

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time and agenda for the next meeting of the National Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Advisory Board.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 1 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held via conference call.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the National SBDC Advisory Board. This Board provides advice and counsel to the SBA Administrator and Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss following issues pertaining to the SBDC Advisory Board.:

- SBA Update from AA/OSBDC.
- ASBDC Spring Conference in March.
- Update on travel and hotel information.
- Member Roundtable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The meeting is open to the public however advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to be a listening participant must contact Alanna Falcone by Friday, February 13, 2009, by fax or e-mail in order to be placed on the agenda. Alanna Falcone, Program Analyst, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, Phone, 202–619–1612, Fax 202–481–0134, e-mail, alanna.falcone@sba.gov.

Additionally, if you need accommodations because of a disability or require additional information, please contact Alanna Falcone at the information above.

Bridget E. Bean,

Acting Committee Management Officer.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA–2009–0007]

Maximum Dollar Limit in the Fee Agreement Process

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are increasing the maximum dollar amount limit for fee agreements approved under sections 206(a)(2)(A) and 1631(d)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act to \$6,000. Effective June 22, 2009, decision-makers may approve fee agreements up to the new limit provided that the fee agreement otherwise meets the statutory conditions of the agreement process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marg Handel, Office of Income Security Programs, phone (410) 965–4639, e-mail: marg.handel@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Social Security Act (Act) provides a streamlined process for a representative to obtain approval of the fee he or she wishes to charge for representing a claimant before the agency. *See*, §§ 206(a)(2)(A) and 1631(d)(2)(A) of the Act, as amended by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1990, Public Law No. 101–508, § 5106. To use that process, the representative and the claimant must agree, in writing, to a fee that does not exceed the lesser of 25% of past due benefits or a prescribed dollar amount. OBRA of 1990 set the initial fee amount at \$4,000 and gave the Commissioner the authority to increase it periodically, provided that the cumulative rate of increase did not at any time exceed the rate of increase in primary insurance amounts since January 1, 1991. The law further provided that notice of any increased amount shall be published in the **Federal Register**. On January 17, 2002, we published a notice raising the maximum fee to \$5,300. With this notice, we announce that the maximum dollar amount for fee agreements will increase to \$6,000. This increase does not exceed the rate of increase provided in OBRA of 1990. We believe this increase will adequately compensate representatives for their services while ensuring that claimants are protected from excessive fees. A decision-maker may approve fees up to the new amount effective June 22, 2009. This effective date will ensure adequate time to provide training and guidance to our employees and to make necessary changes in our information technology infrastructure.

Dated: January 29, 2009.

Michael J. Astrue,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6508]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Brucke: The Birth of Expressionism, 1905–1913”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects in the exhibition: “Brucke: The Birth of Expressionism, 1905–1913,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Neue Galerie, New York, NY, from on or about February 26, 2009, until on or about June 29, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–453–8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA–44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: January 26, 2009.

C. Miller Crouch,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway Project in California**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by the FHWA and Other Federal Agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) pursuant to its assigned responsibilities under 23 U.S.C. 327 that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). These actions relate to a proposed highway project, the Ventura/Santa Barbara U.S.101 HOV Project between Mobil Pier Undercrossing in Ventura County and Casitas Pass Road in Santa Barbara County, State of California. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before August 3, 2009. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carlos Montez, Caltrans District 7, Division of Environmental Planning, 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, during normal business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. telephone (213) 897-9116, e-mail Carlos_Montez@dot.ca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that Caltrans, pursuant to its assigned responsibilities under U.S.C. 327, and certain other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by approving the Ventura/Santa Barbara U.S.101 HOV Project in the State of California. When completed, the project will widen the U.S. 101 from four lanes to six lanes three northbound and three southbound by constructing an HOV lane in the existing median between Mobil Pier Undercrossing in Ventura County and Casitas Pass Road in Santa Barbara County. The purpose of the project is to relieve congestion, improve operations, safety and pedestrian and bicycle access. The project length is 6 miles. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment for the project, approved on December 12, 2008 and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on December 12, 2008, and in other documents in the project records. The Initial Study with Mitigated Negative

Declaration/Environmental Assessment, FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting the California Department of Transportation at the address provided above. The FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/>.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General:* National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].

3. *Land:* Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].

4. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703-712].

5. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) et seq.].

6. *Social and Economic:* Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)-2000(d)(1)]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].

7. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Clean Water Act (Section 404, Section 401, Section 319) [33 U.S.C. 1251-1377]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j)(6)].

8. *Executive Orders:* E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

Issued on: January 29, 2009.

Cindy Vigue,

Director, State Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on the U.S. Highway 12 in Sauk County, WI

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to the improvements on U.S. Highway 12 from I-90/94 to Terrytown Road in Sauk County, Wisconsin. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before August 3, 2009. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Johnny Gerbitz, Federal Highway Administration, 525 Junction Road Suite 8000, Madison, Wisconsin 53717; telephone: (608) 829-7511, e-mail: Johnny.Gerbitz@fhwa.dot.gov. The FHWA Wisconsin Division's normal office hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (central time). For the Wisconsin Department of Transportation: Mr. Jim Rohe, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601; telephone: 608-785-9038, e-mail: james.rohe@dot.state.wi.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FHWA has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of Wisconsin: U.S. 12 in Sauk County, WI, from I-90/94 to Terrytown Road in Baraboo, WI. Due to design changes affecting property outside of the original footprint specified in the FEIS (FHWA-WI-EIS-96-02-F) and ROD (approved February 10, 2004), additional analysis of the area impacted by the design changes was conducted. A Revised Record of Decision (ROD) was issued on October 29, 2008 and approves the design changes and updates the findings for the project. The actions taken by FHWA, and the laws under which such actions