DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Transit Administration

Solicitation of Nominations for Members of the Transit Rail Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice to solicit nominees.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is seeking nominees to serve on TRACS. The Advisory Committee meets twice a year to advise FTA on transit safety issues. On February 1, 2010, FTA issued an initial notice (75 FR 5172) soliciting nominations to serve on TRACS. From that solicitation, 21 members were chosen, each representing a broad base of expertise relating to rail transit safety. The FTA Administrator (Administrator) has since determined that he would like to seek additional members to serve on TRACS. Specifically, the Administrator would like to augment the TRACS’ existing knowledge base with professionals who have done academic research in the safety field.

DATES: Applications must be submitted no later than May 27, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Walker, Acting Designated Federal Officer, Office of Safety and Security, Federal Transit Administration, 202–366–0235 or Bruce.Walker@dot.gov. Applications should be submitted to TRACS@dot.gov or mailed to the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Safety and Security, Room E46–338, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Background

The Secretary of Transportation established TRACS for the purpose of providing a forum for the development, consideration, and communication of information from knowledgeable and independent perspectives regarding transit rail safety. Currently, the TRACS committee consists of members representing key constituencies affected by rail transit safety requirements, including rail safety experts, labor unions, transit agencies, and State safety oversight agencies. The FTA Administrator is now seeking to increase the representation from members of the academic community. Qualified individuals interested in serving on this committee are invited to apply to FTA for appointment. The nominees should be knowledgeable of the rail transit industry and shall have conducted research on the emerging trends or issues related to rail transit safety. The nominees will be evaluated mainly on academic experience but also the following factors: Leadership and organizational skills, region of country represented, and diversity characteristics. Each nomination should include: Proposed committee member’s name and organizational affiliation, a cover letter describing the nominee’s qualifications or interest in serving on the committee, a curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee’s qualifications.

Self-nominations are acceptable and each submission should include the following contact information: Nominee’s name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. FTA prefers electronic submissions for all applications to TRACS@dot.gov. Applications will also be accepted via U.S. mail at the address identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice. All applications must be submitted by May 27, 2011.

The TRACS meets approximately twice a year, usually in Washington, DC, but may meet more frequently or via conference call if the need arises. Members serve at their own expense and receive no salary from the Federal Government. FTA retains authority to review the participation of any TRACS member and to recommend changes at any time. TRACS meetings will be open to the public and one need not be a member of TRACS to attend. Interested parties may view the charter at TRACS@dot.gov. The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the FTA Administrator will be making the final selections.

Therese McMillan, Deputy Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) is publishing the names of five individuals whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (“Kingpin Act”) (21 U.S.C. 1901–1908, 8 U.S.C. 1182).

DATES: The designation by the Acting Director of OFAC of the five individuals identified in this notice pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act is effective on April 20, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622–2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC’s Web site (http://www.treasury.gov/ofac) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: (202) 622–0077.

Background

The Kingpin Act became law on December 3, 1999. The Kingpin Act establishes a program targeting the activities of significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis. It provides a statutory framework for the President to impose sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. companies and individuals.

The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security when designating and blocking the property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of foreign persons who are found to be: (1) Materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; (2) owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

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