SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102–3.50, the Department of Defense (DoD) gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Department of Defense Audit Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as the “Committee”).

The Committee is a discretionary federal advisory committee that shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, independent advice and recommendations on DoD financial management, to include financial reporting processes, systems of internal controls, audit processes, and processes for monitoring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer may act upon the Committee’s advice and recommendations.

The Committee shall be comprised of no more than seven members, who are distinguished members of the audit, accounting and financial communities. No Committee members shall be a full-time or part-time DoD employee.

Committee members are appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. The Secretary of Defense shall renew their appointments on an annual basis.

With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, Committee members shall serve without compensation.

Committee members shall not be allowed to serve on the Committee for more than three consecutive terms.

The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer shall select the Committee’s Chairperson from the membership at large.

With DoD approval, the Committee is authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission. These subcommittees shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and other governing Federal regulations.

Such subcommittees shall work independently of the chartered Committee, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees shall have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Committee; nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Committee members.

Subcommittee members, who are not Committee members, shall be appointed in the same manner as the Committee members. Such individuals, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed on an annual basis. With the exception of travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–601–6128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Committee’s Chairperson and the estimated number of Committee meetings is four per year. The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with governing DoD policies and procedures. In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all Committee and subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the entire duration of the Committee or subcommittee meeting. The Designated Federal Officer shall, in coordination with the Chairperson approve all meeting agendas and adjourn any meeting when the Designated Federal Officer determines adjournment to be in the public interest.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Department of Defense Audit Advisory Committee’s membership about the Committee’s mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of Department of Defense Audit Advisory Committee.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Department of Defense Audit Advisory Committee, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

Contact information for the Department of Defense Audit Advisory Committee Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA’s FACA Database—https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Department of Defense Audit Advisory Committee. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

Dated: July 15, 2011.

Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
Termination of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Termination of Federal Advisory Committee.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–692–5952.

Dated: July 13, 2011.

Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information:
Withdrawal of Notices inviting applications for new awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011: European Union-United States Atlantis (Atlantis) Program; U.S.-Brazil Higher Education Consortia (U.S.-Brazil) Program; and the North American Mobility in Higher Education (NAM) Program.

SUMMARY: On April 1, 2011 (76 FR 18198) (Atlantis): March 29, 2011 (76 FR 17391) (U.S.-Brazil); and March 25, 2011 (76 FR 16743) (NAM), the Department published in the Federal Register notices inviting applications for new awards for each of the programs identified. On April 15, 2011, the President signed Public Law 112–10, the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, which substantially reduced funds available for the Department’s Higher Education account. This account is the source of funding for grants in these programs under the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. Therefore, no new grants will be made under the Atlantis, U.S.-Brazil, or NAM programs in FY 2011. As such, the Department withdraws these notices inviting applications for new awards for FY 2011.


For information on NAM, IFLE: Amy Wilson, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6082, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Telephone: (202) 502–7689 or by e-mail: amy.wilson@ed.gov.

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Dated: July 18, 2011.

Eduardo M. Ochoa, Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph–Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of arbitration panel decision under the Randolph–Sheppard Act.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) gives notice that on March 18, 2011, an arbitration panel rendered a decision in the matter of Sam Tocco v. Michigan Commission for the Blind, Case no. R–5/08–6. This panel was convened by the Department under 20 U.S.C. 107d–1(a), after the Department received a complaint filed by the petitioner, Sam Tocco.


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Dated: July 18, 2011.

Eduardo M. Ochoa, Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 6(c) of the Randolph–Sheppard Act (Act), 20 U.S.C. 107d–2(c), the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register a synopsis of each arbitration panel decision affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal and other property.

Background

Sam Tocco (Complainant) alleged violations by the Michigan Commission for the Blind, the State licensing agency (SLA), under the Act and its implementing regulations in 3 CFR part 395. Complainant alleged that the SLA violated the Act, the implementing regulations, and State rules and regulations by terminating his vending operator’s license at the United States Postal Service’s Pontiac vending route (Pontiac vending route).

Specifically, Complainant became a Randolph–Sheppard vendor in 2003. Beginning in 2006, he was promoted to the Pontiac vending route. In August and December 2006, the SLA was prepared to revoke Complainant’s operating license for a variety of reasons that were not relevant to the subject arbitration. In August 2006, Complainant signed a probationary agreement with the SLA.

However, in the later part of 2007, Complainant again experienced compliance issues and the SLA and Complainant entered into another probationary agreement on September 19, 2007 (2007 probationary agreement), to resolve various outstanding issues. On January 15, 2008, the SLA informed Complainant that he had violated the terms of the 2007 probationary agreement and revoked his operating license, effective January 24, 2008, for failure to pay an annual health license fee.

Complainant then requested a full evidentiary hearing from the SLA on this matter. However, the SLA asserted that Complainant waived his right to an evidentiary hearing and other due process protections by signing the 2007 probationary agreement. Shortly thereafter, Complainant filed another request with the SLA for a full evidentiary hearing. On January 23, 2008, the SLA again denied Complainant’s request for an evidentiary hearing.

On March 10, 2008, Complainant’s representative filed a request with the Department to convene a Federal arbitration panel. On March 26, 2008, the Department responded to Complainant’s request informing Complainant and the SLA that, while Complainant did not qualify for arbitration as he had not been provided