

funding plans for each Military Service and the Defense Logistics Agency support near-term, warfighting operations, the industrial base, and long-range/revolutionary technologies. Assess the adequacy of technical investments across manufacturing process disciplines and support for both Joint Warfighting Capabilities and revolutionary technologies. The Task Force will also appraise funding for manufacturing research and development, including mechanisms to support both Service/Agency requirements and cross-cutting initiatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LTC Scott Dolgoff, USA, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3D865, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at [scott.dolgoff@osd.mil](mailto:scott.dolgoff@osd.mil), or via phone at (703) 695-4158.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must contact LTC Dolgoff no later than February 7, 2005, and March 7, 2005, for further information about admission as seating is limited. Additionally, those who wish to make oral comments or deliver written comments should also request to be scheduled, and submit a written text of the comments by February 11, 2005, and March 16, 2005, to allow time for distribution to Task Force members prior to the meeting. Individual oral comments will be limited to five minutes, with the total oral comment period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Dated: January 25, 2005.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

**DATES:** March 15, 2005 from 9000 to 1700 and March 16, 2005 from 0800 to 1525.

**ADDRESSES:** Quality Inn Jacksonville, 701 N. Marine Blvd., Jacksonville, NC 28540.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Taunya King, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2124.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Matters To Be Considered

Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

Dated: January 26, 2005.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

**AGENCY:** DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

**ACTION:** Notice of revised non-foreign overseas *per diem* rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 237. This bulletin lists revisions in the *per diem* rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 237 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid *per diem* at the most current rates.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document gives notice of revisions in *per diem* rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 236. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions of *per diem* rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about *per diem* rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows:

Dated: January 26, 2005.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Defense.*

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LOCALITY	MAXIMUM	M&IE	MAXIMUM	EFFECTIVE
	LODGING		PER DIEM	
	AMOUNT	RATE	RATE	DATE
	(A)	(B)	(C)	

THE ONLY CHANGE IN CIVILIAN BULLETIN 237 ARE UPDATES TO THE RATES FOR KOTZEBUE AND SLANA, ALASKA.

LOCALITY	MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT (A)	M&IE RATE (B)	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE (C)	EFFECTIVE DATE
ALASKA				
ADAK	120	79	199	07/01/2003
ANCHORAGE [INCL NAV RES]				
05/01 - 09/15	170	89	259	06/01/2004
09/16 - 04/30	95	81	176	06/01/2004
BARROW	159	95	254	05/01/2002
BETHEL	119	77	196	06/01/2004
BETTLES	135	62	197	10/01/2004
CLEAR AB	80	55	135	09/01/2001
COLD BAY	90	73	163	05/01/2002
COLDFOOT	135	71	206	10/01/1999
COPPER CENTER				
05/16 - 09/15	109	63	172	07/01/2003
09/16 - 05/15	99	63	162	07/01/2003
CORDOVA	110	75	185	06/01/2004
CRAIG	100	68	168	06/01/2004
DEADHORSE	95	67	162	05/01/2002
DELTA JUNCTION	89	75	164	06/01/2004
DENALI NATIONAL PARK				
06/01 - 08/31	114	65	179	06/01/2004
09/01 - 05/31	80	61	141	06/01/2004
DILLINGHAM	114	69	183	06/01/2004
DUTCH HARBOR-UNALASKA	119	72	191	06/01/2004
EARECKSON AIR STATION	80	55	135	09/01/2001
EIELSON AFB				
05/01 - 09/15	159	88	247	06/01/2004
09/16 - 04/30	75	79	154	06/01/2004
ELMENDORF AFB				
05/01 - 09/15	170	89	259	06/01/2004
09/16 - 04/30	95	81	176	06/01/2004
FAIRBANKS				
05/01 - 09/15	159	88	247	06/01/2004
09/16 - 04/30	75	79	154	06/01/2004
FOOTLOOSE	175	18	193	06/01/2002
FT. GREELY	89	75	164	06/01/2004
FT. RICHARDSON				
05/01 - 09/15	170	89	259	06/01/2004
09/16 - 04/30	95	81	176	06/01/2004
FT. WAINWRIGHT				
05/01 - 09/15	159	88	247	06/01/2004
09/16 - 04/30	75	79	154	06/01/2004
GLENNALLEN				
05/01 - 09/30	137	75	212	06/01/2004
10/01 - 04/30	89	70	159	06/01/2004
HEALY				
06/01 - 08/31	114	65	179	06/01/2004

