

counseling and other business development assistance to small businesses. Each SBDC provides services under a negotiated Cooperative Agreement with SBA, the general management and oversight of SBA, and a State plan initially approved by the Governor. Non-Federal funds must match Federal funds. An SBDC must operate according to law, the Cooperative Agreement, SBA's regulations, the annual Program Announcement, and program guidance.

Program Objectives

The SBDC program uses Federal funds to leverage the resources of States, academic institutions and the private sector to:

- (a) Strengthen the small business community;
- (b) Increase economic growth;
- (c) Assist more small businesses; and
- (d) Broaden the delivery system to more small businesses.

SBDC Program Organization

The lead SBDC operates a statewide or regional network of SBDC service centers. An SBDC must have a full-time Director. SBDCs must use at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide services to small businesses. SBDCs use volunteers and other low cost resources as much as possible.

SBDC Services

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, depending upon local needs, SBA priorities and SBDC program objectives. Services include training and counseling to existing and prospective small business owners in management, marketing, finance, operations, planning, taxes, and any other general or technical area of assistance that supports small business growth.

The SBA district office and the SBDC must agree upon the specific mix of services. They should give particular attention to SBA's priority and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, exporters, the disabled, and minorities.

SBDC Program Requirements

An SBDC must meet programmatic and financial requirements imposed by statutes, regulations or its Cooperative Agreement. The SBDC must:

- (a) Locate service centers so that they are as accessible as possible to small businesses;
- (b) Open all service centers at least 40 hours per week, or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;

(c) Develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment community, professional associations, private consultants and small business groups; and

(d) Maintain list of private consultants at each service center.

Dated: May 12, 2005.

Antonio Doss,

Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5083]

Notice Convening an Accountability Review Board for the January 29, 2005, Rocket Attack on the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, Which Caused the Deaths of LCDR Keith Taylor, USN, and Ms. Barbara Heald

Pursuant to section 301 of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986, as amended (22 U.S.C. 4831 *et seq.*), the Secretary of State has determined that the January 29, 2005 deaths of LCDR Keith Taylor, USN, and Ms. Barbara Heald of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, involved loss of life at or related to a U.S. mission abroad. Therefore, the Secretary has convened an Accountability Review Board, as required by that statute, to examine the facts and the circumstances of the attack and to report to me such findings and recommendations as it deems appropriate, in keeping with the attached mandate.

The Secretary has appointed Edward G. Lanpher, a retired U.S. Ambassador, as Chair of the Board. He will be assisted by M. Bart Flaherty, Frederick Mecke, Mike Absher, Laurie Tracy and by Executive Secretary to the Board, Douglas Hengel. They bring to their deliberations distinguished backgrounds in government service and/or in the private sector.

The Board will submit its conclusions and recommendations to Secretary Rice within 60 days of its first meeting, unless the Chair determines a need for additional time. Appropriate action will be taken and reports submitted to Congress on any recommendations made by the Board.

Anyone with information relevant to the Board's examination of this incident should contact the Board promptly at (202) 203-7149 or send a fax to the Board at (202) 203-7143.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 10, 2005.

Christopher B. Burnham,

Acting Under Secretary for Management, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Land at Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of request to release airport land.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to rule and invites public comment on the release of Solano County from the conditions and restrictions contained in applicable grant agreements with the United States for approximately 1.9 acres of undeveloped airport land obligated for airport purposes at Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville, California, and which is not needed for airport purposes. The airport land is needed for the realignment and widening of East Monte Vista Avenue, the primary access to the Airport. The improvements to East Monte Vista Avenue represent a compatible land use and will provide better access to the Airport and enhance the value and economic vitality of the Airport. Upon the release of this airport land, the City of Vacaville will acquire the land at appraised fair market value. Solano County will use the sale proceeds for needed airport improvements.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, **Federal Register** Comment, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Andrew Swanson, Airport Manager, Nut Tree Airport, 301 County Airport Road, Vacaville, California 95688.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Racier Cavole, Airports Compliance Specialist, San Francisco Airports District Office, Federal Aviation Administration, 831 Mitten Road, Room 210, Burlingame, California 94010,