

services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

**Primary Counties:** Aitkin, Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Faribault, Itasca, Jackson, Koochiching, Lake, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pine, Pipestone, Polk, Redwood, Renville, Rock, St. Louis, Sibley, and Watonwan Counties, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation, and White Earth Nation

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<b>For Physical Damage:</b>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<b>For Economic Injury:</b>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 156886 and for economic injury is 156890.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Audit and Financial Management Advisory Committee (AFMAC)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of open Federal Advisory committee meeting

**SUMMARY:** The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time and agenda for the next meeting of the Audit and Financial Management Advisory Committee (AFMAC). The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018, starting at 1:00 p.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Office of Performance Management and Chief

Financial Officer Conference Room, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The meeting is open to the public; however advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make a presentation to the AFMAC must contact Tim Gribben by fax or email, in order to be placed on the agenda. Tim Gribben, Chief Financial Officer, 409 3rd Street SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416, phone (202) 205–6449; fax: (202) 481–0546; email: [timothy.gribben@sba.gov](mailto:timothy.gribben@sba.gov).

Additionally, if you need accommodations because of a disability or require additional information, please contact Donna Wood at (202) 619–1608, email: [Donna.Wood@sba.gov](mailto:Donna.Wood@sba.gov); SBA Office of Performance Management & Chief Financial Officer, 409 3rd Street SW, Washington, DC 20416. For more information, please visit [www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-performance](http://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-performance).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the AFMAC. The AFMAC is tasked with providing recommendation and advice regarding the Agency's financial management, including the financial reporting process, systems of internal controls, audit process and process for monitoring compliance with relevant law and regulations.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the SBA's Financial Reporting, Audit Findings Remediation, Ongoing OIG Audits including the Information Technology Audit, FMFIA Assurance/A–123 Internal Control Program, Credit Modeling, Performance Management, Acquisition Division Update, Improper Payments and current initiatives.

**Timothy Gribben,**

*Chief Financial Officer and Associate Administrator, Office of Performance Management and Chief Financial Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### New Special Experimental Project (SEP–16) To Evaluate Proposals for Delegation of Certain Program-Wide FHWA Responsibilities to States

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is establishing a new Special Experimental Project (SEP–

16) to test and evaluate the delegation of program-level responsibilities of the Federal-aid highway program (FAHP) to States, including the appropriate steps States should take to request to exercise delegated authority. The FHWA anticipates there is interest in State assumption of program-level actions for approval of design standards, noise policies, preventative maintenance programs, and real property acquisitions and disposals. The term “program-level actions” in this context means decisions that apply generally to projects in a State and broadly affect the implementation of the Federal-aid highway program in the State, but excludes Federal decisions relating to eligibility, obligation, reimbursement, authorization, and compliance.

**DATES:** This new SEP–16 project is being initiated on September 20, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information: Cindi Ptak, Office of Innovative Program Delivery (HIN), (202) 366–8408; for legal information: Janet Myers, Office of the Chief Counsel (HCC), (202) 366–2019, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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An electronic copy of this notice may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.archives.gov>; the Government Publishing Office's database at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>; or the specific docket page at: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

#### Background

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114–94) builds on the authorities and requirements in earlier legislation to promote the transition from FHWA project-level “full-oversight” of the FAHP to a risk-based approach to FHWA oversight activities. The FHWA's use of a risk-based approach to stewardship and oversight is intended to optimize the successful delivery of projects and to ensure compliance with Federal requirements by focusing FHWA resources most efficiently and effectively.

Unless authorized by law, FHWA may not delegate or assign its decision-making responsibilities to a State department of transportation (State DOT). Section 106(c) of Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), authorizes States to assume project responsibilities for design, plans, specifications, estimates, contract awards, and inspections for