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LOCALITY	MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT		+	M&IE RATE		=	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE		EFFECTIVE DATE
	(A)	(B)		(C)					
09/01 - 05/31	80			61			141	06/01/2004	
HOMER									
05/15 - 09/15	145			77			222	06/01/2004	
09/16 - 05/14	99			72			171	06/01/2004	
JUNEAU	120			84			204	06/01/2004	
KAKTOVIK	165			86			251	05/01/2002	
KAVIK CAMP	150			69			219	05/01/2002	
KENAI-SOLDOTNA									
04/01 - 10/31	110			83			193	04/01/2003	
11/01 - 03/31	69			75			144	04/01/2003	
KENNICOTT	179			83			262	06/01/2004	
KETCHIKAN									
05/01 - 09/30	113			80			193	06/01/2004	
10/01 - 04/30	98			78			176	06/01/2004	
KING SALMON									
05/01 - 10/01	225			91			316	05/01/2002	
10/02 - 04/30	125			81			206	05/01/2002	
KLAWOCK	100			68			168	06/01/2004	
KODIAK	99			81			180	06/01/2004	
KOTZEBUE									
05/15 - 09/30	141			86			227	02/01/2005	
10/01 - 05/14	135			85			220	02/01/2005	
KULIS AGS									
05/01 - 09/15	170			89			259	06/01/2004	
09/16 - 04/30	95			81			176	06/01/2004	
MCCARTHY	179			83			262	06/01/2004	
METLAKATLA									
05/30 - 10/01	98			48			146	05/01/2002	
10/02 - 05/29	78			47			125	05/01/2002	
MURPHY DOME									
05/01 - 09/15	159			88			247	06/01/2004	
09/16 - 04/30	75			79			154	06/01/2004	
NOME	120			89			209	06/01/2004	
NUIQSUT	180			53			233	05/01/2002	
PETERSBURG	90			64			154	06/01/2004	
POINT HOPE	130			70			200	03/01/1999	
POINT LAY	105			67			172	03/01/1999	
PORT ALSWORTH	135			88			223	05/01/2002	
PRUDHOE BAY	95			67			162	05/01/2002	
SEWARD									
05/01 - 09/30	145			82			227	06/01/2004	
10/01 - 04/30	89			72			161	06/01/2004	
SITKA-MT. EDGECUMBE									
05/01 - 09/30	119			74			193	06/01/2004	
10/01 - 04/30	99			72			171	06/01/2004	
SKAGWAY									
05/01 - 09/30	113			80			193	06/01/2004	
10/01 - 04/30	98			78			176	06/01/2004	
SLANA									
05/01 - 09/30	139			55			194	02/01/2005	

