

the instructions contained in the award document.

(2) Recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal and Department of State policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

(3) Pre-award Activities—If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation to the applicant on the part of Department of State to cover pre-award costs.

(4) This program is subject to the requirements of OMB Circular No. A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations," OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-Profit Institutions," and 15 CFR Part 24, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," as applicable. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

(5) All non-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associate with the applicant have been convicted of, or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

(6) A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(7) No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

(i) The delinquent account is paid in full,

(ii) a negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

(iii) Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of State are made.

(8) Buy American-Made Equipment or Products—Applicants are encouraged that any equipment or products authorized to be purchased with funding provided under this program must be American-made to the maximum extent feasible.

(9) The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct cost dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

(d) If an application is selected for funding, the Department of State has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of State.

(e) In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving assistance from the INL IDR program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number. The standard forms have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act under OMB approval number 0348-0043, 0348-0044, and 0348-0046.

Classification: This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: June 12, 2000.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1520).

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (EDT), June 21, 2000.

PLACE: TVA Knoxville West Tower Auditorium, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda

Approval of minutes of meeting held on May 11, 2000.

New Business

C—Energy

C1. Supplement to indefinite quantity term Contract No. 97X8F-174063-000 with Piping and Equipment Company for pipe, pipe fittings, and related materials.

C2. Supplements to contracts with Mesa Associates, Inc., and Sargent & Lundy LLC for engineering and design services for Transmission/Power Supply Group.

C3. Supplement to contract with The L. E. Myers Company for general construction/craft services related to Transmission/Power Supply Group's construction program.

C4. Supplement to Contract No. 97X1E-197652 for transmission equipment and supplement to Contract No. 99P4E-228019 for power transformers with ABB T&D Company.

C5. Term contract with Electric Fuels Corporation for low-sulfur coal supply to Kingston Fossil Plant.

E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Approval of a public auction of approximately 3.07 acres of TVA land affecting the former Mayfield, Kentucky, Area Operating Headquarters in Graves County, Kentucky (Tract No. XMAH-1), and rescission of the January 27, 2000, approval of the sale of a permanent easement affecting this tract to the Mayfield Electric and Water Systems.

E2. Abandonment of approximately 3.55 acres of the Norris Hydro-Clinton transmission line easement in Anderson County, Tennessee (Tract Nos. NDC-13 and NDC-14).

E3. Grant of a permanent easement for a sewerline affecting approximately 2.95 acres of TVA land on Pickwick Reservoir in Lauderdale County, Alabama (Tract No. XTPR-68S).

E4. Deed modification affecting approximately 0.41 acre of former TVA land on Chickamauga Reservoir in Hamilton County, Tennessee (Tract No. XCR-71:37).

E5. Deed modification affecting approximately 0.10 acre of former TVA land on Watts Bar Reservoir in Roane County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTWBR-59).

E6. Deed modification affecting approximately 13.6 acres of land on Chickamauga Reservoir in Hamilton County, Tennessee (Tract No. XCR-44).

E7. Grants of permanent easements for a sewage treatment plant (Tract No. XTPR-65SP), a wastewater discharge line (Tract No. XTPR-66S), and a recreational easement (Tract No. XTPR-67RE) for the use and benefit of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, to serve Pickwick

Landing State Park and Pickwick Dam facilities affecting approximately 85.2 acres of land on Pickwick Reservoir in Hardin County, Tennessee.

E8. Modification of a permanent easement for public recreation affecting approximately 0.2 acre of land on Fort Loudoun reservoir in Knox County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTFL-122RE), to allow for commercial uses in addition to public recreation.

F—Unclassified

1. Approval to file a condemnation case to acquire additional easement rights for an existing transmission line easement involving the Murfreesboro-Smyrna No. 2 transmission line in Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Information Item

1. Designation of law enforcement officer positions under Civil Service Retirement System and Office of Personnel Management regulations.

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. People who plan to attend the meeting and have special needs should call (865) 632-6000.

Dated: June 14, 2000.

