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21235.

To receive a copy of any of the forms
or clearance packages, call the SSA
Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-
4145 or write to him at the address
listed above.

Dated: May 21, 1998.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security
Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**Bureau of Public Affairs**

[Public Notice #2826]

**Advisory Committee on Historical
Diplomatic Documentation Notice of
Charter Renewal and Meeting**

The Advisory Committee on
Historical Diplomatic Documentation
renewed its charter on March 18, 1998.
This Advisory committee will continue
to make recommendations to the
Historian and the Department on all
aspects of the *Foreign Relation's*
program as well on the Department of
State's responsibility under the statute
to open its 30-year old and older records
for public review at the National
Archives and Record Administration.
The Committee consists of nine
members drawn from among historians,
political scientists, archivists,
international lawyers and other social
scientists who are distinguished in the
field of U.S. Foreign Relations.

The Committee will meet next in the
Department of State, 2201 "C" Street
NW, Washington, DC, June 23-24, 1998,
in Conference Room 1205. Procedures
for declassification of Department
records and problems relating to the
preparation of the *Foreign Relations of
the United States* documentary series
will be discussed at the meeting.

The Committee will meet in open
session from 9 a.m. through Noon on
Tuesday, June 23, 1998. The remainder
of the Committee's sessions from 1:45
p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 1998 until 5
p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 1998 will
be closed in accordance with Section
10(d) of the Foreign Advisory
Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The
agenda calls for discussions involving
consideration of matters not subject to
public disclosure under 5 U.S.C.
552b(c)(1), and the public interest

requires that such activities be withheld
from disclosure.

Entry to the building is controlled and
will be facilitated by advance
arrangements. Members of the public
desiring access to the open session
should, by Thursday, June 18, 1998,
notify Gloria Walker, (202) 663-1124,
Office of the Historian, of their name,
Social Security number, date of birth,
professional affiliation, address, and
telephone number in order to arrange
admittance. This includes both
government and non-government
admittance. All attendees must use the
"C" Street entrance. One of the
following valid ID's will be required for
admittance: any U.S. driver's license
with photo, a passport, or a U.S.
Government agency ID.

Questions concerning the meeting
should be directed to William Z. Slany,
Executive Secretary, Advisory
Committee on Historical Diplomatic
Documentation, Department of State,
Office of the Historian, Washington, DC,
20520, telephone (202) 663-1123, (e-
mail pahistoff@panet.us-state.gov).

Dated: May 14, 1998.

William Z. Slany,

Executive Secretary, Office of the Historian.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Notice of the Initiation of a Railroad
Research and Development Grant
Program in Cooperation with
Academic Research Institutions**

AGENCY: Federal Railroad
Administration (FRA), Department of
Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of initiation of grant
program and funds availability.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the initiation
of a railroad research and development
grant program in cooperation with
academic research institutions
("Program"). This Program is intended
to foster long-range enhancement of
FRA's program of research in support of
rail transportation by developing
cooperative research relationships
between the FRA and selected
university research organizations. The
FRA seeks, via this announcement, to
identify specific academic research
institutions (broadly referred to
hereinafter as universities) that may
have expertise useful in complementing
the established research program of
FRA's Office of Research and
Development (OR&D). Selected

universities will be expected to buttress
FRA's current research program that
now operates principally in
coordination with non-academic
entities.

**Funding Authority and Related
Information**

This program is being undertaken
utilizing funds in the Department of
Transportation and Related Agencies
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998
(Pub. L. 105-66), dated October 27,
1997. FRA anticipates awarding a small
number of grants (whose combined
value is not to exceed approximately
\$1,000,000, in the aggregate, in Fiscal
Year 1998) for approved university
research. Applicants are also
encouraged to consider sharing the cost
of their proposed projects or identifying
in-kind contributions. The FRA intends
to focus the initial funding associated
with this notice on various research and
development (R&D) areas of interest
relating to or under the general heading
of rail safety. In the event future
appropriated funds are authorized for
the Program, FRA may, at its discretion,
provide additional funding for research.
Such future grants may focus on rail
safety or other rail and adjunct
transportation research areas, such as
traffic control and intelligent
transportation systems.

Eligible Participants

Accredited universities, colleges,
major academic research institutions,
and other public or private academic
institutions of higher learning. All
otherwise eligible entities must also
have demonstrable specialized expertise
in rail transportation research, and have
a minimum of five years of railroad or
rail-related research experience.
Historically Black Colleges and
Universities (HBCUs) and Minority
Institutions (MIs) fitting this description
are encouraged to apply. However, no
portion of this Program will be set aside
exclusively for HBCUs and MIs.

Exchanges and Points of Contact

Exchanges of information between
interested parties and the Government,
prior to submission of an application for
consideration under the Program, are
strongly encouraged. Such informal
exchanges may provide prospective
applicants with preliminary information
on the Government's level of interest in
prospective works or projects or on the
availability of funds. Any exchanges of
information must be consistent with all
applicable statutory or regulatory
procurement integrity requirements.
Technical inquiries regarding this notice
may be directed to: Dr. Magdy El-Sibaie,