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	LODGING		PER DIEM	
	AMOUNT	RATE	RATE	DATE
	(A) +	(B) =	(C)	
10/01 - 04/30	99	55	154	02/01/2005
SPRUCE CAPE	99	81	180	06/01/2004
ST. GEORGE	129	55	184	06/01/2004
TALKEETNA	100	89	189	07/01/2002
TANANA	120	89	209	06/01/2004
TOGIAK	100	39	139	07/01/2002
TOK				
05/01 - 09/30	90	66	156	06/01/2004
10/01 - 04/30	60	63	123	06/01/2004
UMIAT	150	98	248	04/01/2003
UNALAKLEET	79	80	159	04/01/2003
VALDEZ				
05/01 - 10/01	129	77	206	06/01/2004
10/02 - 04/30	79	72	151	06/01/2004
WASILLA				
05/01 - 09/30	134	82	216	06/01/2004
10/01 - 04/30	80	77	157	06/01/2004
WRANGELL				
05/01 - 09/30	113	80	193	06/01/2004
10/01 - 04/30	98	78	176	06/01/2004
YAKUTAT	110	68	178	03/01/1999
[OTHER]	80	55	135	09/01/2001
AMERICAN SAMOA				
AMERICAN SAMOA	135	67	202	06/01/2004
GUAM				
GUAM (INCL ALL MIL INSTAL)	135	89	224	09/01/2004
HAWAII				
CAMP H M SMITH	129	91	220	06/01/2004
EASTPAC NAVAL COMP TELE AREA	129	91	220	06/01/2004
FT. DERUSSEY	129	91	220	06/01/2004
FT. SHAFTER	129	91	220	06/01/2004
HICKAM AFB	129	91	220	06/01/2004
HONOLULU (INCL NAV & MC RES CTR)	129	91	220	06/01/2004
ISLE OF HAWAII: HILO	100	80	180	06/01/2003
ISLE OF HAWAII: OTHER	150	79	229	06/01/2003
ISLE OF KAUAI	158	93	251	06/01/2004
ISLE OF MAUI	159	95	254	06/01/2004
ISLE OF OAHU	129	91	220	06/01/2004
KEKAHA PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FAC	158	93	251	06/01/2004
KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP	100	80	180	06/01/2003
LANAI	400	148	548	06/01/2004
LUALUALEI NAVAL MAGAZINE	129	91	220	06/01/2004
MCB HAWAII	129	91	220	06/01/2004
MOLOKAI	93	91	184	06/01/2004
NAS BARBERS POINT	129	91	220	06/01/2004
PEARL HARBOR [INCL ALL MILITARY]	129	91	220	06/01/2004
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS	129	91	220	06/01/2004
WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD	129	91	220	06/01/2004
[OTHER]	72	61	133	01/01/2000
JOHNSTON ATOLL				

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JOHNSTON ATOLL	0		14		14	05/01/2002
MIDWAY ISLANDS						
MIDWAY ISLANDS [INCL ALL MILITAR	150		47		197	02/01/2000
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS						
ROTA	129		90		219	09/01/2004
SAIPAN	121		92		213	09/01/2004
TINIAN	85		70		155	09/01/2004
[OTHER]	55		72		127	04/01/2000
PUERTO RICO						
BAYAMON						
04/11 - 12/23	155		71		226	01/01/2000
12/24 - 04/10	195		75		270	01/01/2000
CAROLINA						
04/11 - 12/23	155		71		226	01/01/2000
12/24 - 04/10	195		75		270	01/01/2000
FAJARDO [INCL CEIBA & LUQUILLO]	82		54		136	01/01/2000
FT. BUCHANAN [INCL GSA SVC CTR,						
04/11 - 12/23	155		71		226	01/01/2000
12/24 - 04/10	195		75		270	01/01/2000
HUMACAO	82		54		136	01/01/2000
LUIS MUNOZ MARIN IAP AGS						
04/11 - 12/23	155		71		226	01/01/2000
12/24 - 04/10	195		75		270	01/01/2000
MAYAGUEZ	85		59		144	01/01/2000
PONCE	96		69		165	01/01/2000
ROOSEVELT RDS & NAV STA	82		54		136	01/01/2000
SABANA SECA [INCL ALL MILITARY]						
04/11 - 12/23	155		71		226	01/01/2000
12/24 - 04/10	195		75		270	01/01/2000
SAN JUAN & NAV RES STA						
04/11 - 12/23	155		71		226	01/01/2000
12/24 - 04/10	195		75		270	01/01/2000
[OTHER]	62		57		119	01/01/2000
VIRGIN ISLANDS (U.S.)						
ST. CROIX						
04/15 - 12/14	98		83		181	08/01/2003
12/15 - 04/14	135		87		222	08/01/2003
ST. JOHN						
04/15 - 12/14	110		91		201	08/01/2003
12/15 - 04/14	185		98		283	08/01/2003
ST. THOMAS						
04/15 - 12/14	163		95		258	08/01/2003
12/15 - 04/14	220		99		319	08/01/2003
WAKE ISLAND						
WAKE ISLAND	60		32		92	09/01/1998

