

Advisory Committee (Committee). 63 FR 51891 (September 29, 1998). The Committee will make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. The Committee is composed of Federal agencies and Federal contractors; the electronic and information technology industry; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; and other persons affected by accessibility standards for electronic and information technology. At its first meeting on October 15 and 16, 1998, the Committee took the following actions:

- Added Compaq Computers, Pitney Bowes, Sun Microsystems, and the Information Technology Industry Council to the Committee;
- Formed three subcommittees. One subcommittee will examine the definitions needed for the recommended standards. Another subcommittee will examine the various functions that are performed by electronic and information technology. These functions include creating, processing, transmitting, and interacting with information and the technology involved. A third subcommittee will begin the process of classifying the variety of products covered by the standards into product families;
- Created a listserv to facilitate communications between meetings. To subscribe to the listserv send an e-mail message to: listproc@trace.wisc.edu.; and
- Established a schedule of meeting dates. In addition to the meeting on March 29–30, 1999, the Committee will meet again on May 11–12, 1999.

At its second meeting on December 1 and 2, 1998, the Committee addressed the scope of the standards it will be recommending to the Access Board. This included defining the term "electronic and information technology". A three person group was appointed to develop a recommended definition and present it to the Committee at its January meeting. Additionally, four subcommittees were formed. These include: installation and setup, information presentation, control and operation, and user information. The subcommittees will examine these specific areas and identify access barriers in each area, and recommend standards that could lower or eliminate these barriers. The subcommittees will continue their work on the listserv.

At its third meeting on January 5–6, 1999, the Committee adopted a working definition for electronic and information technology based on the definition of

information technology in the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (40 U.S.C. 1401(3)). The four subcommittees, created during the December meeting, continued work on their specified areas.

The Committee met for the fourth time on February 8–9, 1999, and shifted from identifying access barriers to developing functional standards to address the access barriers. A draft final report is expected to be discussed at the Committee's next meeting in March. The Committee also heard presentations from the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council on how the Federal Acquisition Regulations are promulgated; a presentation by a vice president of the American National Standards Institute on how conformity to standards takes place; and, a member of the Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council who briefed the Committee on the duties of an agency's CIO.

The meetings are open to the public. There will be a public comment period each day for persons interested in presenting their views to the Committee. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems and real-time transcription will be available.

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Architectural and  
Transportation Barriers Compliance  
Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has established an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This document gives notice of the dates, times, and location of the next meeting of the Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (Committee).

**DATES:** The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for April 21 through 23, 1999, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at 1331 F Street, NW., Washington, DC, in the third floor training room.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) established a Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (Committee) to assist the Board in developing proposed accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. 63 FR 43136 (August 12, 1998). The Committee is composed of owners and operators of various passenger vessels; persons who design passenger vessels; organizations representing individuals with disabilities; and other individuals affected by the Board's guidelines.

The Committee will meet on the dates and at the location announced in this notice. The meeting is open to the public. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require sign language interpreters or real-time captioning systems should contact Paul Beatty by April 12, 1999. Persons attending the meetings are strongly encouraged to use public transportation since parking is extremely limited. The accessible entrance to the Metro Center Metro Station is located approximately three blocks from the meeting site.

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## CENSUS MONITORING BOARD

### Census Monitoring Board Meeting

February 22, 1999.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice, in compliance with PL 105-119, sets forth the meeting date, time and place for the third business meeting of the full Census