

Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC), to be held at 10:00 a.m., September 17, 1997, in the Associate Administrator's Conference Room, SLSDC Administration Building, 180 Andrews Street, Massena, New York. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows: Opening Remarks; Consideration of Minutes of Past Meeting; Review of Programs; New Business; and Closing Remarks.

Attendance at meeting is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Administrator, members of the public may present oral statements at

the meeting. Persons wishing further information should contact not later than September 12, 1997, Marc C. Owen, Advisory Board Liaison, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-6823.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Advisory Board at any time.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 4, 1997.

**Marc C. Owen,**

*Advisory Board Liaison.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee, Notice of Meetings**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., of the following meetings to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee for	Date	Location
Nephrology .....	September 25, 1997.	Washington Plaza Hotel.
Metal Health and Behavioral Sciences .....	September 29-30, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
Surgery .....	October 4, 1997.	Washington Plaza Hotel.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics .....	October 6, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
Immunology .....	October 6, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology .....	October 6-7, 1997.	Washington Plaza Hotel.
Hematology .....	October 7, 1997.	Washington Plaza Hotel.
Respiration .....	October 9, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
Endocrinology .....	October 9-10, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
Alcoholism and Drug Dependence .....	October 14, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
General Medical Science .....	October 16-17, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
Gastroenterology .....	October 20-21, 1997.	Hotel Washington.
Cardiovascular Studies .....	October 20-21, 1997.	Hotel Washington.
Oncology .....	October 23-24, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
Infectious Diseases .....	October 23-24, 1997.	Holiday Inn Central.
Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee .....	December 4, 1997.	Washington Plaza Hotel.

*Holiday Inn Central*, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005  
*Hotel Washington*, 515-15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004  
*Washington Plaza Hotel*, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

These meetings will be for the purpose of evaluating the scientific merit of research conducted in each specialty by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) investigators working in VA Medical Centers and Clinics.

These meetings will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the rooms at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. All of the Merit Review

Subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public after approximately one hour from the start for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as

research information, the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public law 92-463, as amended by Public law 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B). Because of the limited seating capacity of the rooms, those who plan to attend should contact Dr. LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 275-6634, at least five days prior to each meeting. Minutes of the

meetings and rosters of the members of the Subcommittees may be obtained from this source.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

By Direction of the Secretary-Designate.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, that a meeting of the Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at the Marriott Residence Inn, 550 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, October 8-9, 1997. The session on October 8 is scheduled to begin at 7:30

a.m. and end at 5:15 p.m. and on October 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be for the purpose of reviewing one new protocol for multi-hospital clinical trial on prophylaxis of medical patients for thromboembolism and the progress of five on-going cooperative studies on treatment of alcoholic liver fibrosis, betablocker for heart failure, cancer intervention versus observation trial, treatment of unstable angina and evaluation of geriatric cares.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Chief of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The meeting will be open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on both days to discuss the general status of the program. Those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Ping Huang, Coordinator, Medical Research Service Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee, Department of Veterans

Affairs, Washington, DC, (202-273-8295), prior to October 3, 1997.

The meeting will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 8, 1997, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on October 9, 1997, for consideration of specific proposals in accordance with provisions set forth in section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). During this portion of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols, and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosures of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

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