

1. What strategies or priorities should the DOT adopt to improve the Nation's transportation systems?

2. How should DOT measure progress towards the priorities suggested in Question 1?

3. What emerging challenges or opportunities in transportation warrant additional DOT activities, investments, research, or analysis?

4. How can DOT best create value for its activities with stakeholders?

The Department anticipates that the final DOT Strategic Plan for FY 2026–2030 will be posted on the DOT website around February 2026.

*Public Comment:* DOT will consider input provided by the public in development of the DOT Strategic Plan.

Signed in Washington, DC.

**Loren A. Smith, Jr.,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

**DATES:** This action was issued on August 6, 2025. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for relevant dates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202–622–2420; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202–622–2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic Availability**

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

#### **Notice of OFAC Action(s)**

On August 6, 2025, OFAC determined that the persons identified below meet one or more of the criteria for the imposition of sanctions set forth in section 1(a)–(c) of Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, “Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved in the Global Illicit Drug Trade,” 86 FR 71549 (December 17, 2021) (E.O. 14059). OFAC has selected to impose blocking sanctions pursuant to section 2(a)(i) of E.O. 14059 on the persons identified below.

OFAC further determined that the persons identified below meet one or more of the criteria for designation pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, “Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism,” 66 FR 49079, as amended by Executive Order 13886 of September 9, 2019, “Modernizing Sanctions To Combat Terrorism,” 84 FR 48041 (E.O. 13224, as amended).

As a result, the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

#### **Individuals**

1. RODRIGUEZ GARCIA, Abdon Federico (a.k.a. “Comandante Cucho”; a.k.a. “Cucho”), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 16 Jan 1984; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. R0GA840116HTSDRB06 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(iii) of E.O. 14059 for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTEL DEL NORESTE, a person sanctioned pursuant to E.O. 14059.

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 13224, as amended, for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, CARTEL DEL NORESTE, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

2. ROMERO SANCHEZ, Antonio (a.k.a. “Comandante R”; a.k.a. “Comandante Romeo”; a.k.a. “Romeo”), Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico; Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 27

Jul 1984; POB Veracruz, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. ROSA840727HVZMNN06 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

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3. ESQUEDA NIETO, Francisco Daniel (a.k.a. ESQUEDA, Franky; a.k.a. “ESKEDA, Franki”; a.k.a. “Franky De La Joya”), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 23 Oct 1994; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. EUNF941023HTSSTR02 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

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4. HERNANDEZ MEDRANO, Ricardo (a.k.a. “Comando Exclusivo”; a.k.a. “El Makabelico”; a.k.a. “HERNANDEZ, Ricardo”), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 13 Apr 1991; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P.

HEMR910413HTSRDC06 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT–DRUGS–EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

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Dated: August 6, 2025.

**Bradley T. Smith,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** Thursday, September 4, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anna Millikan, Office of National Public Liaison, at 202-317-6564 or send an email to [PublicLiaison@irs.gov](mailto:PublicLiaison@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Internal Revenue Services announced the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern to discuss topics that may be recommended for inclusion in a future report of the Council.

The meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Members of the public planning to attend should register by August 29 by contacting Anna Millikan at 202-317-6564 or sending an email to [PublicLiaison@irs.gov](mailto:PublicLiaison@irs.gov). Attendees are encouraged to join at least five minutes before the meeting begins.

Agenda items to be discussed may include but are not limited to: enhancements to IRS operations; suggestions for administrative and policy changes to improve taxpayer experience and service, compliance and

tax administration; information reporting issues; and matters concerning tax-exempt and government entities.

The meeting agenda will be posted online prior to the meeting at the IRSAC web page, [www.irs.gov/irsac](http://www.irs.gov/irsac).

Should you wish the IRSAC to consider a written statement germane to the Council's work, file the statement by sending an email to [PublicLiaison@irs.gov](mailto:PublicLiaison@irs.gov) by August 29, 2025.

Dated: August 5, 2025.

**John A. Lipold,**

*Designated Federal Official, Office of National Public Liaison, Internal Revenue Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitations for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration, is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States (hereinafter referred to alternatively as "OAFAS" or "the Committee").

**DATES:** Nominations for membership of the Committee must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on September 10, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** All nomination packages should be emailed to [vaadvisorycmt@va.gov](mailto:vaadvisorycmt@va.gov). In the subject line, please write "Nomination for OAFAS Membership."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bernard Johnson, Outreach, Transition, and Economic Development (OTED), VA, via email at [bernard.johnson2@va.gov](mailto:bernard.johnson2@va.gov) or via telephone at 404-210-1680. A copy of the Committee charter can be obtained by contacting Mr. Johnson or by accessing the website: <https://department.va.gov/advisory-committee-management/2025/03/10/advisory-committee-on-u-s-outlying-areas-and-freely-associated-states/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In carrying out the duties set forth, the Committee was established to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (the Secretary) on matters related to covered Veterans. Covered Veteran is defined as a Veteran residing in

American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands of the United States, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

The Committee's responsibilities are to:

1. Advise the Secretary on matters relating to covered Veterans, including how the Secretary may improve the Department's programs and services to better serve such Veterans.
  2. Identify for the Secretary evolving issues of relevance to covered Veterans.
  3. Propose clarifications, recommendations, and solutions to address issues raised by covered Veterans.
  4. Provide a forum for covered Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) serving covered Veterans, and the Department to discuss issues and proposals for changes to the Department's regulations, policies, and procedures.
  5. Identify priorities for and advise the Secretary on appropriate strategies for consultation with VSOs serving covered Veterans.
  6. Encourage the Secretary to work with the heads of other Federal departments and agencies and Congress to ensure that covered Veterans are provided the full benefits of their status as covered Veterans.
  7. Highlight contributions of covered Veterans who served in the Armed Forces.
  8. Conduct other duties as determined appropriately by the Secretary.
- Authority:** The Committee is authorized by statute, 38 U.S.C. 548, Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States. The Committee operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.
- Membership Criteria:** VA is requesting nominations for upcoming vacancies on the Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members. The Secretary will select the Committee Chair from among the Committee members. The Committee is required to appoint at least one member to represent covered Veterans as stipulated under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Further, at all times, unless an insufficient number of qualified covered Veterans are available, not fewer than half of the members shall be covered Veterans. Each appointed member must reside in an area as specified in and stipulated under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Additionally, the Committee shall incorporate such ex-