Edward S. Christenbury,

General Counsel and Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

African Growth and Opportunity Act Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments on Determining Country Eligibility for Benefits Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The African Growth and Opportunity Act Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee is requesting written public comments on the eligibility of sub-Saharan African countries to receive the benefits of the recently-enacted African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). The notice lists the eligibility criteria that must be considered under the AGOA, lists the countries considered to be sub-Saharan African countries under the AGOA, provides the deadline for written comments, and explains how to make written comments on the

eligibility criteria elaborated in the AGOA. Comments received will be considered by the African Growth and Opportunity Act Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, chaired by USTR, in developing recommendations on country eligibility for the President. Initial designation of beneficiary countries under the AGOA should be made in Fall 2000. Comments received related to the child labor criteria may also be considered by the Secretary of Labor in determining the findings required under Section 504 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

DATES: Public Comments are due by noon, July 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of African Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 501, Washington, DC 20508. Telephone (202) 395-9514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Signed into law on May 18, 2000, the Trade and Development Act of 2000 contains, in Title I, provisions for enhanced trade benefits for sub-Saharan African countries. Titled the "African Growth and Opportunity Act" (AGOA), the AGOA amends the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act) (19 USC 2461 *et seq.*), to authorize the President to designate sub-Saharan African countries as eligible for preferential tariff treatment for certain articles.

Eligibility Criteria

Under AGOA, the eligibility criteria that must be considered include those in Section 104 of the AGOA and in Section 502 of the Trade Act. The requirements of Section 104 of the AGOA are:

"(a) In General.—The President is authorized to designate a sub-Saharan African country as an eligible sub-Saharan African country if the President determines that the country—

(1) Has established, or is making continual progress toward establishing—

(A) A market-based economy that protects private property rights, incorporates an open rules-based trading system, and minimizes government interference in the economy through measures such as price controls, subsidies, and government ownership of economies assets;

(B) The rule of law, political pluralism, and the right to due process, a fair trial, and equal protection under the law;

(C) The elimination of barriers to United States trade and investment, including by—

(i) The provision of national treatment and measures to create an environment conducive to domestic and foreign investment;

(ii) The protection of intellectual property; and

(iii) The resolution of bilateral trade and investment disputes;

(D) Economic policies to reduce poverty, increase the availability of health care and educational opportunities, expand physical infrastructure, promote the development of private enterprise, and encourage the formation of capital markets through micro-credit or other programs;

(E) a system to combat corruption and bribery, such as signing and implementing the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions; and

(F) protection of internationally recognized workers rights, including the right of association, the right to organize and bargain collectively, a prohibition on the use of any form of forced or compulsory labor, a minimum age for the employment of children, and acceptable conditions of work with respect to minimum wages, hours of work, and occupational safety and health;

(2) does not engage in activities that undermine United States national security or foreign policy interest; and

(3) does not engage in gross violations of internationally recognized human rights or provide support for acts of international terrorism and cooperates in international efforts to eliminate human rights violations and terrorist activities.

(b) Continuing Compliance: If the President determines that an eligible sub-Saharan African country is not making continual progress in meeting the requirements described in subsection (a)(1), the President shall terminate the designation of the country made pursuant to subsection (a)."

The applicable GSP criterion as amended by the AGOA (Section 502(b)(2)(H) of the Trade Act) is:

"(2) Other bases for ineligibility.—The President shall not designate any country a beneficiary developing country under this title if any of the following applies:

* * * * *

(H) Such country has not implemented its commitments to eliminate the worst forms of child labor."

Countries Considered to be sub-Saharan African Countries

Section 107 of the AGOA defines the terms "sub-Saharan Africa", "sub-Saharan African country", "country in sub-Saharan Africa", and "countries in sub-Saharan Africa" as constituting the following countries (or any successor political entities):

"Republic of Angola (Angola).
Republic of Benin (Benin).
Republic of Botswana (Botswana).
Burkina Faso (Burkina).
Republic of Burundi (Burundi).
Republic of Cameroon (Cameroon).
Republic of Cape Verde (Cape Verde).
Central African Republic.
Republic of Chad (Chad).
Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros (Comoros).