

Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Fire Defense Deployment Analysis Project

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ United States Fire Administration (USFA).

ACTION: Notice of funds availability for cooperative agreement.

SUMMARY: FEMA gives notice of the availability of funds for research and develop to update a methodology on "Fire Defense Deployment Analysis", first developed by the Rand Corporation in 1968. We (FEMA) propose to enter a cooperative agreement to conduct research and to develop an updated/current methodology.

DATES: Cooperative Agreement funds are immediately available. Requests for copies of the "Assistance Application Package" must be received by close of business, March 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Eligible/interested parties wishing to obtain a copy of the "Assistance Application Package" should contact: Gregory S. Blair, National Emergency Training Center, Building E, room 115, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-1455, (telefax) (301) 447-1092, or (email) greg.blair@fema.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory S. Blair, National Emergency Training Center, Building E, room 115, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-1455, (telefax) (301) 447-1092, or (email) greg.blair@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The methodology concerned, "Fire Defense Deployment Analysis", was initially developed by the Rand Corporation in 1968, on behalf of the City of New York. The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) funded and continued research on this methodology through the mid-1970's before discontinuing it. The current methodology has not been researched or updated since the mid-1970's, and is

now over twenty-five years old. Therefore, FEMA, acting through the USFA, asks for help to conduct research and development on an updated/current methodology.

Qualifications: Interested sources wishing to support the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), should be an "Institution of Higher Learning" (IHL) with the ability and knowledge resource base to conduct the review of the validity of public fire defense deployment methodologies that are currently referred to when identifying average public fire defense apparatus speed, point-to-point time/distance and unit availability models. Interested sources should have extensive experience and demonstrated abilities to conduct detailed analytical public policy research efforts, and should have a professional staff with a wide variety of qualifications and demonstrated understanding and knowledge of the specified subject area. Specific qualifications include:

(1) Advanced degrees that include a wide variety of related fields such as: fire protection engineering, public policy or public administration, urban studies or urban planning and operations research;

(2) Knowledge and authority of fire defense deployment analysis models demonstrated through a variety of combined venues such as: published studies and reports, lectures, instruction at the university level and consultation, particularly as to the characteristics of local land-use patterns and other features of the physical environment as well as vehicular traffic densities and pertinent cultural or demographic issues that may impact public fire defenses;

(3) Knowledge and authority in operations research demonstrated through a variety of documented venues such as published studies and reports, lectures, instruction at the university level and consultation;

(4) Experience in the development and implementation of long-range fire defense planning and fire station location models.

Dated: February 29, 2000.

Carrye B. Brown,

U.S. Fire Administrator.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Open Meeting, Technical Mapping Advisory Council

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with § 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, the Federal Emergency Management Agency gives notice that the following meeting will be held:

Name: Technical Mapping Advisory Council.

Date of Meeting: March 13-14, 2000.

Place: National Geodetic Survey, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., both days.

Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order and Announcements.
2. Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings.
3. Map Modernization Updates:
 - (a) Funding Issues.
 - (b) Map Service Center.
 - (c) Coastal and Riverine Erosion Study.
 - (d) Improving the Scoping Process.
4. Council Plans for Year 2000.
5. Council Discussion of Unmapped Areas.
6. Presentations by NGS:
 - (a) Recent MGS Experience with 3-D Mapping.
 - (b) Use of GPS to Establish Base Flood Elevations.
 - (c) Topo/Bathy Project.
7. New Business.
8. Adjournment.

Status: This meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael K. Buckley, P.E., Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., room 421, Washington, DC 20472, telephone (202) 646-2756 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Sally P. Magee, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., room 442, Washington, DC 20472, telephone (202) 646-8242 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596 on or before March 6, 2000.

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available upon request 30 days after they have been approved by the next Technical Mapping Advisory Council meeting.

Dated: March 1, 2000.

