DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7606]

“100,000 Strong” Initiative Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Meeting

Summary: The Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Department of State hereby gives notice of a public meeting of the “100,000 Strong” Initiative Federal Advisory Committee. The “100,000 Strong” Federal Advisory Committee, composed of prominent China experts and leaders in business, academic, and non-profit organizations, serves a critical advisory role in achieving the Administration’s goal, announced in May 2010, of seeing 100,000 Americans study in China by 2014.

Agenda: Implementation of the 100,000 Strong Initiative in the private sector.

Time and Place: The meeting will take place on Thursday, November 4, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT at the Department of State, Washington, DC. Participants should arrive by 12:30 p.m. at 2201 C Street, NW., C Street Lobby, and will be directed to the meeting room.

Public Participation: This Advisory Committee meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the building is controlled; persons wishing to attend should contact Kim McClure of the Department of State’s Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs at mcclurekm@state.gov

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7651]

U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL)—Online Dispute Resolution Study Group Meeting (ODR)

The Department of State, Office of Legal Adviser, Office of Private International Law ACPIL online dispute resolution (ODR) study group would like to give notice of a public meeting on Friday October 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT. The ACPIL ODR Study Group will meet to discuss the upcoming meeting of the UNCITRAL ODR Working Group that will take place November 14–18 in Vienna. The UNCITRAL ODR Working Group is charged with the development of legal instruments for resolving both business to business and business to consumer cross-border electronic commerce disputes. At the November meeting, the Working Group will continue to consider inter alia ODR procedural rules for resolution of cross-border electronic commerce disputes.

For the report of the first two sessions of the UNCITRAL ODR Working Group (December 13–17, 2010 in Vienna (A/ CN.9/716) and May 23–27, 2011 in New York (A/CN.9/721)) please follow the following link: http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/commission/working_groups/3Online_Dispute_Resolution.html.

We expect that a revised draft text of online procedural rules that will be considered at the upcoming UNCITRAL ODR Working Group session will be available on the same link before the meeting.

Time and Place: The public meeting will take place at the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Department of State, Washington, DC. Participants should appear by 9:45 a.m. at the C Street gate to Navy Hill compound. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate by teleconferencing, contact Kim McClure at 202–647–7059 to receive the conference call-in number and the relevant information.

Dated: October 4, 2011.

Carola McGiffert, Deputy Director—100,000 Thousand Strong Initiative, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Membership Availability in the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee—Representative of Native American Tribes

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as required by the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, established the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG) in March 2001. The NPOAG was formed to provide continuing advice and counsel with respect to commercial air tour operations over and near national parks. This notice informs the public of a vacancy (due to completion of membership on April 2, 2012) on the NPOAG (now the NPOAG Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC)) for a representative of Native American tribal concerns and invites interested persons to apply to fill the vacancy.

DATES: Persons interested in serving on the NPOAG ARC should contact Mr. Barry Brayer in writing and postmarked or e-mailed on or before November 30, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Brayer, AWP–1SP, Special Programs Staff, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region Headquarters, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, CA 90009–2007, telephone: (310) 725–3800, e-mail: Barry.Brayer@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) was enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106–181. The Act required the establishment of the advisory group within 1 year after its enactment. The advisory group was established in March 2001, and is comprised of a balanced group of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairman of the advisory group.

The advisory group provides “advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator and the Director—

1. On the implementation of this title [the Act] and the amendments made by this title;
2. On commonly accepted quiet aircraft technology for use in commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands, which will receive preferential treatment in a given air tour management plan;
3. On other measures that might be taken to accommodate the interests of visitors to national parks; and
4. At the request of the Administrator and the Director, safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands.”

Members of the advisory group may be allowed certain travel expenses as authorized by section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code, for intermittent Government service.

By FAA Order No. 1110–138, signed by the FAA Administrator on October 10, 2003, the NPOAG became an Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). FAA Order No. 1110–138, was amended and became effective as FAA Order No. 1110–138A, on January 20, 2006.

The current NPOAG ARC is made up of one member representing general aviation, three members representing the air tour industry, four members representing environmental concerns, and two members representing Native American interests. Current members of the NPOAG ARC are: Heidi Williams, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Alan Stephen, fixed-winged air tour operator representative; Elling Halvorson, Papillon Airways, Inc.; Matthew Zuccaro, Helicopter Association International; Chip Dennerlein, Siskiyou Project; Gregory Miller, American Hiking Society; Dick Hingson, Sierra Club; Bryan Faehner, National Parks Conservation Association; Rory Majenty, Hualapai Nation; and Ray Russell, Navajo Parks and Recreation. Rory Majenty of the Hualapai Nation is the current NPOAG member with the expiring term on April 2, 2012.

In order to retain balance within the NPOAG ARC, the FAA and NPS invite persons interested in serving on the ARC to represent Native American tribes, to contact Mr. Barry Brayer (contact information is written above in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

Requests to serve on the ARC must be made to Mr. Brayer in writing and postmarked or e-mailed on or before November 30, 2011. The request should indicate whether or not you are a member of an association or group related to Native American tribal issues or concerns or have another affiliation with issues relating to aircraft flights over national parks. The request should also state what expertise you would bring to the NPOAG ARC as related to tribal concerns. The term of service for NPOAG ARC members is 3 years.

Issued in Hawthorne, CA on October 11, 2011.

Barry Brayer,
NPOAG Co-Chairman, Manager, Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 333X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Forsyth County, NC

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152...