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Stephen Long,

Executive Officer, NIAAA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group, Subcommittee G—Education.

Date: February 13–14, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Double Tree Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Sonya Roberson, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Resources and Training Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, 6116 Executive Blvd., Room 8045, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-1182, robersons@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS.)

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Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Security of Aircraft and Safety of Passengers Transiting Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document informs the public that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has determined that Bandara Ngurah Rai International Airport, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia, does not maintain and carry out effective security measures. Pursuant to this determination, the Department of Homeland Security is directing all U.S. and foreign air carriers (and their agents) providing service between the U.S. and Bandara Ngurah Rai International Airport to provide notice of this determination to any passenger purchasing a ticket for transportation between the United States and Bandara Ngurah Rai International Airport. DHS also is requiring that U.S. airports post a notice of the determination, in accordance with statutory requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard H. Stein, General Manager, International, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220, Telephone: (571) 227-2764, e-mail: Richard.Stein@dhs.gov.

Notice

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44907(a), the Secretary of Homeland Security (the Secretary) is authorized to assess periodically the effectiveness of the security measures maintained by foreign airports that handle air carriers serving the United States or that may pose a “high risk of introducing danger to international air travel.” If the Secretary determines that a foreign airport does not maintain and carry out effective security measures, the Secretary is required to “notify the appropriate authorities of the government of the foreign country of the decision and recommend the steps necessary to bring the security measures up to the standard used * * * in making the assessment.” 49 U.S.C. 44907(c).

Further, the Secretary must: (a) Publish the identity of the foreign airport in the **Federal Register**, (b) post the identity of such airport at all U.S. airports that regularly provide scheduled air carrier operations, and (c) notify the news media of the identity of the airport. 49 U.S.C. 44907(d). In addition, the statute requires all air carriers providing service between the

United States and the airport to provide written notice of the determination, either on or with the ticket, to all passengers purchasing transportation between the United States and the airport. 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(1)(B).

On December 23, 2005, the Secretary of Homeland Security notified the Government of Indonesia that, under 49 U.S.C. 44907, he had determined that Bandara Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS), Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia, did not maintain and carry-out effective security measures. He based the determination on Transportation Security Administration (TSA) assessments that security measures used at DPS did not meet the standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is issuing this document, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(1), to inform the public of this determination. DHS directs that all U.S. airports with regularly scheduled air carrier operations prominently display a notice of the determination. Further, DHS is notifying the news media of this determination. In addition, as a result of this determination, 49 U.S.C. 44907(d)(1)(B) requires that each U.S. and foreign air carrier (and their agents) providing transportation between the United States and DPS provide notice of the Department’s determination to each passenger buying a ticket for transportation between the United States and DPS, with such notice to be made by written material included on or with such ticket.

Dated: December 23, 2005.

Michael Chertoff,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF); Notice of Request for Expression of Interest for Potential Sites for the NBAF

AGENCY: Science and Technology Directorate (Office of Research & Development), DHS.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is exploring potential sites for a proposed new national research and development (R&D) asset, the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), which is in the planning phase. The proposed facility size is approximately 500,000 ft² and its site will require a minimum of 30 acres.

DHS is requesting Expressions of Interest from Federal agencies, State and Local governments, industry, academia, interested parties and organizations for potential locations that would accommodate the construction and operation of the NBAF. A consortium could be an appropriate respondent.

DHS will ultimately compile a short list of sites for analysis as reasonable alternatives to be considered in a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will assess the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the NBAF facility at the various alternative sites.

DHS currently expects to publish a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS in the fall of 2006, at which time the public will have the opportunity to comment on the scope of the analysis.

DATES: Interested parties wishing to make an Expression of Interest should do so in writing by March 31, 2006 to ensure their consideration.

