

Department of Labor Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The meeting will adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m., and will be open to the public. All persons wishing to attend this meeting must exhibit a photo identification to security personnel.

Agency items will include:

1. Call to Order.
2. 55th Annual Federal Safety and Health Training Conference report and plans for the 56th Annual Training Conference.
3. Federal Executive Institute training proposal.
4. Reports by Subcommittees.
5. New business.
6. Adjournment.

Written data, views or comments may be submitted, preferably with 20 copies, to the Office of Federal Agency Programs, at the address provided below. All such submissions, received by January 4, 2001, will be provided to the members of the Federal Advisory Council and will be included in the record of the meeting. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation should notify the Office of Federal Agency Programs by the close of business January 4, 2001. The request should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person will appear and a brief outline of the content of the presentation. Persons who request the opportunity to address the Federal Advisory Council may be allowed to speak, as time permits, at the discretion of the Chairperson. Individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting should contact John E. Plummer at the address indicated below, if special accommodations are needed.

For additional information, please contact John E. Plummer, Director, Office of Federal Agency Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3112, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-2122. An official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Office of Federal Agency Programs.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of December 2000.

**Charles N. Jefress,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 00-144]

### 5th Digital Earth Community Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Lead Agency).

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Interagency Digital Earth Working Group will hold the 5th Digital Earth Community Meeting that will focus on accomplishments thus far, and the future of Digital Earth. The intent of this meeting is to continue the efforts of enabling and facilitating the evolution of Digital Earth, a digital representation of the planet that will allow people to access and apply geo-spatial data from multiple resources. Federal, state, and local government along with private industry, academia and others will participate in presentations, workshops and panel discussions. Together we will educate and empower each other to continue to develop the Digital Earth environment.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 31, 2001 from 8 am to 5 pm. Registration beginning at 7:30 am.

**ADDRESSES:** Capitol Union Building, Penn State University at Harrisburg, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register for the meeting, please contact PSU Continuing Education at 717-948-6505 or e-mail: pshceweb@psu.edu. If you would like to present at this meeting, please contact Dr. Todd Bacastow at 814-863-0049 or e-mail bacastow@psu.edu. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 24, 2001. This is an outreach service of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Format:** The one day session will concentrate on presentations, workshops, and panel discussions. The status of The National Digital Earth Initiative, What is Digital Earth and It's Community, Using Digital Earth Guidelines, Developing Applications, Involving Students, and Data Accessibility will all be discussed. Upcoming conferences, organizational committees and collaborative efforts will be addressed as well. There will be space available for personal demonstrations—and discussions throughout the day. Although the meeting is open to all interested parties, time availability for presentations and demonstrations is limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. All

interested parties must contact Dr. Todd Bacastow by January 17, 2001.

**Web Information:** Additional details on the Community Meeting will be posted to [www.digitalearth.gov](http://www.digitalearth.gov) in the near future.

Dated: December 13, 2000.

**Thomas S. Taylor,**

*NASA Digital Earth Program Manager.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

### Open Forum Meeting on Procurement Policies, Practices, and Initiatives

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NASA will conduct an open forum meeting to solicit questions, views and opinions of interested persons or firms concerning NASA's procurement policies, practices, and initiatives. The purpose of the meeting is to have an open discussion between NASA's Associate Administrator for Procurement, industry, and the public. Note: This is not a meeting about doing business with NASA for new firms, nor does it focus particularly on small businesses or specific contracting opportunities.

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 23, 2001, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Bldg. 26, Room 205, Greenbelt, MD 20771. Entrance to the facility is from the Main Gate on Greenbelt Road, MD Route 193.

#### TO RESERVE A SEAT OR FOR FURTHER

**INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debbie Hollebeke [301-286-9208] or Sherry Pollock [301-286-9511], NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Mail Code 200, Greenbelt, MD 20771. Interested attendees must RSVP no later than Tuesday, January 16, 2001. Reservations must be made by phone. Auditorium capacity is limited to approximately 120 persons; therefore, attendance is limited to a maximum of two representatives per firm.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Admittance

Attendees must be a U.S. Citizen or have a valid green card in their possession. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

##### Format

There will be a presentation by the Associate Administrator for Procurement, followed by a question

and answer period. Procurement issues will be discussed, including NASA's newest initiatives used in the award and administration of contracts. Questions for the open forum should be presented at the meeting and should not be submitted in advance. Position papers are not being solicited.

