

Amtrak proposes to use Tier III equipment on the NEC at speeds up to 160 mph (rather than the 220 mph maximum contemplated for Tier III equipment operating on dedicated right-of-way). In support of this request, Amtrak has submitted a review of NEC operating experience that Amtrak represents as demonstrating a high level of safety, supported by compliance with FRA safety regulations and existing risk mitigations undertaken as voluntary measures. Amtrak notes that Tier III trainsets would be operated at greater than Tier I speeds (*i.e.*, above 125 mph) only on the fully grade-separated portions of the NEC in designated high-speed zones.

In further support of its Tier III request, Amtrak has submitted the report of a semi-quantitative risk assessment and a description of specific safety mitigations designed to compensate for the differences in crashworthiness between equipment built to Tier II and Tier III standards. Amtrak asserts that, with the existing and proposed mitigations, Tier III equipment can be operated at a level of safety equivalent to, or better than, operations with Tier II equipment. Amtrak's petition and exhibits are available for reference in Docket Number FRA-2014-0124.

Amtrak asserts that all of the relief requested is consistent with safety and in the public interest.

Copies of the petitions, as well as any written communications concerning the petitions, are available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by April 13, 2015 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). See also <http://www.regulations.gov/#/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov.

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**Ron Hynes,**

*Director, Office of Technical Oversight.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Call for Nominations for Treasury Secretary Appointments to Tribal Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department ("Treasury") seeks nominations for appointments by the Secretary of the Treasury ("Secretary") to the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC), established pursuant to the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-168, or TGWEA). The TTAC will advise the Secretary on matters related to the taxation of Indians, training and education for Internal Revenue Service ("Service") field agents who administer and enforce internal revenue laws with respect to Indian tribes; and training and technical assistance for tribal financial officers. Nominations should describe the candidate's qualifications for TTAC membership. Submittal of an application and resume is required.

This request for nominations, particularly from tribal leaders, is in furtherance of the objectives of Executive Order 13175 under which Treasury consults with tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have tribal implications, to reinforce the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes.

**DATES:** Please submit the names and qualifications of individuals you would recommend for appointment to the TTAC by the Secretary, applications for appointment by the Secretary to the TTAC or comments on this matter, before April 28, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send recommendations and applications to [tribal.consult@treasury.gov](mailto:tribal.consult@treasury.gov), with a subject line "Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee member recommendation or application." We will accept applications for Secretarial appointments until April 28, 2015. Self-nominations are welcome.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Buckberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination and Point of Contact for Tribal Consultation, Department of the Treasury, at [tribal.consult@treasury.gov](mailto:tribal.consult@treasury.gov) or 202-622-2200. Please use the subject line "Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee" in email correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Introduction and Background

#### I. Description and Mandate of the TTAC

The TGWEA, signed into law by President Obama on September 26, 2014, requires that Treasury establish the TTAC. Committee members will advise the Secretary on matters related to the taxation of Indians, the training of Service field agents who administer and enforce internal revenue laws with respect to Indian tribes, and the provision of training and technical assistance to Native American financial officers. The Secretary will appoint three Committee members; the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Senate Finance Committee and House of Representative Ways and Means Committee will each appoint one member. The TTAC Charter has been filed; a copy of the Charter is posted at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/economic-policy/tribal-policy/Documents/TTAC%20Charter%202012-10-15.pdf>.

Recommendations for the four Congressional appointments to the TTAC should be directed to the offices of the four Members of Congress

specified in the law, whose roles are identified above. This notice requests nominations for the three Secretarial appointments.

The TWGEA builds on prior guidance that Treasury and the Service issued in direct response to requests from a number of tribal leaders, including representatives of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Native American Finance Officers' Association (NAFOA) and United Southern and Eastern Tribes (USET). Beginning in 2011, Treasury and the Service met extensively with tribal leaders, developed draft legal guidance, and requested comments. In IRS Notice 2012-75, draft guidance was issued "with reliance" to provide immediate certainty on conditions under which tribal government benefits are not subject to the Federal personal income tax. Final IRS guidance, issued last June as Rev. Proc. 2014-35, clarified these matters further. Building on this guidance, we anticipate that members of the TTAC will advise the Secretary on related tax issues, and on the training and education of Service field agents and tribal financial officers, as indicated in the TGWEA.

## II. Application for TTAC Appointment

Treasury seeks applications from individuals with experience and qualifications in the subject areas identified by the TWGEA: Indian taxation, Service field agent training, and Native American financial officer training and technical assistance. Initial TTAC members appointed by the Secretary will serve as volunteers for terms of two years. TTAC member travel expenses will be reimbursed within government guidelines. No person who is a federally-registered lobbyist may serve on the TTAC. All potential candidates must pass a Service (IRS) tax compliance check and a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background investigation.

To apply, an applicant must submit an appropriately detailed resume and a cover letter that includes a description of the applicant's reason for applying. An applicant must state in the application materials that he or she agrees to submit to a pre-appointment tax and criminal background investigation in accordance with Treasury Directive 21-03.

**Elaine Buckberg,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Planning, Economic Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Mint

#### Public Meeting: Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

**ACTION:** Notification of Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee March 5, 2015, Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to United States Code, Title 31, section 5135(b)(8)(C), the United States Mint announces the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) public meeting scheduled for March 5, 2015. A public forum will occur the following day on March 6, 2015.

*Date:* March 5, 2015.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m.–6:45 p.m.

*Location:* Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 151, Portland, OR 97232.

*Subject:* Review and consideration of candidate designs for the 2016 Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Program, the Monuments Men Recognition Act Congressional Gold Medal Program, the Code Talkers Recognition Congressional Gold Medal Program for the Rosebud Tribe, and the Ronald Reagan Presidential \$1 Coin. In addition, the CCAC will review and advise on design concepts for the 2017 America the

Beautiful Quarters Program Coins, the Nancy Reagan First Spouse Gold Coin and Bronze Medal, and the 2017 Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Program.

*Public Forum:* The CCAC will host a public forum on Friday, March 6, 2015, at 9 a.m. in Room 149 to receive input from collectors and other members of the public.

*Interested persons should call the CCAC HOTLINE at (202) 354-7502 for the latest update on meeting time and room location.*

In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 5135, the CCAC:

Advises the Secretary of the Treasury on any theme or design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national and other medals.

Advises the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the events, persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made.

Makes recommendations with respect to the mintage level for any commemorative coin recommended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Norton, United States Mint Liaison to the CCAC; 801 9th Street NW., Washington, DC 20220; or call 202-354-7200.

Any member of the public interested in submitting matters for the CCAC's consideration or addressing the CCAC at the Public Forum is invited to submit them by fax to the following number: 202-756-6525.

**Authority:** 31 U.S.C. 5135(b)(8)(C).

Dated: February 19, 2015.

**Richard A. Peterson,**

*Deputy Director for Manufacturing and Quality, United States Mint.*

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