ADDRESSES: Please submit Expressions of Interest to: Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW., Bldg. 410, Attn: Glynis Fisher, Washington, DC 20528. For FEDEX, UPS, DHL, etc. deliveries use the mailroom phone number 202-772-9747.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glynis Fisher by e-mail at glynis.fisher@dhs.gov or by fax to 202-205-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Development of an integrated, national bio and agro-defense strategy has revealed that the current national bio and agro-defense capabilities are inadequate to meet future research requirements supporting both agricultural and public health national security. Foreign animal disease studies, public health threats from emerging, high-consequence zoonotic pathogens, and the need for development and licensure of medical countermeasures, are generating additional demands for biocontainment laboratory space. Current laboratory space available in the U.S. is not sufficient to support the increasing levels of research, development, and testing needed to meet the growing concerns about accidental or intentional introduction of foreign animal diseases into this country. Additional capability and capacity are also needed for high-consequence zoonotic disease countermeasures research and development and medical countermeasure testing and evaluation.

Why a New Facility? The proposed NBAF is an integrated human, foreign animal, and zoonotic disease research, development and testing facility that will support the complementary missions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Human Health and Services (HHS) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). NBAF would provide new research, development, testing and evaluation infrastructure that will allow for research to enhance agricultural and public health. This capability is needed to fill a critical gap in the nation's agro and biodefense plan.

The proposed NBAF is envisioned to provide the nation with the first integrated agricultural, zoonotic disease, and public health research, development, testing, and evaluation facility with the capability to address threats from human pathogens, high-consequence zoonotic disease agents, and foreign animal diseases. The NBAF would enhance the national bio-defense complex by modernizing and integrating agriculture biocontainment laboratories for foreign animal disease, human pathogens, and zoonotic diseases and could require Biosafety Level (BSL) 3 Agricultural and BSL 4 laboratory spaces. It would also provide the additional infrastructure required for threat and vulnerability assessments and for testing and evaluating promising foreign animal disease countermeasures.

Currently, the Plum Island Animal Disease Center (PIADC) provides the only U.S. research and confirmatory diagnostic capability for high-consequence foreign animal diseases. It is also the only laboratory in the U.S. equipped with research facilities that permit study of these diseases in livestock, such as cattle, sheep and swine. Recognizing that protecting the agricultural infrastructure is a critical element of our Nation's homeland security, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 transferred the ownership of the PIADC from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to the DHS. While DHS now has responsibility for operating PIADC, both DHS and USDA conduct programs there as part of an integrated agro-defense strategy. The proposed NBAF would replace the existing PIADC facility and enhance capabilities to meet the mandated national bio and agro-defense mission requirements of DHS, HHS and USDA. *Request for Expression of Interest:* DHS requests Expressions of Interest from Federal agencies, State and Local governments, industry, academia, interested parties and organizations to identify potential sites with the

capabilities needed to host the NBAF facility. A consortium could be an appropriate respondent. NBAF is the proposed new facility and is in the planning phase. All viable options will be evaluated for the location of the facility (*i.e.*, Federal government property, Federal research property, land deeded to the government, long-term lease, commercial site, etc.).

This request for expression of interest, published in today's **Federal Register**, is the first step in the process to consider site options for the NBAF.

DHS will evaluate each EOI submission using 4 site criteria categories (research capabilities, workforce, acquisition/construction/operating and community acceptance) to determine if it should be further evaluated as part of the site planning process.

Research capabilities includes proximity to: (a) Existing research programs [medical/veterinary/agriculture] that can be linked to NBAF mission requirements, (b) strength and breadth of scientific community and infrastructure, (c) ability of the proposed site and surrounding community to absorb additional research programs and infrastructure, (d) experience of existing research programs with BSL3 and/or 4 agents, (e) proximity to other related scientific programs and research infrastructure, and (f) proximity to vaccine industry capability.

Workforce includes proximity to the following: (a) Critical mass of intellectual research capacity, (b) recruiting opportunities for research staff, (c) local labor force availability for operations staff with expertise in operating a biocontainment facility, and (d) capability to meet mutual aid (police/fire/hospital) requirements to operate facility and be able to meet physical security requirements for a BSL3/4 facility.

Acquisition/construction/operations includes: (a) Land acquisition/development potential to locate the facility, (b) access to the site by highways and proximity to international airports, (c) environmental compatibility with the intended use of the site, (d) adequate utility infrastructure to support operations of facility, and (e) availability of local labor force for construction.

