

pursuant to Section 515.570 of the Cuban Assets Controls Regulations, 31 CFR part 515. The information will be used by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury ("OFAC") to monitor compliance with regulations governing family and emigration remittances.

Respondents: Individuals and households.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 65,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1505-0198.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Requirement to report information about the shipment of rough diamonds.

Description: The ultimate consignee of rough diamond shipments, identified on Customs Form 7501 Entry Summary, is required to report specified information about the shipment of rough diamonds imported into the United States to the foreign exporting authority within 15 calendar days of the date that the shipment arrived at a U.S. port of entry pursuant to Section 592.301(a)(3) of the Rough Diamonds Control Regulations, 31 CFR Part 592. This collection of information is needed to monitor the integrity of international rough diamond shipments, and the information collected will be used to further the compliance, enforcement, and civil penalty programs of the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury ("OFAC").

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit institutions, individuals and households.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 1,750 hours.

Clearance Officer: Office of Foreign Assets Control, (202) 622-2500, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Annex-2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20220.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Robert Dahl,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Recruitment Notice for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice for Recruitment of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Members.

DATES: March 17, 2008, through April 30, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Coston at 404-338-8408.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are inviting individuals to help improve the nation's tax agency by applying to be members of the TAP. The mission of the TAP is to provide citizen input into enhancing IRS customer satisfaction and service by identifying problems and making recommendations for improvement of IRS systems and procedures and elevating the identified problems to the appropriate IRS official. The TAP serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the National Taxpayer Advocate. TAP members will participate in subcommittees that channel their feedback to the IRS.

The IRS is seeking applicants who have an interest in good government, a personal commitment to volunteer approximately 300 to 500 hours a year, and a desire to help improve IRS customer service. To the extent possible, the IRS would like to ensure a balanced TAP membership representing a cross-section of the taxpaying public throughout the United States. Potential candidates must be U.S. citizens, compliant with Federal, state and local taxes, and pass a background investigation.

TAP Members are a diverse group of citizens who work as valuable partners of the IRS by providing input from a taxpayer's perspective on ways to improve IRS customer service and administration of the Federal tax system. In order to be an effective member of TAP, applicants must possess the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to (1) identify grassroots taxpayer issues by soliciting input directly from taxpayers and (2) work effectively with TAP committees, and IRS program staff, to research and analyze issues, develop solutions, and make recommendations to the IRS on ways to improve programs and procedures. TAP members work to identify and solve problems by: actively participating in committee meetings; expressing their views; listening to the views of others, showing a willingness to explore new ideas, and contributing their knowledge and experience in committee deliberations. TAP Members should have good communications skills and be able to make effective

presentations about IRS programs, procedures, and TAP activities, while clearly distinguishing between TAP positions and their personal viewpoints.

Interested applicants should visit the TAP Web site at <http://www.improveirs.org> to complete the on-line application or call the TAP toll free number 1-888-912-1227 to request that an application be mailed. The opening date for submitting applications is March 17, 2008, and the deadline for submitting applications is April 30, 2008. Finalists will be ranked by experience and suitability. The most qualified candidates will complete a panel interview. The Secretary of the Treasury will review the recommended candidates and make final selections.

Note: Highly-ranked applicants not selected as members may be placed on a roster of alternates who will be eligible to fill future vacancies that may occur on the Panel.

Questions regarding the selection of TAP members may be directed to Bernard Coston, Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Internal Revenue Service, Stop 211-D, Room 950, 401 West Peachtree Street, NW., Atlanta, GA 30308-3510, or 404-338-8408.

Dated: February 12, 2008.

Steve Berkey,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

United States Mint

Notification of Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee March 2008 Public Meeting

SUMMARY: Pursuant to United States Code, Title 31, section 5135(b)(8)(C), the United States Mint announces the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) public meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008.

Date: March 13, 2008.

Time: Public meeting time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: United States Mint, 801 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Subject: Review candidate designs for the Abraham Lincoln One-Cent Coin Redesign Program; review candidate designs for the Louis Braille Bicentennial-Braille Literacy Commemorative Coin; review narrative designs for the Native American \$1 Coin; and other general business.

Interested persons should call 202-354-7502 for the latest update on meeting time and room location.

In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 5135, the CCAC:

- Advises the Secretary of the Treasury on any theme or design proposals relating to

circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national and other medals.

- Advises the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the events, persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made.
- Makes recommendations with respect to the mintage level for any commemorative coin recommended.

For Further Information Contact: Cliff Northrup, United States Mint Liaison to the CCAC; 801 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220; or call 202-354-7200.

Any member of the public interested in submitting matters for the CCAC's consideration is invited to submit them by fax to the following number: 202-756-6830.

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 5135(b)(8)(C).

Dated: February 19, 2008.

Edmund C. Moy,

Director, United States Mint.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—March 18, 2008, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Larry Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.”

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC, on March 18, 2008, to address “China’s Expanding Global Influence: Foreign Policy Goals, Practices, and Tools.”

Background

This event is the third in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2008 report cycle to collect input from leading academic, industry, and government experts on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The March 18

hearing is being conducted to obtain testimony on the goals, strategies and instruments of China’s foreign policy, and the impact of China’s regional and global influence on U.S. economic and security interests around the world. Panels in the hearing will address the economic, military/security, and diplomatic tools employed in the conduct of Chinese foreign policy.

The March 18 hearing will address “China’s Expanding Global Influence: Foreign Policy Goals, Practices, and Tools” and will be Co-chaired by Vice Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Daniel Blumenthal.

Information on hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission’s Web site <http://www.uscc.gov> as soon as available. Any interested party may file a written statement by March 18, 2007, by mailing to the contact below. On March 18, the hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 18, 2008, 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 562, Dirksen Senate Office Building located at First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20510. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: February 19, 2008.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Voluntary Services National Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will be held April 9–12, 2008, at the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida. The meeting is open to the public, and the sessions are scheduled as follows:

April 9: 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

April 10 & 11: 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

April 12: 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., with a closing program at 6 p.m.

The Committee comprised of sixty-five national voluntary organizations, with five membership categories (Service Member, Associate Service Member, Donor Member, Associate Donor Member and Adjunct Member), advises the Secretary, through the Under Secretary for Health, on the coordination and promotion of volunteer activities within VA health care facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: to provide for Committee review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full and open communications between organization representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers, and to approve Committee recommendations.

The April 9 session will involve opening ceremonies and remarks by several VA and local officials. The April 10 session will feature a Voluntary Service Report and recognition of the recipients of the VAWS Award for Excellence and NAC Volunteers of the Year. In addition, the James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship Luncheon will be held to honor an outstanding youth volunteer. The following educational workshops are scheduled: The Professional Volunteer; Recruitment; Selling Ice to Eskimos and Customer Service.

On April 11, the business session will include subcommittee reports. This