

SUMMARY: This notice announces a science and technology program for competitive grants to support international, collaborative projects in science and technology between U.S. and Egyptian cooperators.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: August 1, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATES: George Bevan, Program Administrator, U.S.—Egypt Science and Technology Grants Program, U.S. Embassy, Cairo/ECON, Unit 64900, Box 6, APO AE 09839-4900; phone: 011-(20-2) 355-2925; fax: 011-(20-2) 357-3150; E-mail: BevanGW@cairowpoa.us-state.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority: This program is established under 22 U.S.C. 2656d and the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A solicitation for this program will begin August 1, 1997. This program will provide modest grants for successfully competitive proposals for binational collaborative projects and other activities submitted by U.S. and Egyptian experts. Projects must help the United States Egypt utilize science and apply technology by providing opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and techniques, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest and benefit. Proposals which fully meet the submission requirements as outlined in the Program Announcement will receive peer reviews. Proposals considered for funding in Fiscal Year 1998 must be postmarked by December 1, 1997. All proposals will be considered; however, special consideration will be given to proposals that address priority areas defined/approved by the Joint Board. These include priorities in the areas of environmental technologies, biotechnology, standards and metrology, and manufacturing technologies. More information on these priorities and copies of the Program Announcement/ Application may be obtained by request.

Jonathan A. Margolis,

Acting Director, Office of Regional Policy Initiatives, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and, Chair, U.S.—Egypt S&T Joint Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2574]

United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee; Telecommunications Development Sector (ITAC-D) Group; Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces that the United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee (ITAC) Telecommunications Development Sector (ITAC-D) Group will meet over the next two months to prepare for the upcoming ITU-D meetings of Study Groups 1 and 2 to be held in Geneva, September 22–October 2. The dates, times and room number of the meetings are outlined below:

Friday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, Room 2533A
 Friday, August 29, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, Room 2533A
 Thursday, September 4, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Room 2533A
 Friday, September 12, 10:00 a.m. – noon, Room 2533A

This late notice was necessitated by the urgent need to seek advice on U.S. positions for international meetings.

The agenda for the ITAC-D Group will include (1) review of the various reports prepared for each Study Group question and related resolutions and recommendations within each question, and (2) discussion of new question to be submitted to the WTDC-98 and revised Study Group working methods and procedures.

Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to Ms. Doreen McGirr at 202-647-0201. If you wish to attend please send a fax to 202-647-7407 no later than two days before the scheduled meetings. Please include your name, Social Security number and date of birth. One of the following valid photo ID's will be required for admittance: U.S. driver's license with picture, U.S. passport, U.S. government ID (company ID's are no longer accepted by Diplomatic Security). Enter from the "C" Street Main Lobby.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

Doreen F. McGirr,

Chair, U.S. ITAC for Telecommunications Development.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Sunshine Act Meeting; (Meeting No. 1496)

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (EDT), August 5, 1997.

PLACE: TVA Chattanooga Office Complex Auditorium, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

STATUS: Open.

AGENDA:

Approval of minutes of meeting held on June 19, 1997.

New Business

A—Budget and Financing

A1. Proposed Fiscal Year 1998 Pricing (rates), budget, and workforce recommendations.

B—Purchase Awards

B1. Approval to enter into a contract with Vallen Safety Supply Company/ Tennessee Fire & Equipment Company for safety/health physics items for all TVA locations.

C—Energy

C1. Approval for Fossil and Hydro Power to award a fixed-price contract to Foster Wheeler Energy Corporation for a low nitrogen oxide burner system for Cumberland Fossil Plant Units 1 and 2.

E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Sale of a nonexclusive permanent easement to Billy G. Mattox for an access road affecting approximately 0.34 acre of land on Guntersville Lake (Tract No. XGR-738H) in Jackson County, Alabama.

Information Items

1. Delegation of authority to the Vice President of Fuel Supply and Engineering to enter into a contract with Temple-Inland Forest Products Corporation for the purchase and sale of scrubber gypsum produced by the Cumberland Fossil Plant, to amend and restate an existing contract with Synthetic Materials for the marketing of the remainder of the scrubber gypsum, to auction, at the request of Temple-Inland, a tract of land located on the Cumberland Fossil Plant site, and to grant an easement on a tract of land located on the plant site to Synthetic Materials.

2. Amendment to Contract No. ICC-NS-8225 with Norfolk Southern Railway Company to provide for a 3-year extension and delegation of authority to the Vice President, Fuel Supply and Engineering, or a designated representative, to enter into such amendment.

3. Delegation of authority to the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President to modify term coal Contract No. 95P01-139359 with Arclar Company for Johnsonville Fossil Plant.

