

executed by Executive Order. The Task Force is chaired by the U.S. Small Business Administration and is comprised of representatives from the Department of Defense, the Department of Labor, the Department of Treasury, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the General Services Administration, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and four representatives from veterans service organizations, military service organizations, or associations.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs; Notice of Open Nominations

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of open nominations for veteran small business owners and veteran service organization representatives for the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration seeks member nominations from veteran owned small businesses and veteran service organizations to serve on the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs.

DATES: Nomination applications due by 11:59 p.m. (EST), October 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to veteransbusiness@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) seeks member nominations from veteran owned small businesses and veteran service organizations (VSO) to serve on the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs (ACVBA).

Additional Information: Nominations of eligible representatives must be sent via email to veteransbusiness@sba.gov. The submission deadline for nominations is October 14, 2016.

Submissions should include the following information:

- Name and contact information of the individual
- Name and contact information of represented organization
- If VSO nomination, include a description of how the organization supports veteran and service-disabled owned small business issues
- If nominee is a member of a local chapter of VSO, a national-level endorsement letter from the VSO is required

The SBA Administrator will appoint individuals who will serve on the ACVBA for a period of three years.

The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999—Public Law 106–50—established the ACVBA to serve as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations on veteran owned small business opportunities. Through an annual report, the ACVBA reports to the SBA Administrator, SBA's Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development, the Congress, the President, and other U.S. policy makers. The ACVBA is comprised of 15 members—eight members represent veteran owned small business and seven members represent veteran service or military organizations.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9754]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Borrego Pipeline in Webb County, Texas

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Borrego Crossing Pipeline, LLC (Borrego) has applied to the U.S. Department of State (Department) for a

Presidential Permit authorizing the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the border of the United States for the export of refined petroleum products from the United States to markets in northern Mexico (Borrego Pipeline). The Department receives and considers applications for Presidential Permits for such energy-related pipelines pursuant to authority delegated to it by the President under E.O. 13337 of April 30, 2004 (69 FR 25299), as amended. To issue a Permit, the Department must find that issuance would serve the national interest.

With respect to the application submitted by Borrego, the Department is issuing this Notice of Intent (NOI) to inform the public that it will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations found at 40 CFR parts 1500–1508) to evaluate the potential impacts of the Borrego Pipeline to inform the national interest determination. This NOI informs the public about the proposed project and solicits participation and comments from interested federal, tribal, state, and local government entities as well as the public to help inform the scope and content of the EA.

DATES: The Department invites the public, governmental agencies, tribal governments, and all other interested parties to comment on the scope of the EA. All such comments should be provided within the 30-day public scoping period, which starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until November 14, 2016. The Department will give equal weight to written, electronic, and oral comments, and the Department will consider all comments received or postmarked by the closing date. The Department will consider comments received or postmarked after that date to the extent practicable.

All comments received during the scoping period may be made public, no matter how initially submitted. Comments are not private and will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information. Commenters are cautioned against including any information that they would not want publicly disclosed. Any party soliciting or aggregating comments from other persons is further requested to direct those persons not to include any identifying or contact information, or information they would not want publicly disclosed, in their comments.