

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and OMB Reviewer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal Agency Appraisal Form. No: 1993.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Description of Respondents: Small Businesses that need to comment on Agencies Policies and Practices.

Annual Responses: 200.

Annual Burden: 16.6.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3281]

State of New Jersey

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on August 17, 2000, I find that Morris and Sussex Counties in the State of New Jersey constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, and mudslides beginning on August 12, 2000 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on October 16, 2000, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on May 17, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Essex, Hunterdon, Passaic, Somerset, Union, and Warren Counties in New Jersey; Orange County, New York; and Pike County, Pennsylvania.

The interest rates are:

For Physical Damage: Homeowners with credit available elsewhere—7.375%; Homeowners without credit available elsewhere—3.687%; Businesses with credit available elsewhere—8.000%; Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit

available elsewhere—4.000%; Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere—6.750%.

For Economic Injury: Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere—4.000%.

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 328106. For economic injury the numbers are 9I3700 for New Jersey, 9I3800 for New York, and 9I3900 for Pennsylvania.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Becky C. Brantley,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Teleconference Meeting

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA)

ACTION: Notice of Teleconference Meeting

DATES: September 11, 2000 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Social Security Administration, International Trade Center, 500 E St. SW, 8th Floor, Theatre Room, Washington, D.C. 20254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Type of meeting: The Teleconference is open to the public. The public is invited to participate by coming to the address listed above. Only members of the panel will participate in deliberations by telephone.

Purpose: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces a Teleconference meeting of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel (the Panel). Section 101 (f) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (TWWIIA), Pub. L. 106-170, establishes the Panel to advise the Commissioner of Social Security, the President, and the Congress on issues related to work incentives programs, planning, and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of TWWIIA. The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-

Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

This is a deliberative teleconference meeting of the Panel. The Panel will meet to discuss the status of the TWWIIA implementation. Public testimony regarding the notice of proposed rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** concerning the implementation of TWWIIA will be heard at this meeting. Interested parties are invited to address the panel for a maximum of three minutes. Speakers must submit full comments in writing and will be recognized in the order in which they register for the meeting until the time allotted for public comment has expired. Any interested citizen is encouraged to submit written comments concerning this topic in advance of or at the meeting for the Panel's consideration.

Agenda: The teleconference will commence Monday, September 11, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. At this teleconference, the Panel will use this time to discuss the status of TWWIIA implementation. Since seating may be limited, persons interested in attending this meeting should contact the Panel staff by E-mailing Kristen Breland, at "kristen.breland@ssa.gov" or calling (410) 966-7225.

A copy of the agenda follows this announcement. A copy of the agenda may also be obtained from the Internet at the web site of SSA's Office of Employment Support Programs at "http://www.ssa.gov/work." or by contacting the Panel staff at the mailing address, Email address, telephone and FAX number shown below. Requests for materials in alternate formats, i.e., large print, Braille, computer disc, etc. may be made to the Panel staff at the addresses and numbers shown below.

Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection at the Office of Employment Support Programs' web site at "http://www.ssa.gov/work" or by appointment at the office of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel staff, 107 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Panel staff by

- Mail addressed to Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff, 107 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235;
- Telephone at (410) 966-7225;
- FAX at (410) 966-8597; or
- Email to Kristen Breland, at "kristen.breland@ssa.gov."

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Susan M. Daniels,

Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.

Teleconference Meeting: Social Security Administration, 8th Floor Theatre Room, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20254; Monday, September 11, 2000.

1:30 p.m.—Meeting Convened,

Presiding: Sarah Mitchell, Chair.

1:30–2:30 p.m.—Implementation of

TWIIA Panel response to NPRM.

2:30–3 p.m.—Public Comment.

3–3:30 p.m.—Organizational Issues.

3:30 p.m.—Adjournment.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/D–204]

WTO Consultations Regarding Telecommunications Trade Barriers in Mexico

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) is providing notice that on August 17, 2000, the United States requested consultations in the World Trade Organization (“WTO”) with Mexico regarding its commitments and obligations under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (“GATS”) with respect to basic and value-added telecommunications services. Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (“DSU”), such consultations are to take place within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the request, or within a period otherwise mutually agreed between the United States and Mexico. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before September 25, 2000 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Sandy McKinzy, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 122, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20508, Attn: Mexico Telecommunications Dispute. Telephone: (202) 395–3582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Demetrios J. Marantis, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., (202) 395–3581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States submits or receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, but in an effort to provide additional opportunity for comment, USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested pursuant to the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding. If such consultations should fail to resolve the matter and a dispute settlement panel is established pursuant to the DSU, such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

Since the entry into force of the GATS, the Government of Mexico has adopted or maintained anti-competitive and discriminatory regulatory measures, tolerated certain privately-established market access barriers, and failed to take needed regulatory action in Mexico’s basic and value-added telecommunications sectors. These acts and failures to act raise serious questions regarding whether Mexico is in compliance with its GATS commitments in these sectors. For example, Mexico has:

(1) Enacted and maintained laws, regulations, rules, and other measures that deny or limit market access, national treatment, and additional commitments for service suppliers seeking to provide basic and value-added telecommunications services into and within Mexico;

(2) Failed to issue and enact regulations, permits, or other measures to ensure implementation of Mexico’s market access, national treatment, and additional commitments for service suppliers seeking to provide basic and value-added telecommunications services into and within Mexico;

(3) Failed to enforce regulations and other measures to ensure compliance with Mexico’s market access, national treatment, and additional commitments for service suppliers seeking to provide basic and value-added

telecommunications services into and within Mexico;

(4) Failed to regulate, control and prevent its major supplier, Telefonos de Mexico (“Telmex”), from engaging in activity that denies or limits Mexico’s market access, national treatment, and additional commitments for service suppliers seeking to provide basic and value-added telecommunications services into and within Mexico; and

(5) Failed to administer measures of general application governing basic and value-added telecommunications services in a reasonable, objective, and impartial manner, ensure that decisions and procedures used by Mexico’s telecommunications regulator are impartial with respect to all market participants, and ensure access to and use of public telecommunications transport networks and services on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions for the supply of basic and value-added telecommunications services.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be in English and provided in fifteen copies. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

(1) Must so designate the information or advice;

(2) Must clearly mark the material as “SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE” in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and

(3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States