4. Approval for TVA Nuclear to enter into a contract with Balcke Durr, Inc.,

for a mechanical draft crossflow cooling tower for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

5. Approval to provide network integration transmission service to Cinergy Services, Inc., to serve Bristol, Virginia, in accordance with the provisions of the TVA Transmission Service Guidelines, as amended, including the requirements of recovery by TVA of its stranded cost claim against Bristol and acknowledgment by Bristol of its reciprocal transmission obligation.

6. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the TVA Retirement System to allow vested members who voluntarily leave TVA employment to receive immediate retirement benefits regardless of age.

7. Abandonment of an existing road right-of-way easement and grant of road right-of-way easement to Randy Nunley, affecting 0.66 acre of land and 0.46 acre of TVA's Chickamauga Lake land (Tract Nos. XCR-418 and XCR-693H) in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

8. Sale of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of an access road to Montana Land Company, L.L.C., affecting 2.2 acres of land on Pickwick Lake in Hardin County, Tennessee (Tract No. XPR-455H).

9. Grant of a 30-year easement to Chattanooga Gas Company affecting approximately .02 acre of the Sequoyah Access Railroad property in Hamilton County, Tennessee (Tract No. XSNPRR-8P), for a natural gas pipeline.

10. Grant of a permanent easement to Lowndes County, Mississippi, affecting approximately 5.83 acres of land for a road that was relocated by TVA (Tract No. XTLNDSS-1H).

11. Grant of a permanent easement to the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, affecting 2.79 acres of land at TVA's Tupelo Primary 161-kV Substation in Lee County, Mississippi (Tract No. XTSC-2RE), for a city park.

12. Public auction sale affecting 42.67 acres of TVA's Nashville, Tennessee, Power Service Center, Davidson County, Tennessee (Tract No. XNTPSC-3).

13. Approval to file a condemnation case.

14. Approval of revision to TVA's power contract with Fort Payne, Alabama.

15. Approval of a grant of permanent easement for public recreation to the State of Tennessee affecting approximately 221 acres of land on Tims Ford Lake in Franklin and Moore Counties, Tennessee (Tract Nos. XTTFMR-13RE, -14RE, -15RE, -17RE, -18RE, -19RE, and -21RE).

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000,

Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: July 29, 1997.

William L. Osteen,

Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-97-2767]

Notice of Intent to Collect Information on Passenger Travel by Air Under Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation ("Department" or "DOT") has submitted the following information request (see below under Abstract) under emergency processing to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). OMB approval has been requested by July 30, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be filed in Room PL-401, Docket OST-97-2767, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. To facilitate consideration of comments, each commenter should submit five copies of its comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Schmidt, Office of Aviation and International Economics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590 at (202) 366-5420 or (202) 366-7638 (FAX).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Collection of Data on Passenger Travel by Air.

Type of Request: Approval of new data collection.

Abstract: The Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-264) required the Secretary of Transportation to complete a Study of Rural Air Fares which, among other things, was to analyze air fares paid between small communities and large hub airports with fares

between large hub airports. Currently, DOT collects air fare data from certain air carriers as part of the *Passenger Origin and Destination Survey* ("Survey"). This Survey is based on a ten percent sample of passenger tickets and is reported to the Department on a quarterly basis by the large certificated air carriers. In the course of analyzing these data with reference to the small communities, the Department has tentatively concluded that because of the small size of the sample and the absence of smaller carriers from the database, the current data are somewhat unrepresentative and inadequate for providing proper analysis. The Department is therefore seeking the development of a database that will better meet its needs to provide this analysis.

Through an order issued at the same time as this notice, the Department will require airlines and CRSs to provide the data needed for this analysis. In order to minimize the burden of providing these data, the Department is suggesting the use of the Ticket Control Number (TCN) files. In the process of ticketing airline passengers, airlines and CRSs electronically record most transactions in TCN files for various accounting, reconciliation and control purposes. Each TCN file contains approximately 150 individual data items. The Department believes that these files are the best source of the type of comprehensive data that it is seeking.

Furthermore, under a current data interchange program, many airlines and CRSs routinely submit the TCN data to the Airline Tariff Publishing Company (ATPCO) electronically on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. The Department believes that these TCN data as submitted to ATPCO provide an ideal source for meeting its data needs because of the comprehensive nature of the data and the potential advantages of advanced techniques for managing the data that are already in place. DOT intends to collect a full year's data in order to eliminate any seasonal variations or other aberrations.

By collecting these data, the Department intends to develop a system that includes the design and creation of a database extracted from the TCN files, storage of the database, and direct access by Departmental users to the database. To the extent that some ticketing data are not included in current data interchange programs, the Department intends to take whatever steps are necessary to provide as complete a database as possible.

The Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-264) was enacted on October 9,