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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2008 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Location: National Press Club Ballroom, 529 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045.

Please note that this is the anticipated agenda and is subject to change.

Keynote: Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Administrator and Director of United States Foreign Assistance, will speak on the Global Development Commons, including its role as a driver of development and the link between economic growth and democratic governance. She will also provide an update on USAID's response to the ACVFA working groups' recommendations.

Democratic Governance and Economic Growth: An examination of what has worked successfully in democratic governance and economic growth programs will be discussed in two parts. Particular attention will be paid to those programs that have been or could be successfully replicated in other countries.

Cutting Edge Partnerships: Carol Adelman, ACVFA Vice Chair, will lead a discussion with representatives from the corporate, foundation, and end user communities on innovative partnerships that have stimulated economic growth and promoted good democratic governance. Speakers include Lauren Moser Counts with Shorebank, Corey Griffin with Microsoft Corporation, Donald F. Terry with the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Hodgson with WINGS Global Fund for Community Foundations and a representative from Global Giving.

USAID's Lessons Learned: Discussion of successes and challenges countries that attain both democracy and high economic growth, with a specific focus on USAID's contributions. Possible countries may include Costa Rica, India, Botswana, Chile, and Estonia. The discussion will be moderated by Ted Weihe, ACVFA member, and panelists will include Simeon Djankov, with the World Bank, Chad Evans with the Council on Competitiveness, Mary Ott with USAID's Office of Economic Growth, Mary Ryckman with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and Dorothy Taft with USAID's Office of Democracy and Governance.

Global Knowledge Sharing for Development: Knowledge management tools, including the Global Development Commons, will be discussed as to how they could benefit the variety of actors in democratic governance and economic growth. The discussion will be moderated by Judith Hermanson, ACVFA member, and panelists will include Steve Gale with USAID and representatives from academia and web portals.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can register online at http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa or with Jenny Chun of the Hill Group at hkim@thehillgroup.com or 301-897-2789 ext. 115 or with Jocelyn Rowe at jrowe@usaid.gov or 202-712-4002.

Dated: February 6, 2008.

Jocelyn M. Rowe,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA), U.S. Agency for International Development.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development One Hundred and Fifty-Third Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and fifty-third meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 27, 2008 at the National Press Club located at 529 14th St., NW., Washington, DC. The venue

will be the 1st Amendment Room which is located on the 13th floor of the National Press Club.

Dr. Robert Easter, Chairman of BIFAD will open the meeting. Dr. Easter is the Dean, College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environment Sciences at the University of Illinois. Dean Easter's appointment as Chairman was confirmed by the White House on January 21, 2008. Dean Easter has been serving as interim Chairman since April 30, 2007 when Mr. Peter McPherson, former USAID Administrator, resigned from the Board. The Board also welcomes two new members: Mr. H. H. Barlow III (Kentucky) and Mr. Keith Eckel (Pennsylvania). They will be sworn in by Jacqueline E. Schafer, Assistant Administrator for the Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade Bureau, USAID.

The morning session's topics will include presentations on the Global Summit on Higher Education and Development, and also the Global Development Commons as being initiated by USAID Administrator Henrietta H. Fore. Status Reports will be given on two of BIFAD's activities; the study on "Defining a Title XII Activity," and the Conference of Deans which is being planned for April 2008. There will be a general discussion focusing on Strategic Directions of BIFAD in 2008. Jacqueline E. Schafer will brief the Board on the President's 2009 budget and its impacts for agriculture programs.

Following the Board's executive luncheon (closed to the public) and the swearing-in of the new Board members BIFAD will be updated on the "Universities as Sub-Contractor's" issue and on USAID's approach for preparing the 2007 Title XII Report. Highlighting the afternoon session will be discussion with the Office of Agriculture on planning actions for two new CRSPs (Global Horticulture and Global Livestock-Climate Change). BIFAD committee actions will also be discussed; including updates by Ray Miller, Chair of BIFAD's new special Task Force and Sandra Russo, Chair of BIFAD's sub-committee Strategic Partnership for Agricultural Research and Education (SPARE).

