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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Intent To Hold Public Forums To Solicit Feedback From the Public Regarding the Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service, USDA published a document in the Federal Register of February 2, 2010, concerning upcoming public forums and request for comments regarding the Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing Program. There has been a change in the date to receive written comments, a change in one of the forum dates and a change in contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn L. Bell, Chief, Special Program and New Initiatives Branch, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0783, Washington, DC 20250-0783, telephone (202) 720-1532, fax: (202) 720-2232, e-mail carolyn.bell@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The date for all written questions and comments to be received has been changed to July 15, 2010, and the date for Washington, DC has been changed to June 30, 2010.

Dated: April 9, 2010.

Kathy Mcentee,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of an Opportunity To Serve on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Travel Promotion

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is inviting expressions of interest to serve on the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Board) from leaders with knowledge of international travel promotion and marketing and who have expertise and experience in specific sectors of the travel and tourism industry. The purpose of the initial Board is to, among other things, serve as incorporators and establish the Corporation for Travel Promotion.

DATES: All information must be received by the Office of the Secretary at the email or postal address below by close of business (EDT) on May 10, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Please submit relevant information via e-mail to TPABoard@doc.gov or by mail to John Connor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5835, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Travel Promotion Act of 2009 (TPA) was passed on February 25, 2010 and signed into law on March 4, 2010. The TPA establishes the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Corporation), a non-profit corporation that will communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

The TPA states that the Corporation shall develop and execute a plan to (A) provide useful information to those interested in traveling to the United States; (B) identify and address perceptions regarding U.S. entry policies; (C) maximize economic and diplomatic benefits of travel to the United States through the use of various promotional tools; and (D) ensure that international travel benefits all States and the District of Columbia, and identify opportunities to promote tourism to rural and urban areas

equally, including areas not traditionally visited by international travelers.

The Corporation will be governed by a board of directors of eleven members with knowledge of international travel promotion and marketing and with appropriate expertise and experience in specific sectors of the travel and tourism industry. These members will broadly represent various regions of the United States.

Selection Criteria

The TPA directs the Secretary of Commerce (after consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State) to appoint the board of directors for the Corporation for Travel Promotion. Thus, in accordance with the TPA, the Department of Commerce will be selecting individuals with the appropriate expertise and experience from specific sectors of the travel and tourism industry to serve on the Board as follows:

(A) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the hotel accommodations sector;

(B) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the restaurant sector;

(C) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the small business or retail sector or in associations representing that sector;

(D) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the travel distribution services sector;

(E) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the attractions or recreations sector;

(F) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience as officials of a city convention and visitors' bureau;

(G) 2 shall have appropriate expertise and experience as officials of a State tourism office;

(H) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the passenger air sector;

(I) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in immigration law and policy, including visa requirements and United States entry procedures; and

(J) 1 shall have appropriate expertise in the intercity passenger railroad business.

To be eligible for Board membership, one must have international travel and tourism marketing experience and must also be a U.S. citizen. In addition, individuals cannot be federally registered lobbyists or registered as a