

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 4019]****Amendment to Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Proposals: Islamic Life in the United States**

SUMMARY: The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State announces the addition of Thailand to the Southeast Asian region for which proposals will be accepted.

The Islamic Life in the United States Grants Competition was announced on May 2, 2002 in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 22149). The deadline for proposals is June 20, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested organizations should contact Thomas Johnston, 202/619-5325; E-mail tjohnsto@pd.state.gov.

Dated: May 9, 2002.

Rick A. Ruth,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice #3983]****U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of State announces the meeting of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy on Friday, May 24, 2002, in Room 1408 of the U.S. Department of State at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Commission, reauthorized pursuant to Public Law 106-113 (H.R. 3194, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000), will provide a general update on the effectiveness of public diplomacy initiatives as well as discuss potential areas of examination for the remainder of the Commissioners' terms of office.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting, though attendance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the building is controlled, and individual building passes are required for all attendees.

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is a bipartisan Presidentially appointed panel created by Congress in 1948 to provide oversight of U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform and influence foreign publics. The Commission reports its findings and

recommendations to the President, the Congress and the Secretary of State and the American people. Current commission members include Harold Pachios of Maine, who is the chairman; Charles Dolan of Virginia, who is the vice chairman; Penne Percy Korth of Washington, DC; Lewis Manilow of Illinois; and Maria Elena Torano of Florida.

To attend the meeting, please contact Matt Lauer at (202) 619-4463. For more information visit www.state.gov/r/adcompd.

Dated: May 8, 2002.

Matthew Lauer,

Executive Director, U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 3962]****Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Wednesday June 12, 2002, in room 6319, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 48th session of the Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for July 8-12, 2002, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

Items of principal interest on the agenda are:

- Routing of ships, ship reporting and related matters
- Integrated bridge systems (IBS) operational aspects
- Places of refuge
- Revision of fishing vessel Safety Code and Voluntary Guidelines
- Anchoring, mooring and towing equipment
- Feasibility study on carriage of Voyage Data Recorders (VDR) on existing cargo ships
- Revision of performance standards for radar reflectors
- Review of performance standards for radar equipment
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) matters, including Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group 8
- Large passenger ship safety: Effective voyage planning
- Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats

—Matters related to bulk carrier safety
—Casualty analysis

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Edward J. LaRue, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (G-MWV-2, Room 1407, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0416.

Dated: April 10, 2002.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**Trade Policy Staff Committee; Initiation of Environmental Review of Doha Multilateral Trade Negotiations; Public Comments on Scope of Environmental Review**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Executive Order 13141, 64 FR 63169 (Nov. 18, 1999), and implementing guidelines, 65 FR 79442 (Dec. 19, 2000), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is initiating an environmental review of the multilateral negotiations launched in November 2001 at the World Trade Organization's Fourth Ministerial Meeting in Doha, Qatar. The negotiations are to be concluded within three years (not later than January 1, 2005).

The TPSC requests written public comments on the scope of the environmental review, including any reasonably foreseeable significant positive and negative environmental effects that might flow from economic changes attributable to the prospective agreements, and potential implications for environmental laws, regulations and other measures. The TPSC also welcomes public views on appropriate methodologies for conducting the review and the appropriate time to perform the environmental analysis, given the three-year time frame for the negotiations.

DATES: Public comments should be received no later than July 26, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the

USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-3475. Questions concerning the environmental review should be addressed to the Environment and Natural Resources Section, USTR, telephone (202) 395-7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Fourth WTO Ministerial Meeting in Doha, Qatar, trade ministers representing more than 140 countries launched new multilateral trade negotiations. The agenda calls for a comprehensive 3-year negotiation, covering a variety of areas such as agriculture, services, industrial tariffs, WTO rules (including ways to clarify and improve disciplines on environmentally harmful fish subsidies), reduction in trade barriers to environmental goods and services, and limited aspects of the relationship between the WTO and multilateral environmental agreements. In a separate notice, the TPSC has requested public views on the general U.S. negotiating objectives and country and item-specific priorities for the Doha negotiations, including with respect to environmental objectives. 67 FR 12637 (March 19, 2002). That notice contains more detailed information concerning the scope of the negotiations. The Doha Ministerial Declaration and further information about the negotiations are available on USTR's website at www.ustr.gov, or on the WTO's website at www.wto.org.