Michael J. Armstrong,
Associate Director for Mitigation.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1314-DR]

Louisiana; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Louisiana, (FEMA-1314-DR), dated February 15, 2000, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Madge Dale, Response and Recovery
Directorate, Federal Emergency
Management Agency, Washington, DC
20472, (202) 646-3772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster for the State of Louisiana is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of February 15, 2000: Richland Parish for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 00-04]

**Al Kogan d/b/a Galaway International
v. World Express Shipping,
Transportation and Forwarding
Services, Inc. D/B/A W.E.S.T.
Forwarding Services (FMC Lic. #3118-
R); Notice of Filing of Complaint and
Assignment**

Notice is given that a complaint was filed by Al Kogan d/b/a Galaway

International ("Complainant"), against World Express Shipping, Transportation and Forwarding Services, Inc. d/b/a W.E.S.T. Forwarding Services (FMC Lic. #3118-R) ("Respondent"). Complainant alleges that Respondent, engaged in the freight forwarding and shipping business as both an ocean freight forwarder and a non-vessel operating carrier, violated sections 10(b)(1), 10(b)(5), 10(b)(6)(E), 10(b)(12) and 10(d)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. §§ 1709(b)(1), 1709(b)(5), 1709(b)(6)(E), 1709(b)(12) and 1709(d)(1), ("1984 Act") in connection with a shipment of a container of auto parts from Chicago, Illinois, to Moscow, Russia. Complainant alleges that these violations were caused by Respondent failing to follow Complainant's instructions to route the container through Kotka, Finland, thereby forcing Complainant to pay more than the original amount quoted by Respondent; by discriminating against Complainant in delaying the shipment to Kotka, causing Complainant to lose his customer and in refusing to release the container in Kotka, causing Complainant to incur demurrage charges and damages and costs related to the eventual delivery of the goods; subjecting Complainant to unfair and discriminatory practices in connection with the adjustment and settlement of the claims involved with the container; subjecting Complainant to an unreasonable refusal to deal and undue and unreasonable prejudice by holding the container hostage in Kotka; and by improperly billing Complainant and refusing to cooperate with Complainant and thereby failing to establish, observe, and enforce just and reasonable practices relating to or connected with receiving, handling, storing or delivery property.

Additionally, Complainant alleges that Respondent violated the following Commission rules under 46 CFR Part 510 (1998): §§ 510.21(f)(1998), by placing false information on the involved shipping documents; 510.22(b)(1998), by withholding information concerning the shipment; 510.22(c)(1998), by failing to exercise due diligence concerning the shipment; 510.22(d)(1998), by preparing erroneous documents in connection with the shipment; 510.22(g)(1998), by failing to substantiate its invoice charges or to provide true copies of its underlying documents for its invoices when requested by the Complainant; 510.22(j)(1998), by failing to account for the overpayments, adjustments of charges, reductions in rates, insurance refunds and other sums due Complainant; 510.23(a)(1998), by failing

to fully disclose Complainant's identity in Respondent's dealings with another carrier; 510.23(f)(1998), by causing duplicative compensation for services; and 510.23(h), by receiving compensation in connection with a shipment in which it has a beneficial interest.

Complainant requests that the Commission order Respondent to cease and desist from the aforesaid violations of the Act; to establish and put into force such practices as the Commission determines to be lawful and reasonable; to pay Complainant reparations in the sum of \$250,000 with interest and attorney's fees and costs or such other sum as the Commission may determine to be proper as an award of reparation.

This proceeding has been assigned to the office of Administrative Law Judges. Hearing in this matter, if any is held, shall commence within the time limitations prescribed in 46 CFR 502.61, and only after consideration has been given by the parties and the presiding officer to the use of alternative forms of dispute resolution. The hearing shall include oral testimony and cross-examination in the discretion of the presiding officer only upon proper showing that there are genuine issues of material fact that cannot be resolved on the basis of sworn statements, affidavits, deposition, or other documents or that the nature of the matter in issue is such that an oral hearing and cross-examination are necessary for the development of an adequate record. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by March 2, 2001, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by July 2, 2001.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and