SPARE-Special Notice: The SPARE committee will hold its next meeting on February 26, 2008. It will begin at 1:30 p.m. The meeting venue is in the multi-purpose conference room located on the

1st floor of NASULGC's offices located at 1307 New York Ave., NW., Washington, DC.

The Board and SPARE meetings are free and open to the public. The Board and SPARE welcomes an open dialog to promote greater focus on critical issues facing USAID and international agriculture. Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Dr. Ronald S. Senykoff, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-085, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-0218 or fax (202) 216-3010.

Ronald S. Senykoff,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture & Trade, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period—Proposed Directives for Forest Service Outfitting and Guiding Special Use Permits and Insurance Requirements for Forest Service Special Use Permits

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of extension for public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is extending the public comment period for the proposed directive regarding Forest Service Outfitting and Guiding Special Use Permits and Insurance Requirements for Forest Service Special Use Permits for an additional 30 days to March 20, 2008. The original notice called for comments to be submitted by January 17, 2008 (72 FR 59246, October 19, 2007). A second notice (72 FR 71113, December 14, 2007) extended the comment period until February 19, 2008.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by March 20, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments electronically by following the instructions at the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulation.gov>.

Comments also may be submitted by mail to U.S. Forest Service, Attn: Carolyn Holbrook, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff (2720), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1125, Washington, DC 20250-1125. If comments are sent electronically, the public is requested not to send duplicate comments by mail. Please confine comments to issues pertinent to the proposed directives, explain the reasons for any recommended changes, and, where possible, reference the specific section and wording being addressed.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on these proposed directives in the Office of the Director, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff, 4th Floor Central, Sidney R. Yates Federal Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, on business days between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those wishing to inspect comments are encouraged to call ahead at (202) 205-1426 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn Holbrook, (202) 205-1426, Recreation and Heritage Resources Staff.

Dated: February 7, 2008.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief—NFS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Tree-Marking Paint Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Tree-marking Paint Committee will meet in Asheville, North Carolina on May 13-15, 2008. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss activities related to improvements in, concerns about, and the handling and use of tree-marking paint by personnel of the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 13-15, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Asheville Downtown, 22 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801. Persons who wish to file written comments before or after

the meeting must send written comments to Dave Haston, Chairman, National Tree-marking Paint Committee, Forest Service, USDA, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, 444 East Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, California 91773, or electronically to dhaston@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Haston, Sr. Project Leader, San Dimas Technology and Development Center, Forest Service, USDA, (909) 599-1267, extension 294 or dhaston@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Tree-marking Paint Committee comprises representatives from the Forest Service national headquarters, each of the nine Forest Service Regions, the Forest Products Laboratory, the Forest Service San Dimas Technology and Development Center, and the Bureau of Land Management. The General Services Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health are ad hoc members and provide technical advice to the committee.

A field trip will be held on May 13 and is designed to supplement information related to tree-marking paint. This trip is open to any member of the public participating in the public meeting on May 14-15. However, transportation is provided only for committee members.

The main session of the meeting, which is open to public attendance, will be held on May 14-15.

Closed Sessions

While certain segments of this meeting are open to the public, there will be two closed sessions during the meeting. The first closed session is planned for approximately 10 a.m. to noon on May 14. This session is reserved for individual paint manufacturers to present products and information about tree-marking paint for consideration in future testing and use by the agency. Paint manufacturers also may provide comments on tree-marking paint specifications or other requirements. This portion of the meeting is open only to paint manufacturers, the committee, and committee staff to ensure that trade secrets will not be disclosed to other paint manufacturers or to the public. Paint manufacturers wishing to make presentations to the Tree-marking Paint Committee during the closed session should contact the committee chairperson at the telephone number listed at **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in this notice. The second closed session is planned for