### Initiatives

In addition to the general discussion mentioned above, NASA invites comments or questions relative to its ongoing Procurement Innovations, some of which include, but are not limited to, the following:

*Focus on Safety & Health:* This ensures that contractors take all reasonable safety and occupational health measures in performing NASA contracts.

*Risk-Based Acquisition Management:* This initiative seeks to integrate the principles of risk management throughout the acquisition process by purposefully considering the various aspects of risk when developing the acquisition strategy, selecting sources, choosing contract type, structuring fee incentives, and conducting contractor surveillance.

*Consolidated Contracting Initiative:* The CCI initiative emphasizes developing, using, and sharing contracts to meet Agency objectives.

*Performance-Based Contracting:* This initiative requires structuring all aspects of an acquisition around the purpose of the work to be performed as opposed to how the work is to be performed or broad and imprecise statements of work. It emphasizes quantifiable, measurable performance requirements and quality standards in developing statements of work, selecting contractors, determining contract type, incentives, and performing contract administration, including surveillance.

*Award Term Initiative:* This initiative will test a non-traditional method of motivating and rewarding contractor performance. Contractors will receive periodic performance evaluations and scores, which can result in an extension of the term of the contract in return for excellent performance.

**Tom Luedtke,**

*Associate Administrator for Procurement.*  
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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

### Draft Guidebook for Proposers Responding to a NASA Research Announcement (NRA)

**ACTION:** Invitation for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Interested persons are invited to comment on the Draft Guidebook for Proposers Responding to a NASA Research Announcement (NRA). The Guidebook describes the policies and procedures of the Broad Agency Announcement used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) known as the NASA Research Announcement (NRA). The Guidebook can be accessed online at: <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/nraguidebook/> Further clarifying changes to the discussion of conflict of interest (C.4) may be anticipated prior to its final issuance.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Comments must be received on or before February 28, 2001. Late comments will be considered only to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Diane Thompson, Code H, Office of Procurement, 300 E Street, SW, Washington DC 20546. Electronic mail comments may be submitted to [diane.thompson@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:diane.thompson@hq.nasa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Thompson, Code HC, 202-358-0514, or email: [diane.thompson@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:diane.thompson@hq.nasa.gov).

**Tom Luedtke,**

*Associate Administrator for Procurement.*

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Office of the Federal Register

#### Agreements In Force as of December 31, 1999 Between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States

**AGENCY:** Office of the Federal Register, NARA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of agreements.

**SUMMARY:** The American Institute in Taiwan has concluded a number of agreements with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (formerly the Coordination Council for North American Affairs) in order to maintain

cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations between the American people and the people of Taiwan. The Director of the Federal Register is publishing the list of these agreements on behalf of the American Institute in Taiwan in the public interest.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations between the American people and the people of Taiwan are maintained on a non-governmental basis through the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), a private nonprofit corporation created under the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8; 93 Stat. 14). The Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA) was established as the nongovernmental Taiwan counterpart to AIT.

On October 10, 1995 the CCNAA was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

Under section 12 of the Act, agreements concluded between AIT and TECRO (CCNAA) are transmitted to the Congress, and according to sections 6 and 10(a) of the Act, such agreements have full force and effect under the law of the United States.

The texts of the agreements are available from the American Institute in Taiwan, 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1700, Arlington, Virginia, 22209. For further information, please telephone (703) 525-8474, or fax (703) 841-1385.

Following is a list of agreements between AIT and TECRO (CCNAA) which were in force as of December 31, 1999.

Dated: December 19, 2000.

**Richard C. Bush,**

*Chairman and Managing Director, American Institute in Taiwan.*

Dated: December 21, 2000.

**Raymond A. Mosley,**

*Director of the Federal Register.*

### AIT—TECRO Agreements

#### In Force as of December 31, 1999

#### Status of Tecro

The Exchange of Letters concerning the change in the name of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO). Signed December 27, 1994 and January 3, 1995. Entered into force January 3, 1995.

### Agriculture

1. Guidelines for a cooperative program in the agriculture sciences.