

AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL**Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of special public business meeting in Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), the Amtrak Reform Council (Council) gives notice of a special public meeting of the Council. On Friday, December 14, 2001, the Council will hold a Business Meeting from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) during which time the Council members will discuss the various options for restructuring intercity rail passenger service. The Council's action plan must be submitted to the Congress on February 7, 2002.

On Friday, November 9th, the Amtrak Reform Council approved a resolution finding that Amtrak would not achieve operational self-sufficiency by December 2, 2002 as required by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997. The Council's Finding starts a 90-day clock in which the Council must submit an action plan for a restructured and rationalized national rail passenger system to Congress. During this same time period, Amtrak must submit a plan to Congress for liquidation.

DATES: The Business Meeting will be held on Friday, December 14, 2001, from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. EST. The event is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The Business Meeting will take place in the Monet Suite in the Loews L'Enfant Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20024. The nearest Metro stop is L'Enfant. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061. For information regarding ARC's Finding Resolution, the ARC's Annual Reports, information about ARC Council Members and staff, and much more, you can also visit the Council's Web site at www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (Reform Act), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the Reform Act provides: that the Council is

to monitor cost savings from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions; that the Council submit an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after a specified period, the Council has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the Reform Act and, if it finds that Amtrak cannot, to notify the President and the Congress.

The Reform Act prescribes that the Council is to consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and the leadership of the Congress. Members serve a five-year term.

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Thomas A. Till,

Executive Director.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Date and Time: December 11, 2001; 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Place: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20237.

Closed Meeting: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

Contact Person for More Information: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact either

Brenda Hardnett or Carol Booker at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: December 3, 2001.

Carol Booker,

Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Government Finance Forms.

Form Number(s): F-5, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-21, F-22, F-25, F-28, F-29, F-32, F-42.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0585.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 115,076 hours.

Number of Respondents: 47,981.

Avg Hours Per Response: 2 hours and 23 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Title 13, section 161, of the United States Code requires the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a census of governments every fifth year. Section 182 allows the Secretary to conduct annual surveys in other years. The Census Bureau requests OMB clearance of the questionnaires needed to conduct the 2002 Census of Governments, Finance Phase and the 2003 Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finance. There are eleven survey forms used to collect data on government finances. Since there are many different types and sizes of governments, each form is tailored to the unique characteristics of the type and size of government or government agency to be surveyed. In both the census and annual surveys, equivalent data are collected, except for the F-11 and F-12 retirement forms. For these forms, in the census year, an additional organizational and system coverage section is included. There are no other changes to these forms, as currently cleared.

The Census Bureau incorporates the data collected on these forms into its governmental finance program. This program has made possible the dissemination of comprehensive and comparable governmental finance statistics since 1902. The data are released in reports which contain