

- Featuring voices of democratic courage, award recipients or themes raised in annual reports;
- Convening online roundtable discussions among international experts/leaders;
- Providing access to alumni of training programs, partnerships or exchanges for webchats, blogs or other outreach efforts; and
- Highlighting the results of partnerships and/or other democracy-related programs.

Using the following format, provide a written commentary, limited to 1,000 words, on how your cooperation could help us implement the goals and opportunities delineated above. In your commentary include the (1) Name of Organization; (2) Point of Contact (Name, Title, Address, Phone, E-mail, and/or Fax). Please include any mission goals and international partnerships that would enhance your participation with IIP and DRL. The Department will evaluate submissions based on, but not limited to, the following criteria: Suggested areas of cooperation; Reputation; International connections/networks and; Fiscal responsibility.

In early 2008, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP) launched "*America.gov*," a new interactive Web site for international audiences that offers the latest in multimedia, video, forum discussions, polls, articles, etc. The site (<http://www.america.gov>) highlights the people and institutions that make America a force for progress, engages international audiences in a dialogue on important issues, and explains the core values that underlie and shape U.S. policies.

America.gov has the design and interactive features expected by younger Web-savvy users, and the substantive material that attracts traditional opinion leaders. The site is organized into multilayered packages that are visually engaging and easy to navigate. Topics include: Foreign Policy, U.S. Politics, American Life, Democracy, Science and Health. Language versions of *America.gov* will be developed during 2008 in Arabic, Chinese, French, Persian, Russian and Spanish.

Dated: March 10, 2008.

Jeremy Curtin,

Coordinator, International Information Programs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6133]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Art of the Royal Court: Treasures in Pietre Dure from the Palaces of Europe"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Art of the Royal Court: Treasures in Pietre Dure from the Palaces of Europe," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, from on or about July 1, 2008, until on or about September 21, 2008, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453-8048). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: March 7, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6109]

Industry Advisory Panel: Notice of Open Meeting

The Industry Advisory Panel of Overseas Buildings Operations will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 from 9:30 until 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard

Time. The meeting will be held in room 1107 of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 C Street, NW. (entrance on 23rd Street), Washington, DC. For logistical and security reasons, it is imperative that everyone enter and exit using only the 23rd Street entrance. The majority of the meeting is devoted to an exchange of ideas between the Department's Bureau of Overseas Building Operations' senior management and the panel members, on design, operations, and building maintenance. Members of the public are asked to kindly refrain from joining the discussion until Director Shinnick opens the discussion to them.

Entry to the building is controlled; to obtain pre-clearance for entry, members of the public planning to attend should provide, by April 1, 2008, their 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 (and state)) by e-mailing: iapr@state.gov. Because of space restrictions, we request that companies interested in attending this meeting send only one representative.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Walk at walkam@state.gov or on (703) 516-1544.

Dated: March 6, 2008.

Richard J. Shinnick,

Director, Ad Interim, Overseas Buildings Operations, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

FAA Approval Of Noise Compatibility Program 14 CFR Part 150; Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport; Baltimore, MD

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the noise compatibility program submitted by Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR Part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On April 3, 2006, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by MAA under Part 150

were in compliance with applicable requirements. On February 26, 2008, the FAA approved the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport noise compatibility program update. All of the recommendations of the program were approved.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport noise compatibility program update is February 26, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Mendelsohn, Eastern Region, Washington Airports District Office, Federal Aviation Administration, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, Virginia 20166, Telephone: 703-661-1362. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the noise compatibility program for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, effective February 26, 2008.

Under section 47504 of the Act, an airport operator who has previously submitted a noise exposure map may submit to the FAA a noise compatibility program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing non-compatible land uses and prevention of additional non-compatible land uses within the area covered by the noise exposure maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and the Act and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The noise compatibility program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing

the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal Government; and

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport noise compatibility program are delineated in FAR Part 150, section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, state, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. Where federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports District Office in Dulles, Virginia.

MAA submitted to the FAA on October 1, 2007, the noise exposure maps, descriptions, and other documentation produced during the noise compatibility planning study conducted from January 2003 through December 2003. The Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport noise exposure maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on April 3, 2006. Notice of this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on April 17, 2006 (71 FR 19782).

The Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport study contains a proposed noise compatibility program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from February 2008 to (or beyond) the year 2010. It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as a

noise compatibility program as described in section 47504 of the Act. The FAA began its review of the program on October 18, 2007 and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days. Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program.

The submitted program contained four (4) proposed actions for noise mitigation on and off the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program, therefore, was approved by the FAA effective February 26, 2008.

Outright approval was granted for four Noise Abatement Measures. The approved measures included such items as: Update the noise rule for Runway 15L/33R; Voluntary residential property acquisition; Homeowners assistance program and Noise Monitoring System.

These determinations are set forth in detail in the Record of Approval signed by the Division Manager on February 26, 2008. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of the MAA. The Record of Approval also will be available on-line at: http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/environmental/airport_noise/.

Issued in Dulles, Virginia on February 26, 2008.

Terry J. Page,

Manager, Washington Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Fifty-first Meeting, RTCA Special Committee 135: Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 135 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 135: Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 11-13, 2008, starting at 9 am.