The public will have an opportunity to provide comments at these meetings. A conference bridge will be provided to those people outside the Washington Metro area who request it from the secretariat.

Dated: March 15, 2013.

Doreen McGirr,
Foreign Affairs Officer, International Communications & Information Policy, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8252]

Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting

SUMMARY: The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session from 1:00 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 1777 F Street NW., Washington, DC Entry and registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade representatives, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study.

The following agenda topics will be discussed: review of the current definitions of technical data, as well as the control language applied in each regulation, resulting in harmonized definitions and controls in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR); review of cloud computing, its various implementation arrangements, and a report on the implications for regulators and possible guidance that might be promulgated for use by exporters consistent with regulatory controls; and review of the current definitions of fundamental research, resulting in a harmonized definition that can be used in both the ITAR and the EAR.

Members of the public may attend this open session and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chair’s instructions. Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

As seating is limited to 125 persons, those wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Alternate Designated Federal Officer (DFO) by COB Friday, May 3, 2013. Members of the public requesting reasonable accommodation must also notify the DTAG Alternate DFO by that date. If notified after this date, the Department will be unable to accommodate requests due to requirements at the meeting location.

Each non-member observer or DTAG member that wishes to attend this plenary session should provide: his/her name and identifying data such as driver’s license number, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, to the DTAG Alternate DFO, Patricia Slygh, via email at SlyghPC@state.gov. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for admission to the meeting: U.S. driver’s license, passport, U.S. Government ID or other valid photo ID.

For additional information, contact Patricia Slygh, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Defense Trade Advisory Group, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8253]

Industry Advisory Panel; Notice of Open Meeting

The Industry Advisory Group, formerly the Industry Advisory Panel, of the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations will meet on Friday, April 19, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Loy Henderson Conference Room of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 C Street NW., (entrance on 23rd Street) Washington, DC. For logistical and security reasons, the public must enter and exit the building using only the 23rd Street entrance.

In line with OBO’s renewed commitment to Design Excellence, the committee’s charter has been amended to better serve the needs of the Bureau. The panel of nine has grown to a group of 35 professionals. These professionals will advise the Bureau on areas of research and development, acquisition and sales, planning, program development, design, engineering, construction, historic preservation, sustainability, natural hazards, emergency operations, security, operations, and maintenance. It is anticipated that the Group will meet once annually in a session that will be open to the public.

Entry to the building is controlled; to obtain pre-clearance, a member of the public planning to attend should provide, by April 12, his or her name, professional affiliation, date of birth, citizenship, and a valid government-issued ID number (i.e., U.S. government ID, U.S. military ID, passport, or drivers license) via email to: LAGN@state.gov. Requests for reasonable accommodation should be sent to the same email address by April 12. Requests made after that date will be considered, but may not be able to be fulfilled.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Public Law 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS–D) database.


Please contact Christy Foushee at FousheeCT@state.gov or (703) 875–4131 with any questions.

Dated: March 15, 2013.

Jurg Hochuli,
Acting Director, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8255]

Request for Nominations for the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to the United States Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking applications and nominations for the renewal of the General Advisory Committee to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) as well as to a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee of the General Advisory Committee. The purpose of the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee is to provide public input and advice to the United States Section to the IATTC in the
formulation of U.S. policy and positions at meetings of the IATTC and its subsidiary bodies. The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee shall also function as the National Scientific Advisory Committee (NATSAC) provided for in the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP). The United States Section to the IATTC is composed of the Commissioners to the IATTC, appointed by the President, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries or his or her designated representative. Authority to establish the General Advisory Committee and Scientific Advisory Subcommittee is provided under the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, as amended by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA) of 1997.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted on or before April 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted to David Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, c/o Office of Marine Conservation, Room 2758, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520–7818; or by fax to 202–736–7350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Hogan, Office of Marine Conservation, Department of State: 202–647–2335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Advisory Committee

The Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 951 et seq.), as amended by the IDCPA (Pub. L. 105–42), provides that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, shall appoint a General Advisory Committee (the Committee) to the U.S. Section to the IATTC (U.S. Section). The Committee shall be composed of not less than 5 nor more than 15 persons, with balanced representation from the various groups participating in the fisheries included under the IATTC Convention, and from non-governmental conservation organizations. Members of the Committee shall be invited to attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Section, and shall be given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of investigations, reports, recommendations, and regulations adopted by the Commission. Members of the Committee may attend meetings of the IATTC and the AIDCP as members of the U.S. delegation or otherwise in accordance with the rules of those bodies governing such participation. Participation as a member of the U.S. delegation shall be subject to such conditions as may be placed on the size or composition of the delegation.

