwest of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Riata/Laredo Property—North of State Highway 359 and east of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Valley Boulevard/Highway 83 Property—West of State Highway 83 and south of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas.
- Webb County Detention Center Property—West of State Highway 83 and south of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Encinal Property—East of I-35, south of State Highway 44 and east of the City of Encinal in La Salle County, Texas.

All sites offered will be evaluated by USMS in a DEIS that will analyze the potential impacts of detention facility construction and operation at the prospective sites.

The Process

In the process of evaluating prospective sites, many factors and features will be analyzed including, but not limited to: topography, geology/soils, hydrology, biological resources, utility services, transportation services, cultural resources, land uses, socio-economics, hazardous materials, air and noise quality, among others.

Alternatives

In developing the DEIS, the No Action alternative and alternative sites for the proposed contract detention facility will be examined.

Scoping Process

During the preparation of the DEIS, there will be opportunities for public involvement in order to determine the issues to be examined. Public Scoping Meetings will be held in and around communities under consideration for development of the contract detention facility at times, dates and at locations to be determined. The meeting locations, dates, and times will be well publicized and will be arranged to allow

for the public as well as interested agencies and organizations to attend and formally express their views on the scope and significant issues to be studied as part of the DEIS process. The Scoping Meetings are also being held to provide for timely public comments and understanding of federal plans and programs with possible environmental consequences as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Availability of DEIS

Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

Contact

Questions concerning the proposed action and the DEIS may be directed to: Karin E. Eddy, Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of Justice—United States Marshals Service, Headquarters Contracts Office, C.S. #3, Room 927, Washington, DC 20530-1000, Telephone: 202-353-8348/Facsimile: 202-307-9695.

Dated: September 2, 2003.

Thomas J. McCafferty,
Contracting Officer, United States Marshals Service.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2003, from 9 am to 1 pm in Seabreeze II at the San Diego Sheraton in San Diego, California to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, please write or call Vanessa Piccioni, U. S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20416, telephone number (202) 205-6705.

Sue Hensley,
Associate Administrator, Communications and Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Amended Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Saturday, October 4, 2003 from 12:30 p.m. EDT to 1:30 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227, or 414-297-1611.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Saturday, October 4, 2003, from 12:30 p.m. EDT to 1:30 p.m. EDT at Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC. Written comments will be accepted by mail. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 414-297-1611 or write Barbara Toy, TAP Office, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue Stop 1006MIL, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Mrs. Toy can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 414-297-1611. The agenda will include various IRS issues.

Dated: September 15, 2003.

Martha J. Curry,
Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Savings Association Holding Company Report H-(b)11

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on

proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on the Savings Association Holding Company Report H-(b)11 proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before November 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title (Savings Association Holding Company Report H-(b)11) or by OMB approval number (1550-0060), to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at www.ots.treas.gov. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Kevin O'Connell, Affiliates Specialist, (202) 906-5693,

Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;

b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Savings Association Holding Company Report H-(b)11.

OMB Number: 1550-0060.

Form Number: H-(b)11.

Regulation requirement: 12 CFR 584.1(a)(2).

Description: The H-(b)11 form is used to aid OTS in determining whether savings and loan holding companies are engaging in activities that may prove injurious to any subsidiary savings

association, as well as to applicable statutes and regulations. We are seeking only a six-month renewal of the current form, to March 31, 2004, as we are in the process of streamlining the form in conjunction with an expansion of holding company information to be gathered through the quarterly Thrift Financial Report. The streamlined H-(b)11, which we anticipate reducing the current 22 information request items to only four, would take effect April 1, 2004, in conjunction with the expanded Thrift Financial Report. The new H-(b)11 form is expected to be submitted for public notice by October of 2003.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings association holding companies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 963.

Estimated Frequency of Response: 2 (using the current form).

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 15.5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 29,853 hours.

Clearance Officer: Marilyn K. Burton, (202) 906-6467, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 15, 2003.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

James E. Gilleran,

Director.

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