

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 1 p.m. EST.
ADDRESSES: These meetings 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 meetings 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 these meetings is to discuss following issues pertaining to the SBDC Advisory Board:

- SBA Update.
- Annual Meetings.
- Board Assignments.
- 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 fax or email. Her contact information is Alanna Falcone, Program Analyst, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416, Phone, (202) 619-1612, Fax (202) 481-0134, email, 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.

Dan S. Jones,
Committee Management Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Interagency Task Force Meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time, and agenda for the fourth public meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: Friday, January 20, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Eisenhower Conference Room, Side A & B, located on the 2nd floor.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal

Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development. The Task Force is established pursuant to Executive Order 13540 and focused on coordinating the efforts of Federal agencies to improve capital, business development opportunities and pre-established Federal contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans (VOBs) and service-disabled veterans (SDVOSBs). Moreover, the Task Force shall coordinate administrative and regulatory activities and develop proposals relating to “six focus areas”: (1) Access to capital (loans, surety bonding and franchising); (2) Ensure achievement of pre-established contracting goals, including mentor protégé and matching with contracting opportunities; (3) Increase the integrity of certifications of status as a small business; (4) Reducing paperwork and administrative burdens in accessing business development and entrepreneurship opportunities; (5) Increasing and improving training and counseling services; and (6) Making other improvements to support veteran’s business development by the Federal government.

On November 1, 2011, The Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development submitted its first report to the President, which included 18 recommendations that were applicable to the “six focus areas” identified above. The purpose of the meeting is scheduled as a full Task Force meeting. The agenda will include a presentation and discussion of the recommendations included in the Task Force Report to the President.

In addition, the Task Force will allow time to obtain public comment from individuals and representatives of organizations regarding the areas of focus.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The meeting is open to the public; however, advance notice of attendance is requested. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make a presentation to the Task Force must contact Raymond B. Snyder, by January 13, 2012, by email in order to be placed on the agenda. Comments for the Record should be applicable to the “six focus areas” of the Task Force and emailed prior to the meeting for inclusion in the public record, verbal presentations; however, will be limited to five minutes in the interest of time and to accommodate as many presenters as possible. Written comments should be emailed to Raymond B. Snyder,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416, at the email address for the Task Force, vets-taskforce@sba.gov.

Additionally, if you need accommodations because of a disability or require additional information, please contact Raymond B. Snyder, Designated Federal Official for the Task Force at (202) 205-6773; or by email at: raymond.snyder@sba.gov, SBA, Office of Veterans Business Development, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416. For more information, please visit our Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/vets>.

Dated: January 3, 2012.

Dan Jones,
SBA Committee Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7721]

Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Notice of Open Meeting

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in room 1107 of the Harry S. Truman Building at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be hosted by the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs Jose W. Fernandez and Committee Chair Ted Kassinger. The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity, and provides advice concerning issues and challenges in international economic policy. The meeting will examine a New Focus on Investment: Attracting Inbound Foreign Direct Investment to the United States, and will highlight the U.S.-Turkey Economic Partnership Commission. Subcommittee reports will be led by the Investment Subcommittee, the Sanctions Subcommittee, and the Subcommittee on Women in International Economic Policy.

This meeting is open to public participation, though seating is limited. Entry to the building is controlled; to obtain pre-clearance for entry, members of the public planning to attend should provide, by Friday, January 27, their name, professional affiliation, valid government-issued ID number (*i.e.*, U.S. Government ID [agency], U.S. military ID [branch], passport [country], or drivers license [state]), date of birth, and citizenship, to Ronelle Jackson by fax

(202) 647-5936, email (JacksonRS@state.gov), or telephone (202) 647-9204. Participants may enter the Department of State from the entrance on 23rd Street. In view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Requests for reasonable accommodation should be made to Ronelle Jackson prior to Tuesday, January 24. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Privacy Impact Assessment for VACS-D at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/100305.pdf> for additional information.

For additional information, contact Deputy Outreach Coordinator Tiffany Enoch, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, at (202) 647-2231 or EnochT@state.gov.

Dated: December 29, 2011.

Emily Bruno,

Acting Director, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice of the Results of the 2010 GSP Annual Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces (1) the disposition of the product petitions accepted for review in the 2010 GSP Annual Review, and (2) the status of country practices petitions accepted as part of GSP annual reviews, including the 2010 GSP Annual Review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tameka Cooper, GSP Program, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street NW., Room F-214, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971, the fax number is (202) 395-2961, and the

email address is Tameka_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of eligible articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP program is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*), as amended, and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

In the 2010 GSP Annual Review, the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) reviewed two petitions to change product coverage of the GSP. Based on the TPSC's review and the recommendation of the U.S. Trade Representative, President Obama removed one product—sleeping bags, not containing 20 percent or more by weight of feathers and/or down (HTSUS 9404.30.80)—from eligibility for duty-free treatment under GSP, effective January 1, 2012, because it is import-sensitive in the context of GSP. (See Presidential Proclamation 8770 of December 29, 2011.) A petition to remove GSP duty-free treatment for two types of self-adhesive plastic tape (HTSUS 3919.10.20 and 3919.90.50) was denied.

There are no changes at this time to the status of those country practice petitions accepted in the 2010 GSP annual review and continued from earlier annual reviews. A list of all of the country practice petitions under review can be found on the USTR Web site at http://www.ustr.gov/webfm_send/3218 in List II (Petitions for Review of Country Practices).

William D. Jackson,

Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Generalized System of Preferences and Chair of the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2011-1442]

Order Limiting Scheduled Operations at Newark Liberty International Airport

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of FAA Decision on Request for Waiver of the Slot Usage Requirement.

SUMMARY: This action grants with conditions a request by Airlines for America (A4A) for a waiver of the slot usage requirement for operating authorizations (slots) at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) due to construction at the airport during the summer 2012 and winter 2012-13 scheduling seasons.

DATES: Effective upon publication. The deadlines for temporary slot returns under this waiver are March 16, 2012, for summer 2012 slots and August 15, 2012, for winter 2012-13 slots.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Hawks, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-7143; email: rob.hawks@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

By letter dated December 6, 2011, A4A requested the FAA grant a limited waiver of the slot usage requirement for EWR during the 2012 runway 4R-22L reconstruction project. In support of its request, A4A referenced a waiver granted by the FAA in 2010 due to a runway construction project at John F. Kennedy International Airport.¹

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (Port Authority) will resurface EWR runway 4R-22L. In addition, the Port Authority will undertake preparatory work for new taxiways and install new runway lighting and electrical infrastructure. This major project is scheduled for between April 15 and December 15, 2012. The construction schedule, which may be adjusted because of weather conditions, is:

- Nightly closure (0030 through 0630) of runway 4R-22L from April 15 through December 15.
- Extended weekend closure of runway 4R-22L from April 15 through November 15.² Closure will occur from 0030 on Saturday through 1100 on Sunday.
- Closure of runway 4R-22L from September 8 through September 17.
- Closure of the intersection of runway 4R-22L and runway 11-29 from May 4 through May 9. This closure will result in shortening the available lengths of both runways.

A4A contends the closures will significantly affect EWR's throughput because runway 4R-22L is the airport's principal arrival runway. During the

¹ 74 FR 52838 (Oct. 14, 2009).

² Construction work is not scheduled for the weekends of March 12-13, June 30-July 1, and July 7-8.