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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense Retirement Board of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the board has been scheduled to execute the provisions of Chapter 74, Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 1464 et seq.). The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of the Military Retirement System. Persons desiring to: (1) attend the DoD Retirement Board of Actuaries meeting or, (2) make an oral presentation or submit a written statement for consideration at the meeting, must notify Inger Pettygrove at (703) 696-7413 by July 24, 2001.

Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: August 9, 2001, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The Pentagon, Room 1E801—Rooms 2 and 3.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Doyle, Chief Actuary, DoD Office of the Actuary, 1555 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22209-2405, (703) 696-7407.

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DENALI COMMISSION

Denali Commission Work Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2003; Request for Comments

Summary: The Denali Commission was established by the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to deliver the services of the Federal Government in the most cost-effective manner practicable to communities throughout rural Alaska, many of which suffer from unemployment rates in excess of 50%.

Its purposes include, but are not limited to, providing necessary rural utilities and other infrastructure that promote health, safety and economic self-sufficiency.

The Denali Commission Act requires that the Commission develop proposed work plans for future spending and that the annual work plans be published in the **Federal Register** for a 30-day period, providing an opportunity for public review and comment.

This **Federal Register** notice serves to announce the 30-day opportunity for public comment on the Denali Commission Work Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2003.

For Further Information Contact: Jeffrey Staser, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission, 510 "L" Street, Suite 410, Anchorage, AK 99501. Phone: (907) 271-1414; Fax: (907) 271-1415; email: jstaser@denali.gov; web-site: www.denali.gov.

Supplementary Information: Copies of the Denali Commission Work Plan can be obtained from the Denali Commission web-site at www.denali.gov or by contacting the Denali Commission as provided in the section above. Copies of the Appendices are not included in the **Federal Register** printing, but are available on the web-site or by contacting the Denali Commission.

Part One: Denali Commission Purposes and Approach

Purposes of Commission

The Denali Commission Act of 1998, as amended (Division C, Title III, PL 105-277), states that the purposes of the Denali Commission are:

To deliver the services of the Federal Government in the most cost-effective manner practicable by reducing administrative and overhead costs.

To provide job training and other economic development services in rural communities, particularly distressed communities (many of which have a rate of unemployment that exceeds 50 percent).

To promote rural development, provide power generation and transmission facilities, modern communication systems, bulk fuel storage tanks, water and sewer systems and other infrastructure needs.

Challenges to Development and Economic Self-Sufficiency

Geography—The State of Alaska is twenty percent of the landmass of the United States, encompassing five climatic zones from the arctic to moderate rain forests in the south.

Isolation—Approximately 220 Alaskan communities are accessible only by air or small boat. Some village communities are separated by hundreds

of miles from the nearest regional hub community or urban center.

Unemployment—The economy of rural Alaska is a mix of government or government-funded jobs, natural resource extraction and traditional Native subsistence activities. Many rural Alaskans depend on subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering for a significant proportion of their foods, but also depend on cash income to provide the means to pursue these subsistence activities. Cash paying employment opportunities in much of rural Alaska are scarce and are highly seasonal in many areas; real unemployment rates exceed 50% in 147 communities.

High Cost and Low Standard of Living—Over 170 communities suffer from inadequate sanitation or a lack of safe drinking water. Residents face high electric costs: 61 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity in a few communities; average in rural Alaska is approximately 40 cents per kilowatt-hour with State subsidies.

Commission Relationship with Other Organizations

The Commission acts as a catalyst to encourage local, regional, and statewide comprehensive assessment, planning and ranking of needed infrastructure improvements, economic development opportunities and training needs.

The Commission, working with agencies or other organizations whenever feasible, works to improve coordination, and to streamline and expedite the development of needed infrastructure, economic development and training.

The Commission may build on the work of both Federal and State of Alaska agencies to identify statewide needs, to establish priorities and to develop comprehensive work plans.

The Commission seeks the support and involvement of all affected local communities, governing bodies, businesses and other organizations.

The Commission encourages partnerships between government, non-profit organizations, and businesses to expedite sustainable economic and infrastructure development.

Commission Schedule

The Commission Work Plan serves as the budget required by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and is submitted one year in advance of the fiscal year (FY) it addresses. This document, which addresses FY 2003, will be submitted to OMB by October 1, 2001 after the 30-day public comment period.