

“FTA Oversight” has been updated and moved to the proposed Chapter II. The “Certifications Particular to the Urbanized Area Formula Program” section has been renamed, “Certifications Required by 49 U.S.C. 5307” and moved to Chapter IV. We propose moving the updated information on program of projects and public participation requirements to Chapter IV.

Finally, we propose eliminating the “Alphabetical List of Other Requirements.” The substance of that section has been moved to other chapters. Updated information related to “Associated Capital Maintenance Items,” “New Technology Introduction” and “Lease vs. Buy Considerations” can be found in Chapter III, under “Capital Projects;” updated information on “Buses,” “Bus Facilities” and “Fixed Guideway Rolling Stock,” is in proposed Chapter VI. We have consolidated the information on buses and rolling stock and renamed the section, “Requirements Related to Rolling Stock and Equipment.” We propose removing the section on “New Starts;” information on how the New Starts program relates to the Urbanized Area Formula program is in Chapter II. Updated information on the rest of the content of existing Chapter V is in proposed Chapter VII.

#### *F. Chapter VI—Program Management and Administrative Requirements*

The content of existing Chapter VI, “Application Instructions,” has been updated, streamlined, and moved to Appendix A. The proposed Chapter VI contains information on the TEAM system, Electronic Clearing House Operation (ECHO system, and, as previously discussed, information on the National Transit Database, requirements related to vehicles and equipment, and requirements related to facilities. The information in this chapter is consistent with that found in other recently updated FTA circulars.

#### *G. Chapter VII—Other Provisions*

Chapter VII of the existing circular contains instructions for preparing a project budget. This information has been updated and moved to Appendix B, consistent with other recently revised FTA circulars. The proposed Chapter VII is similar to the “Other Provisions” chapters in other FTA circulars, and summarizes a number of FTA-specific and other Federal requirements that FTA grantees are held to in addition to the program-specific requirements and guidance provided in the circular. As previously stated, some of the information has been relocated from the

existing Chapter V’s “Alphabetical Listing of Other Requirements.” Other sections, including charter bus, commercial driver’s license, and the presidential coin act are new to this circular. Recipients should use this chapter, in conjunction with FTA’s “Master Agreement” and the current fiscal year “Certifications and Assurances,” to assure that they have met all requirements. Recipients may contact FTA Regional Counsel for more detail about these requirements.

#### *G. Appendices*

The proposed appendices are intended as tools for developing a grant application. Appendix A specifically addresses steps and instructions for preparing a grant application, including pre-application and application stages. This information is comparable to Chapter VI, “Application Instructions,” in the existing circular, although it has been updated and reorganized. Appendix A also includes an application checklist. Proposed Appendix B provides budget information, including a sample budget, and compares with the information found in Chapter VII, “Instructions for Preparing a Project Budget,” in the existing circular. Proposed Appendix C compares with existing Appendix D, “Operating Assistance Projects,” in the existing circular. Proposed Appendix D, which compares with existing Appendix F, “Forms and Representative Documents,” in the existing circular (except the documents we propose removing, as described below), contains samples of an Authorizing Resolution, Opinion of Counsel, Fleet Status, Proceeds from the Sale of Public Transportation Assets, Like-Kind Exchange Example and Sample Supplemental Agreement. Proposed Appendix E contains a description of the preventive maintenance program, and is new to this circular. Proposed Appendix F contains updated contact information for all of FTA’s regional and metropolitan offices; this information is in Chapter VIII of the existing circular.

We propose removing most of the contents of Appendix A of the existing circular, “Transportation Planning Process,” and instead including a paragraph referencing the planning regulations in Chapter IV of the proposed circular. We propose removing most of the content of existing Appendix B, “Apportionment Formula,” and relocating the basic formula in Chapter III of the proposed circular. We propose removing the content of existing Appendix C, “New Start Development Process,” and direct readers to the most recent revision of

FTA Circular 9300, “Capital Investment Program Guidance and Application Instructions,” for information on New Starts.

