

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,
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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