

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—July 16, 2008, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Larry Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.”

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on July 16, 2008 to address “Research and Development and Technological Advances in Key Industries in China.”

Background

This event is the eighth in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2008 report cycle to collect input from leading academic, industry, and government experts on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The July 16 hearing will examine domestic and foreign-funded research and development, Chinese development in key industries, and the changing nature of China’s trade flows.

The July 16 hearing will address “Research and Development and Technological Advances in Key Industries in China” and will be co-chaired by Commissioners Michael Wessel and Dennis Shea.

Information on hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web Site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission’s Web site <http://www.uscc.gov> as soon as available. Any interested party may file a written statement by July 16, 2008, by mailing to the contact below. On July 16, the hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 16, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Eastern

Daylight Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building located at First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20510. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202–624–1409, or via email at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as amended by Pub. L. 109–108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: June 23, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Notice of Renewal of Four Federal Advisory Committees

In compliance with both the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and associated regulations governing the operation of federal advisory committees, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that four federal advisory committees managed by VA are being renewed for a period of two years each. The name of each committee is provided below, along with a brief description of its principal objective(s).

Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee—The Committee’s objectives are to provide expert advice on VA cooperative studies, multi-site clinical research activities, and policies related to conducting and managing these efforts. To accomplish its objectives, the Committee reviews research proposals and makes recommendations to the Director of the Clinical Science

Research and Development Service and Chief Research and Development Officer on funding and administration of those proposals.

Health Services Research and Development Service Merit Review Board—The objective of the Board is to ensure the high quality and mission relevance of VA’s legislatively mandated research and development program. Board members advise the Director of the Health Services Research and Development Service and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, originality, feasibility, and mission relevance of individual research proposals. They also advise on the adequacy of protection of human and animal subjects and proposed budgets.

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board—The objectives of the Board are to provide expert review of the scientific quality, safety, and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration, and to offer advice on research program priorities and policies. The proposals to be reviewed may address research questions within the general area of biomedical and behavioral research or clinical science research. The Board specifically advises the Directors of the Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development Service and the Clinical Science Research and Development Service and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the administration of VA’s intramural program.

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board—The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds, and to offer advice on research program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure that the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled veterans.

Dated: June 19, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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