Executive Order 13141—*Environmental Review of Trade Agreements* (November 1999) and implementing guidelines (December 2000) formalize the U.S. policy of conducting environmental reviews for certain major trade agreements. Reviews are used to identify potentially significant, reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts (both positive and negative), and information from the review can help facilitate consideration of appropriate responses where impacts are identified. The Order requires environmental reviews of certain types of agreements, including comprehensive multilateral trade rounds. See 64 FR 63169. Reviews address potential environmental impacts that may be associated with projected economic changes expected to occur as a result of the proposed agreement, and potential implications for environmental laws and regulations. The focus of the reviews is on impacts on the United States, although global and transboundary impacts may be considered, where appropriate and prudent.

In April 2001, USTR initiated an environmental review of the mandated WTO negotiations on agriculture and services, known as the "built-in agenda" negotiations. 66 FR 20846 (April 25, 2001). The "built-in agenda" review will be consolidated with this review of the Doha negotiations. It is not necessary to repeat comments submitted in response to the April 25, 2001 notice; those comments are being considered and are available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room (see below). However, supplemental comments on the agriculture and services negotiations are welcome.

The TPSC recognizes that the Doha negotiations are at an early stage. As developments in the negotiations further clarify the scope of potential agreements, the TPSC anticipates that there will be other opportunities for the public to provide additional input as appropriate.

Written Comments

Persons submitting written comments should provide twenty (20) copies no later than July 26, 2002, to Gloria Blue at the above address. Where possible, respondents should also submit comments in electronic form by providing a disk together with the required twenty hard copies. The disk should be labeled and should clearly identify the software used and the respondent.

Written comments submitted in response to this request will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, in Room 3 of the USTR Annex, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 10–12 a.m. and from 1–4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Fulton County and Cobb County, Georgia

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing this

notice to advise agencies and the public that, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, an Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for a proposed transportation improvement in the Metropolitan Atlanta Region's Northwest Corridor. Located in Fulton and Cobb counties, the proposed Northwest Corridor would extend between an Atlanta connection with the existing MARTA rail line (at Arts Center, Midtown or Bankhead stations) and the Town Center/Kennesaw State University activity center area in Cobb County. The corridor is centered on US 41, I-75 and the W&A (CSX) Railroad. The corridor boundaries are roughly defined by Midtown Atlanta on the south, Powers Ferry Road on the northeast, Georgia 280 (Hamilton E. Holmes Drive/James Jackson Parkway/South Cobb Drive) on the southwest and Town Center on the north. The lead agency will also seek the cooperation of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in conducting this review.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* Written comments on the scope of the alternatives and the impacts to be considered should be sent to Sylvia Greer, State & Community Affairs Specialist, at GRTA 404-463-2430; TDD phone number 711 by July 11, 2002.

Scoping Meetings: GRTA will conduct three (3) identical public scoping meetings and an agency scoping meeting. The public scoping meetings will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002 in two locations, as follows: Kennesaw State University Center, Kennesaw, Georgia 11 a.m.; and the Smyrna Community Center, Smyrna, Georgia 7 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at the Carl E. Sanders YMCA in Buckhead at 6:30 p.m. The agency scoping meeting will be held on June 27, 2002 at 2 p.m. in the GRTA Board Room. The locations of the scoping meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities and open to all members of the community. Any individual with a disability who requires special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, to participate in the scoping meetings should contact Sylvia Greer, State & Community Affairs Specialist, at GRTA 404-463-2430; TDD phone number 711 by June 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: To be added to the mailing list or to provide written comments, please contact Sylvia Greer, State & Community Affairs Specialist, at GRTA,