We have relocated the existing Appendix D, “Operating Assistance Projects” to proposed Appendix C. The information has been updated, and we propose moving the sections relating to eligible projects and federal/local share to Chapter III. We propose removing the existing Appendix E, “Procedures Related to Flexible Funding” and we have relocated the substance to Chapter II and Appendix A. The existing Appendix F, “Forms and Representative Documents” compares to the proposed Appendix D. We have removed some of the sample forms, namely the Application, Lobbying Disclosure Form, Project Milestone Schedule and Subregional Allocation. The application is submitted and reviewed entirely online in TEAM and all the forms can be viewed online. The lobbying form is also available online. We propose removing the existing Appendix G, which contains information on certifications and assurances, much of which has been moved to proposed Chapter IV. We propose removing the Sample Certifications and Assurances, as this is something that is updated every year and available on FTA’s Web site. We propose moving the information in Appendix H, “Interest as an Eligible Capital Cost” to the proposed Chapter III with other eligible projects.

FTA seeks public comment on the changes within proposed FTA Circular 9030.1D.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 25th day of September 2009.

**Peter Rogoff,**

*FTA Administrator.*

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## **UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION**

### **Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts**

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of deadline for individuals to apply to be appointed to the membership of the Victims Advisory Group.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Sentencing Commission is issuing this notice to advise the public that the application period for membership in the Victims Advisory Group has been extended to

November 30, 2009. The deadline was originally August 10, 2009.

This application period is extended to ensure sufficient time for any individual who has knowledge, expertise, and/or experience in the area of Federal crime victimization to apply.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Victims Advisory Group of the United States Sentencing Commission is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the charter for the Victims Advisory Group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on the Commission's activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments, as they relate to victims of crime; (3) to disseminate information regarding sentencing issues to organizations represented by the Victims Advisory Group and to other victims of crime and victims advocacy groups, as appropriate; and (4) to perform any other functions related to victims of crime as the Commission requests. Under the charter, the advisory group consists of not more than nine members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Each member is appointed by the Commission.

In view of vacancies in the membership of the advisory group, the Commission invites any individual who has knowledge, expertise, and/or experience in the area of Federal crime victimization to apply to be appointed to the membership of the Victims Advisory Group. The Commission issued an invitation to apply for membership of the Victims Advisory Group on June 10, 2009 (74 FR 27586). Applications were initially due to the Commission on August 10, 2009. The Commission hereby invites additional applications from individuals who have knowledge, expertise, and/or experience in the area of Federal crime victimization. Applications should be received by the Commission not later than November 30, 2009. Applications may be sent to Michael Courlander at the address listed below.

**DATES:** Applications for membership of the Victims Advisory Group should be received not later than November 30, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send applications to: United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle, NE., Suite 2-500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Courlander, Public Affairs Officer, Telephone: (202) 502-4597.

**Authority:** 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2, 5.4.

**Ricardo H. Hinojosa,**  
*Acting Chair.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Women Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will meet on October 27-29, 2009, in the Pan American Room at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 until 4:30 p.m., each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

The agenda will include updates on recommendations from the 2006 and 2008 reports, and briefings on VA/ National Guard and Reserves initiatives, prosthetic services for women Veterans, Veterans employment initiatives, readjustment counseling, and homeless initiatives for women Veterans.

Any member of the public wishing to attend should contact Ms. Shannon L. Middleton at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Women Veterans (00W), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, by phone at (202) 461-6193, fax at (202) 273-7092, or e-mail at [00W@mail.va.gov](mailto:00W@mail.va.gov). Interested persons may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Committee. Written statements must be filed before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting.

Dated: September 25, 2009.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463

(Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation will meet on October 19-20, 2009, in the Carlton Ballroom at the St. Regis, 923 16th and K Streets, NW., Washington DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising from service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule and give advice on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of veterans relating to disability compensation.

On October 19, the Committee will receive briefings from representatives about medical aspects of Veteran's disability compensation procedures and programs, VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities, Veterans centers challenges and how they are being met, and Veterans service organizations resolutions and/or legislative issues pertaining to the mission of the Committee.

On October 20, the Committee will receive briefings from representatives about quality of life from the VA vocational rehabilitation perspective, loan guarantee programs, the adjustment/impact due to medical condition relating to quality of life, and the Institute of Medicine's study on reintegration of military personnel.

Time will be allocated for receiving public comments at 1 p.m. on October 19. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Ersie Farber, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (211A), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of