Scientific Advisory Subcommittee

The Act, as amended, also provides that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, shall appoint a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) of the General Advisory Committee. The Subcommittee shall be composed of not less than 5 and not more than 15 qualified scientists with balanced representation from the public and private sectors, including non-governmental conservation organizations. The Subcommittee shall advise the Committee and the U.S. Section on matters including: the conservation of ecosystems; the sustainable uses of living marine resources related to the tuna fishery in the eastern Pacific Ocean; and the long-term conservation and management of stocks of living marine resources in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

In addition, at the request of the Committee, the U.S. Commissioners or the Secretary of State, the Subcommittee shall perform such functions and provide such assistance as may be required by formal agreements entered into by the United States for the eastern Pacific tuna fishery, including the AIDCP. The functions may include: the review of data from the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP), including data received from the IATTC staff; recommendations on research needs and the coordination and facilitation of such research; recommendations on scientific reviews and assessments required under the IDCP; recommendations with respect to measures to assure the regular and timely full exchange of data among the Parties to the AIDCP and each nation’s NATSAC (or its equivalent); and consulting with other experts as needed.

The Subcommittee shall be invited to attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Section and the General Advisory Committee and shall be given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of scientific investigation, scientific reports, and scientific recommendations of the Commission. Members of the Subcommittee may attend meetings of the IATTC and the AIDCP as members of the U.S. delegation or otherwise in accordance with the rules of those bodies governing such participation. Participation as a member of the U.S. delegation shall be subject to such limits as may be placed on the size of the delegation.

National Scientific Advisory Committee

The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee shall also function as the NATSAC established pursuant to Article IX of the AIDCP. In this regard, the Subcommittee shall perform the functions of the NATSAC as specified in Annex VI of the AIDCP including, but not limited to: receiving and reviewing relevant data, including data provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by the IATTC Staff; advising and recommending to the U.S. Government measures and actions that should be undertaken to conserve and manage stocks of living marine resources in the AIDCP Area; making recommendations to the U.S. Government regarding research needs related to the eastern Pacific Ocean tuna purse seine fishery; promoting the regular and timely full exchange of data among the Parties on a variety of matters related to the implementation of the AIDCP; and consulting with other experts as necessary in order to achieve the objectives of the Agreement.

General Provisions

Each appointed member of the Committee and the Subcommittee/NATSAC shall be appointed for a term of 3 years and may be reappointed. Logistical and administrative support for the operation of the Committee and the Subcommittee will be provided by the Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and by the Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service. Members shall receive no compensation for their service on either the Committee or the Subcommittee/NATSAC, nor will members be compensated for travel or other expenses associated with their participation.

Procedures for Submitting Applications/Nominations

Applications/nominations for the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee/NATSAC should be submitted to the Department of State (See ADDRESSES). Such applications/nominations should include the following information:

(1) Full name/address/phone/fax and email of applicant/nominee;

(2) Whether applying/nominating for the General Advisory Committee or the Scientific Advisory Committee/NATSAC (applicants may specify both);

(3) Applicant/nominee’s organization or professional affiliation serving as the basis for the application/nomination;
(4) Background statement describing the applicant/nominee’s qualifications and experience, especially as related to the tuna purse seine fishery in the eastern Pacific Ocean or other factors relevant to the implementation of the Convention Establishing the IATTC or the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program;

(5) A written statement from the applicant/nominee of intent to participate actively and in good faith in the meetings and activities of the General Advisory Committee and/or the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee/NATSAC.

Applicants/nominees who submitted material in response to the Federal Register Notice published by the Department of State on December 19, 2008 (73 FR 77865) or prior, should resubmit their applications pursuant to this notice.

David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries.

The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended (49 U.S.C. 5337, the State of Good Repair Program).

The information collected is necessary to determine eligibility of applicants and ensure the proper and timely expenditure of federal funds within the scope of each program. The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments was published on December 12, 2012 (Citation 77 FR 74050). No comments were received from that notice.

Dates: Comments must be submitted before April 24, 2013. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

For further information contact: Sylvia L. Marion, Office of Administration, Office of Management Planning, (202) 366–6680.

Supplementary information:

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5337—State of Good Repair Program.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 5337, the State of Good Repair Grants Program, is a new program authorized by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP–21). The State of Good Repair Grants Program replaces the SAFETEA–LU Fixed Guideway Modernization Program. This program authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to designated recipients to replace and rehabilitate high intensity fixed guideway systems and high intensity motorbus systems.

Eligible recipients include state and local government authorities in urbanized areas with high intensity fixed guideway systems and/or high intensity motorbus systems operating for at least seven years. Projects are funded at 80 percent federal with a 20 percent local match requirement by statute. FTA will apportion funds to designated recipients. The designated recipients will then allocate funds as appropriate to recipients that are public entities in the urbanized areas. FTA can make grants to direct recipients after sub-allocation of funds. Recipients apply for grants electronically, and FTA collects milestone and financial status reports from designated recipients on a quarterly basis. The information submitted ensures FTA’s compliance with applicable federal laws.

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5339—Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. 5339—Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program, is a new program authorized by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP–21). This program authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to designated recipients and states to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment as well as construct bus–related facilities. Eligible recipients include public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public...