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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, March 30, 2009; 11:30 a.m. EDT.

PLACE: Via Teleconference, Public Dial In—1-800-597-7623, Conference ID # 91116969.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public.

- I. Approval of Agenda.
- II. Staff Director's Report.
 - Update on FY09 Appropriation.
 - Update on Statutory Report Status.
- III. Program Planning.
 - Motion to Respond to EEOC's February 6, 2009 Letter Regarding English-in-the-Workplace Document Request.
 - Motion to Collect & Make Public Data on Federal Government's Civil Rights Enforcement Efforts.
- IV. State Advisory Committee Issues.
 - Georgia SAC.
- V. Adjourn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8582. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202-376-8105. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Dated: March 18, 2009.

David Blackwood,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of

a meeting of the Census Advisory Committee of Professional Associations (CACPA). The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues related to 2010 Decennial Census Programs. The Committee also will discuss several economic initiatives, demographic program topics, as well as issues pertaining to 2010 Census communications. Last minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: April 16-17, 2009. On April 16, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. On April 17, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233 telephone 301-763-6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CACPA is composed of 36 members, appointed by the presidents of the American Economic Association, the American Statistical Association, and the Population Association of America, and the Chairperson of the Board of the American Marketing Association. The Committee addresses Census Bureau programs and activities related to each respective association's area of expertise. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10(a)(b)).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions. Persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Committee Liaison Officer named above. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call 301-763-3231 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to

receive your visitor's badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Dated: March 13, 2009.

Thomas L. Mesenbourg,

Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 11-2009]

Foreign-Trade Zone 31—Granite City, IL: Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 31B; WRB Refining LLC; (Oil Refinery Complex) Madison County, IL

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Tri-City Regional Port District, grantee of FTZ 31, requesting authority on behalf of WRB Refining LLC (WRB), to expand the scope of manufacturing activity conducted under zone procedures within Subzone 31B at the oil refinery complex of WRB located at sites in Madison County, Illinois. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on March 12, 2009. Subzone 31B (2,100 employees) was approved by the Board on March 10, 1997 for the manufacture of fuel products and certain petrochemical feedstocks (Board Order 878, 62 FR 13593-13594, 3/21/1997). The subzone refinery complex currently consists of 5 sites (totaling approx. 2,075 acres, 290,000 BPD capacity) located near Hwy 111 in Wood River Township, Madison County, Illinois. The refinery is undergoing an expansion that will add units and upgrade existing units within the subzone boundaries that is expected to expand crude production capacity up to 380,000 barrels per day. No additional feedstocks or products have been requested.

Zone procedures would exempt the increased production from customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales of the increased production, the company would be able to choose the duty rates for certain petrochemical feedstocks (duty-free) by admitting foreign crude oil in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on crude oil range from 5.25 cents/barrel to 10.5 cents/barrel. The application indicates that the additional savings from zone procedures would help improve the refinery's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Diane Finver of the FTZ staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 19, 2009. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 3, 2009).

A copy of the request will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane_Finver@ita.doc.gov, or (202) 482-1367.

Dated: March 12, 2009.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 090129078-9079-01]

Request for Public Comments on the Utilization Rate of Export Licenses Issued by the Bureau of Industry and Security

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: A significant percentage of the export licenses issued by the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) appear to be unused or used for less than the quantity or value limits authorized by the license. BIS seeks public comment to help it ascertain the reasons for such lack of use or under use. BIS is particularly interested in whether characteristics of the export license application review process induce applicants to apply for greater authorizations than they need and, if such is the case, any costs associated with such applications.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than May 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via e-mail to

publiccomments@bis.doc.gov. Please refer to "Utilization Rate of Export Licenses Issued" in the subject line. Comments may also be sent to Utilization Rate Study, Office of Technology Evaluation, Room 2705, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Watts, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security, telephone: 202-482-8343; fax: 202-482-5361; e-mail jwatts@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

BIS, among its other activities, issues licenses for export of items that are subject to the Export Administration Regulations. Most such licenses are valid for two years. A recent BIS review of export data from the Automated Export System (AES), which is used to record actual exports from the United States, indicated that by the end of calendar year 2007, forty-eight percent of the licenses issued in calendar year 2005 for the export of commodities had not been used at all. In addition, some licenses may have been used for less than the full quantity or value authorized. Finally, BIS has no basis for estimating whether similar lack of use or under utilization exists with respect to licenses for the export of software or technology because such exports are often intangible and, therefore, not reported in AES. BIS is seeking information that would help it determine:

- Whether software and technology export licenses also are not used or are underused;
- The reasons that export licenses sometimes are not used or are underused; and
- Whether characteristics of the export licensing process (e.g., ease or difficulty of use, processing times, degree of communication between the government and the applicant, license conditions, etc.) contribute to the practice of not using or under-using export licenses.

The scope of this inquiry is limited to export licenses. It does not encompass reexports, deemed exports or deemed reexports.

The following kinds of information would be useful to BIS's assessment:

- Whether exporters seek an export license prior to receipt of a purchase order or letter of intent, and examples of typical business cases for seeking a license absent such documentation;
- Detailed information concerning instances when exporters have obtained

an export license from BIS but then did not use it or used it for less than the quantity or value authorized, including information on whether the export licensing process impacted the transaction, whether sales were lost due to the licensing process and the dollar amount of any such lost sales that are directly attributable to the licensing process;

- Specific information about whether licenses for the export of software or technology are not used or are under used;

- Whether an extension of the validity period of export licenses issued by BIS would increase the probability of the utilization of licenses; and

- Process improvements that BIS could make to enhance the utilization of export licenses (e.g., expedited treatment for applications under specific circumstances).

In the future BIS may seek a more systematic approach (e.g., surveys) to contact exporters and document the reasons impacting licensing utilization rates to further facilitate the utilization of export licenses.

How To Comment

All comments must be in writing and submitted to one of the addresses indicated above. Comments must be received by BIS no later than May 4, 2009. BIS may consider comments received after that date if feasible to do so, but such consideration can not be assured. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be made a matter of public record, and will be available for public inspection and copying. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public record. BIS will seek to protect business confidential information from public disclosure to the extent permitted by law.

Dated: March 16, 2009.

Matthew S. Borman,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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