Community acceptance includes letters of support for locating NBAF at the site (*i.e.*, local and state governments, national and local agricultural producer and commodity stakeholders, industry, academia, etc.).

DHS requires the following information for each proposed NBAF location:

1. A description of your consortium/organization, its capabilities to support the location of the NBAF at its recommended site, and its interest in the DHS's NBAF program.

2. Letters of support for locating the NBAF facility at the site (i.e., local and state government, academia, industry, etc.).

3. A description of how the potential site addressed the four site criteria categories (research capabilities, workforce, and acquisition/construction/operating) described above.

4. A map showing the location of the potential site, nearby (within 10 miles) political boundaries, demographics and characteristics of surrounding communities (within 10 miles), historical and cultural resources on site and contiguous to property, roads, railroads, airports, water bodies, parkland or other environmentally sensitive areas, and ecological characteristics of site.

5. A site description including ownership, total site acreage and acreage available for development (*minimum 30 acres for NBAF facility*); existing physical infrastructure including number of structures, their size, vintage and current use; current activities; on-site tenants (if applicable); estimated cost as tenant, access control systems; bioagent and hazardous materials handling at the site; waste management activities and capabilities for solid and liquid waste; previous regulatory compliance problems and past/current environmental concerns/contamination and clean up.

6. Availability/access to utilities (electric, water, steam, chilled water, distilled water) at the site for state-of-the-art biocontainment laboratory.

7. Safety and occupational health, risk management and environmental surveillance at the site.

Expression of Interest Format: The length of the Expression of Interest should be no more than 20 pages (letters of support do not count against page limit) using 12-point font. While the responder may determine how best to use the 20 pages, we recommend the following format: SECTION 1—Summary; SECTION 2—Description of location with specific reference to the 7 items requested by DHS above; SECTION 3—Discussion of the site criteria categories related to state-of-the-art biocontainment laboratories or operations of similar complexity. When describing similar work that has been performed, include the name of the organization, contract number if applicable, and name and telephone number of the organization's point of

contact and contracting officer, as applicable.

Proprietary Information: If the Expression of Interest contains information that the submitter believes is privileged or confidential, the appropriate portions of the submission should be marked "Proprietary Information." This restriction does not limit the Government's right to use or disclose data obtained without restriction from any source, including the respondent.

Submission: Submissions received after the closing date will not be considered. Each submittal (with full contact information: name, address, phone, fax and e-mail) should consist of an original plus three photocopies, and DHS also requests that the submittal include an electronic version of all materials, preferably in PDF format.

DHS will not consider attachments or appendices. Faxed or e-mailed submissions will not be accepted. Respondents may submit written questions within 20 business days of this notice being published. Questions may be submitted by e-mail to glynis.fisher@dhs.gov or by fax to 202-205-3204. The responses to frequently asked questions, any other significant questions and any amendments or corrections to the EOI will be posted on the NBAF Planning and Outreach Web site at www.dhs.gov/nbaf.

DHS is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of Expressions of Interest in response to this notice. DHS reserves the right to respond or not respond to any portion, all, or none of the Expressions of Interest submitted in response to this Notice. Responders whose submissions are deemed worthy of further consideration given the criteria expressed herein may be asked to provide additional information. DHS's further consideration of certain Responders' Expressions of Interest does not obligate DHS to provide funds to such Responders or to enter into contractual relationships with such Responders.

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Maureen I. McCarthy,

*Director, Office of Research and Development,
Department of Homeland Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

[DHS-2005-0054]

Privacy Act of 1974; Systems of Records

AGENCY: Privacy Office; Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection proposes to revise its system of records for collecting carrier, broker and importer/exporter account information to both update the system and to add as a category of records the customs declarations that postal mailers are required to complete for international mail transactions.

DATES: The new system of records will be effective February 21, 2006 unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by *DHS-2005-0054*, by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments via docket number DHS-2005-0054.

- Fax: 202-572-8727.

- Mail: Comments by mail are to be addressed to the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (Mint Annex), Washington, DC 20229. Comments by mail may also be submitted to Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, 601 S. 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Public Participation" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submitted comments may also be inspected during regular business days between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Regulations Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Bureau of