

at the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport. The revised list of major actions proposed to be assessed in the EIS include improvements to the Runway Safety Area; installation of an Approach Light System; construction of a parallel taxiway; construction of a Seaplane Pullout; and repairs and improvements to the Airport's Seawall.

To ensure that the full range of issuers related to the proposed actions are addressed and that all significant issues are identified, FAA intends to consult and coordinate with the public, tribal governments, Federal, State and local agencies that have jurisdiction by law or have specific expertise with respect to any environmental impacts associated with the proposed projects.

A general Public Scoping Meeting will be held in the City of Sitka at Centennial Hall at 6:30 p.m. July 27th, 2004. Notification of the scoping meeting will be published in the Juneau Empire, and the Daily Sitka Sentinel. In addition to providing input at the public scoping meeting, the public and agencies may submit written comments to the address in *To Submit Written Comments, Send To*. Comments should be submitted within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

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Manager, Airports Division, AAL-600.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC., on August 3, 2004 at 10 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee: Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Bond Market Association ("Committee")

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury of his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues, and a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(d) and P.L. 103-202, 202(c)(1)(B)(31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority

placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions, financing estimates and technical charts. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections and technical charts. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Jeff Huther, Director, Office of Debt Management, at (202) 622-1868.

Dated: July 7, 2004.

Timothy Bitsberger,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Federal Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 2004-44

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: *COM020* Notice and request for comments.

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Revenue Procedure 2004-44, Extension of the Amortization Period.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 13, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the revenue procedure should be directed to Carol Savage at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3945, or through the Internet at CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Extension of the Amortization Period.

OMB Number: 1545-1890.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 2004-44.

Abstract: Revenue Procedure 2004-44 describes the process for obtaining an extension of the amortization period for the minimum funding standards set forth in section 412(e) of the Code.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.