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for the Approval of Nurse Education**

*Agency:* National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education (The Advisory Committee).

**What Is the Purpose of This Notice?**

The purpose of this notice is to invite written comments on accrediting agencies and State approval agencies whose applications to the Secretary for renewed recognition or whose reports will be reviewed at the Advisory Committee meeting to be held on June 13, 2005.

**Where Should I Submit My Comments?**

Please submit your written comments by mail, fax, or e-mail no later than March 3, 2005 to Ms. Robin Greathouse, Accreditation and State Liaison. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, room 7105, MS 8509, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7011, fax: (202) 219-7005, or e-mail:

*Robin.Greathouse@ed.gov.* Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**What Is the Authority for the Advisory Committee?**

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c. One of the purposes of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Education on the recognition of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies.

**Will This Be My Only Opportunity To Submit Written Comments?**

Yes, this notice announces the only opportunity you will have to submit written comments. However, a subsequent **Federal Register** notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests to make oral presentations before the Advisory Committee on the agencies that the Committee will review. That notice, however, does not offer a second opportunity to submit written comment.

**What Happens to the Comments That I Submit?**

We will review your comments, in response to this notice, as part of our evaluation of the agencies' compliance with Section 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended and the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies and State Approval Agencies. The Criteria are regulations found in 34 CFR Part 602 (for accrediting agencies) and in 34 CFR Part 603 (for State approval agencies) and are found at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>.

We will also include your comments with the staff analyses we present to the Advisory Committee at its June 2005 meeting. Therefore, in order for us to give full consideration to your comments, it is important that we receive them by March 3, 2005.

In all instances, your comments about agencies seeking initial or continued recognition must relate to the Criteria for Recognition. In addition, your comments for any agency whose interim report is scheduled for review must relate to the issues raised and the Criteria for Recognition cited in the Secretary's letter that requested the interim report.

**What Happens to Comments Received After the Deadline?**

We will review any comments received after the deadline. If such comments, upon investigation, reveal that the accrediting agency is not acting in accordance with the Criteria for Recognition, we will take action either before or after the meeting, as appropriate.

**What Agencies Will the Advisory Committee Review at the Meeting?**

The Secretary of Education recognizes accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education if the Secretary determines that they meet the Criteria for Recognition. Recognition means that the Secretary considers the agency to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs it accredits that are encompassed within the scope of recognition he grants to the agency.

The following agencies will be reviewed during the June 2005 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

**Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies***Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (Current and requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of postsecondary, non-degree-granting English language programs and institutions in the United States).

2. Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation throughout the United States of graduate-level, four-year naturopathic medical education programs leading to the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.M.D.) or Doctor of Naturopathy (N.D.)).

3. National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation of postsecondary schools and departments of cosmetology arts and sciences and massage therapy). (Requested scope of recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of postsecondary schools, including those granting occupational associate degrees, and departments of cosmetology arts and sciences and massage therapy).

4. Teacher Education Accreditation Council, Accreditation Committee (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation of professional teacher education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of K-12 teachers). (Requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation throughout the United States of professional teacher education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of K-12 teachers).

*Interim Report* (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted renewed recognition to the agency).

1. Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, Commission on Accrediting.

*Progress Report* (A report describing the agency's implementation of its new standards and accreditation process).

1. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges.