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You must include the DS form number (DS-234), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Jessica Firestein of the Office of Admissions, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW. L-505, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at [firesteinjy@state.gov](mailto:firesteinjy@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* Form DS-234 is being added to this collection to elicit information used to determine the eligibility of Iraqis and Afghan nationals applying for special immigrant visas.

*Methodology:* The SIV Bio-data information form (DS-234) is submitted electronically by the applicant to the National Visa Center, which will forward the forms to the Refugee Processing Center of Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

Dated: June 28, 2008.

**Lawrence Bartlett,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Delegation of Authority No. 314]**

**Delegation by the Deputy Secretary of State to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security of Authority in Section 1821(b) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a), and delegated to me by Delegation of Authority 245, I hereby delegate to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, to the extent authorized by law, the function conferred on the Secretary of State in Section 1821(b) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.

Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or procedure as amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, or the Under Secretary for Political Affairs may at any time exercise any authority or function delegated by this delegation of authority. The authority of the Under Secretary for Political Affairs is effective as long as Delegation of Authority 280, dated May 2, 2005, is in effect.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 30, 2008.

**John D. Negroponte,**

*Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**ITS Joint Program Office; Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Research and Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces, pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 72-363; 5 U.S.C. app. 2), a meeting of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program Advisory Committee (ITSPAC). The meeting will be held on July 31, 2008, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and August 1,

2008, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Courtyard by Marriott Capitol Hill/Navy Yard Hotel, 140 L Street, SE., Washington, DC 20003.

The ITSPAC, established under Section 5305 of Public Law 109-59, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, August 10, 2005, and chartered on February 7, 2008, was created to advise the Secretary of Transportation on all matters relating to the study, development and implementation of intelligent transportation systems. Through its sponsor, the ITS Joint Program Office, the ITSPAC will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding ITS program needs, objectives, plans, approaches, contents, and progress.

The following is a summary of the meeting's tentative agenda. Day 1: (1) Introductory Remarks; (2) Crosswalk: Existing ITS Program Goals and Activities to Proposed New Program Goals and Focus Areas; (3) RITA Administrator Remarks; (4) USDOT World Congress Activity Update; (5) University Transportation Centers Coordination Activities Update; and (6) ITS Advisory Committee Advice Memorandum Update. Day 2: (1) Agenda and Objective Review; (2) ITS Initiatives Program Updates; (3) General Discussion; (4) Summary and Wrap-up; and (5) Next Steps.

Attendance is open to the public, but limited space will be available on a first come, first served basis. With the approval of Ms. Shelley Row, the Committee Designated Federal Official, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Non-committee members wishing to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Ms. Marcia Pincus, the Committee Management Officer, at (202) 366-9230.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be submitted by U.S. Mail to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, ITS Joint Program Office, Attention: Marcia Pincus, Room E33-401, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590 or faxed to (202) 493-2027. The ITS Joint Program Office requests that written comments be submitted prior to the meeting.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Pincus at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Service Administration regulations (41 CFR Part 102-3)

covering management of Federal advisory committees.

Issued in Washington, DC, on the 25th day of June, 2008.

**Shelley Row,**

*Director, ITS Joint Program Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Office of Commercial Space Transportation; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Spaceport America Commercial Launch Site, Sierra County, NM

**AGENCY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTIONS:** Notice of Availability, Notice of Public Comment Period, Notice of Public Hearings, and Request for Comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations and FAA Order 1050.1E, Change 1, the FAA is announcing the availability of and requesting comments on the Draft EIS for the Spaceport America Commercial Launch Site, Sierra County, New Mexico. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of Commercial Space Transportation is the lead Federal agency for the development of this EIS. Cooperating agencies include the Bureau of Land Management; the National Park Service; United States Department of the Army, White Sands Missile Range (WSMR); and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Draft EIS was prepared in response to an application for a launch site operator license from the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA). Under the Proposed Action, the FAA would issue a launch site operator license to NMSA to operate a launch facility capable of accommodating both horizontal and vertical launches of suborbital launch vehicles (LVs). The vehicles may carry space flight participants, scientific experiments, or other payloads. The proposed site is located in Sierra County, approximately 30 miles southeast of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, and 45 miles north of Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Draft EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts of issuing a launch site operator license for horizontal launches only (Alternative 1),

vertical launches only (Alternative 2), and the No Action Alternative.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the NEPA process begins with the publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2008. To ensure that all comments can be addressed in the Final EIS, comments on the draft must be received by the FAA no later than August 18, 2008.

A paper copy and a CD version of the Draft EIS may be reviewed for comment during regular business hours at the following locations:

Hatch Public Library, P.O. Box 289, Hatch, NM 87937

Sunland Park Community Library, 984 McNutt Road, Bldg. F-10, Sunland Park, NM 88063

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001

Valley Public Library, 136 N. Main, Anthony, NM 88021

Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Ave., Alamogordo, NM 88310

Mescalero Community Library, 101 Central Ave., Mescalero, NM 88340  
Michael Nivision Library, 90 Swallow Place, Cloudcroft, NM 88317

Truth or Consequences Public Library, 325 Library Lane, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

Truth or Consequences Public Library—Downtown, 401 Foch St., Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

The FAA is holding a total of six public hearings on the Draft EIS. At these meetings, the FAA will present information about the Draft EIS and the environmental review process. The purpose of the public hearings is to afford the public and other interested parties the opportunity to comment on the economic, social, and environmental effects of the Proposed Action. Members of the public will be provided the opportunity to submit both written and oral comments. The FAA will transcribe oral comments. All comments received during the comment period will be given equal weight and be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Final EIS. The public hearings will be held at the following locations.

- August 5, 2008, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Alamogordo City Hall (Commission Chambers), 1376 E. Ninth St., Alamogordo, NM (505-439-4205).

- August 6, 2008, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Truth or Consequences Civic Center, 400 West Fourth St., Truth or Consequences, NM (575-894-4400).

- August 7, 2008, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 North Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM (575-647-7200).

The FAA has posted the Draft EIS on the FAA Web site at <http://ast.faa.gov>. In addition, CDs with the Draft EIS were sent to persons and agencies on the distribution list (found in Chapter 8 of the Draft EIS).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the Draft EIS should be mailed to FAA Spaceport America EIS, c/o ICF International, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031. Comments also can be sent by e-mail to [SpaceportAmericaEIS@icfi.com](mailto:SpaceportAmericaEIS@icfi.com) or fax to (703) 934-3951.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Under the Proposed Action, the FAA would issue a launch site operator license to NMSA that would allow the State to operate the proposed Spaceport America Commercial Launch Site for both horizontal and vertical suborbital LV launches. Horizontal LVs would launch and land at the proposed Spaceport America airfield. Vertical LVs would launch from Spaceport America and either land at Spaceport America or at WSMR. Rocket-powered vertical landing vehicles would land on either the Spaceport America airfield or a vertical launch/landing pad.

In addition, the Proposed Action includes construction of facilities needed to support the licensed launch activities at the proposed launch site. Development of Spaceport America infrastructure would occur in two phases. The total area of land disturbed by construction would be approximately 970 acres; the total area of the final facilities footprint would be approximately 145 acres. The proposed Spaceport America boundary would encompass approximately 26 square miles. This area currently contains both State and private land.

Operational activities in support of the Proposed Action would begin as soon as the phased construction activities related to the Proposed Action were completed. The operational activities that may have environmental consequences and would support, either directly or indirectly, licensed launches include:

- Transport of Launch Vehicles to the Assembly or Staging Areas.
- Transport and Storage of Rocket Propellants and Other Fuels.
- Launch, Landing and Recovery Activities for Horizontal Vehicles.
- Launch, Landing and Recovery Activities for Vertical Vehicles.
- Other Activities.
- Ground-Based Tests and Static Firings.
- Training.
- X Prize Cup Events.

The FAA identified two alternatives and the No Action Alternative to the