

costs; financial resources available and financial impact. Evaluation criteria will include consideration of the local goals and objectives established for the study, measures of effectiveness identified during scoping, and criteria established by FTA for "New Start" transit projects.

Issued on: September 7, 1999.

**Sheldon A. Kinbar,**

*Regional Administrator, FTA.*

**Carmine M. Fiscina,**

*Technology and Safety Engineer, FHWA.*

[FR Doc. 99-23615 Filed 9-9-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-57-P

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public law 72-363; 5 U.S.C. App.2) notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS) to be held Friday, September 17, 1999, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC in conference room 3328 of the Nassif Building.

The Advisory Council, called for under Section 6007 of Public law 102-240, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, December 18, 1991, and chartered on June 19, 1995, was created to advise the Director of BTS on transportation statistics and analyses, including whether or not the statistics and analysis disseminated by the Bureau are of high quality and are based upon the best available objective information.

The agenda for this meeting will include an introduction of a new Advisory Council member, Director's programs update, BTS strategic plan, review of staffing, discussion of customer service outreach and marketing, report on focus groups held on BTS publications, update on safety conferences, identification of substantive issues, review of plans and schedule, other items of interest, discussion and agreement of date(s) for

subsequent meetings, and comments from the floor.

Since access to the DOT building is controlled, all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Ms. Lillian "Pidge" Chapman, Council Liaison, on (202) 366-1270 prior to September 15. Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. With the approval of the Chair, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Noncommittee members wishing to present oral statements, obtain information, or who plan to access the building to attend the meeting should also contact Ms. Chapman.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Council at any time.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Chapman (202) 366-1270 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 3, 1999.

**Ashish Sen,**

*Director.*

[FR Doc. 99-23516 Filed 9-9-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-FE-P

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Departmental Offices; International Financial Institution Advisory Commission

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 603 of the foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999, the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission (the "Commission") shall advise and report to the Congress on the future role and responsibilities of the international financial institutions (defined as the International Monetary Fund, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, African Development Bank, African Development Fund, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and Inter-American Investment Corporation), the World Trade Organization, and the Bank for International Settlements.

**DATES:** The second meeting of the Advisory Commission will be held on September 28, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and tentatively ending at 3:30 p.m., in Room H 327 in the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Designated Federal Official: William McFadden Senior Policy Advisory, Office of International Monetary and Financial Policy, Room 4444, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Telephone number 202-622-0343, fax number (202) 622-7664.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agenda of Meeting

The agenda tentatively includes discussion of the following:

- Sources of financial crises and instability; relation of instability to crises; size of bank failures and depth of crises.
- Role and evolving functions of the International Monetary Fund.

#### Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. Members of the public may submit written comments. If you wish to furnish comments, please provide 16 copies of your written material to the Designated Federal Official. If you wish to have your comments distributed to members of the Commission in advance of the first meeting, 16 copies of any written material should be provided to the Designated Federal Official no later than September 20, 1999.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

**William McFadden,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

[FR Doc. 99-23494 Filed 9-9-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4810-25-M

## 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
Endocrinology .....	September 16–17, 1999 .....	Washington Plaza.
Nephrology .....	September 22, 1999 .....	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Epidemiology .....	September 27, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Mental Hlth & Behavioral Sciences .....	September 30–October 1, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Cardiology .....	October 1, 1999 .....	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Oncology .....	October 4–5, 1999 .....	Crowne Plaza.
Respiration .....	October 4, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Neurobiology-D .....	October 14–15, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Hematology .....	October 14, 1999 .....	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Neurobiology-C .....	October 18, 1999 .....	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Immunology .....	October 18–19, 1999 .....	Crowne Plaza.
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics .....	October 18, 1999 .....	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Infectious Diseases .....	October 21–22, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Surgery .....	October 23, 1999 .....	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Gastroenterology .....	October 25–26, 1999 .....	1400 I St, NW, #400.
Alcohol and Drug Dependence .....	October 28, 1999 .....	1400 I St, NW, #400.
General Medical Science .....	October 28–29, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.
Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee .....	December 2, 1999 .....	Holiday Inn Central.

The addresses of the hotels are:

Crowne Plaza, 1001–14th Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20005.  
Holiday Inn Central, 1501 Rhode Island  
Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005.  
Washington Plaza, 10 Thomas Circle,  
NW, Washington, DC 20005.

These subcommittee 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.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meetings 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 subcommittee meetings, 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 could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92–463, as amended by Pub. L. 94–409, closing portions of these subcommittee meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of

the members of the subcommittees should contact Dr. LeRoy Frey, Chief, Program Review Division, Medical Research Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202) 408–3630.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Marvin R. Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

[FR Doc. 99–23605 Filed 9–9–99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8320–01–M

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Pub. L. 92–463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs (Committee) will be held Thursday and Friday, September 23–24, 1999. The meeting on September 23 will be held at VA Headquarters, Room 430, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, and the meeting on September 24 will be held at the Senate Russell Office Building, Room 418, 1st and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC. The September 23 session will convene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. and the September 24 session will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special-Disabilities Programs is to advise the Department on its prosthetic programs designed to provide state-of-the-art prosthetics and the associated rehabilitation research, development, and evaluation of such technology. The Committee also advises the Department on special disability programs which are

defined as any program administered by the Secretary to serve veterans with spinal cord injury, blindness or vision impairment, loss of or loss of use of extremities, deafness or hearing impairment, or other serious incapacities in terms of daily life functions.

On the morning of September 23, the Committee will receive a status report concerning implementation of an integrated prosthetics organization within each Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN). The Committee will also receive briefings by the National Program Directors of the Special-Disabilities Programs regarding the status of their activities over the last five months. On the morning of September 24, the Committee will review and discuss with staff members of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee the Report to Congress on Maintaining Capacity for the Specialized Treatment and Rehabilitative Needs of Disabled Veterans and the Report by the Senate Minority Staff, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, of VA Programs for Veterans with Special Needs.

The meeting is open to the public. For those wishing to attend, contact Kathy Pessagno, Veterans Health Administration (113), phone (202) 273–8512, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, prior to September 17, 1999.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

**Marvin R. Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

[FR Doc. 99–23604 Filed 9–9–99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8320–01–M