

and to allow at least three days for accounting processing time, AIP funds should be obligated in FAA's accounting records on or before March 3, 2009.

Sponsors have three options available to them regarding AIP grants during this period. First, sponsors may elect to make an application for a grant based on entitlements currently available to them. Sponsors that elect to take such a grant must submit grant applications to the FAA no later than February 11, 2009, in order to meet the March 3, 2009 obligation deadline. Second, sponsors may elect to wait until after the February 2, 2009 notification date for protection of carryover entitlements. However, if a sponsor does not declare their intention regarding the use of fiscal year 2009 entitlement funds by the February 2, 2009 deadline, FAA will be unable to take the necessary actions to designate these as "protected" carryover funds, and these funds would not be carried over without a legislative enactment that provides additional AIP authorization for fiscal year 2009 and extends the FAA's spending authority from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund beyond March 31, 2009. Third, sponsors may elect to declare their intention to carryover the entitlements prior to the February 2, 2009 deadline through sending an acceptable written notification of such intention by February 2, 2009. Unused carryover entitlements that have been deferred will be available in fiscal year 2010 as provided in current law. FAA will then issue discretionary grants from the deferred entitlement funds pursuant to the authority and limitations in section 471 17(f).

If a statutory extension beyond March 31, 2009 of the AIP program and the FAA's authority to make expenditures from the Trust Fund is enacted, additional entitlement funds may be available to sponsors. In that case, airport sponsors who did not previously declare their intention to carryover the entitlements must provide a written indication to the designated Airports District Office (or Regional Office in regions without Airports District Offices) that they will either carryover or use their fiscal year 2009 entitlements by May 1, 2009.

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Benito DeLeon,

Director, FAA Office of Airport Planning and Programming.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 680]

Study of Competition in the Freight Railroad Industry

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of board meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board will meet with Christensen Associates at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2008, in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss Christensen Associates' independent study entitled *Report to the U.S. STB on Competition and Related Issues in the U.S. Freight Railroad Industry*. The report assesses the current state of competition in the United States freight railroad industry. The meeting will be open for public observation but not public participation.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Thursday, November 6, 2008, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board's headquarters at Patriot's Plaza, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Dennis Watson, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, Telephone: (202) 245-0234, FIRS: (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 2007, the Board awarded a contract to Christensen Associates to conduct an independent study that provides a comprehensive analysis of a wide range of issues including competition, capacity, and the interplay between the two. The report also includes an examination of various regulatory policy alternatives that could lead to changes in the Board's regulatory approach if necessary.

The Board will release the report to the public in early November and will solicit written public comments at that time.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Dated: October 23, 2008.

By the Board, Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designation of Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 13382

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of four newly-designated entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13382 of June 28, 2005, "Blocking Property of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators and Their Supporters."

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the four entities identified in this notice pursuant to Executive Order 13382 is effective on October 22, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: (202) 622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's web site (<http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on demand service, tel.: (202) 622-0077.

Background

On June 28, 2005, the President, invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706) ("IEEPA"), issued Executive Order 13382 (70 FR 38567, July 1, 2005) (the "Order"), effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on June 29, 2005. In the Order, the President took additional steps with respect to the national emergency described and declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, regarding the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the means of delivering them.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or that hereafter come within the United States or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) The persons listed in an Annex to the Order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of State, in