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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 188 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1972, as established under 29 CFR Part 75, authorizes the United States Department of Agriculture to make or guarantee loans or grants to finance industrial and business activities in rural areas. The Secretary of Labor must review the application for financial assistance for the purpose of certifying to the Secretary of Agriculture that the assistance is not calculated, or likely, to result in: (a) A transfer of any employment or business activity from one area to another by the loan applicant's business operation; or, (b) An increase in the production of goods, materials, services, or facilities in an area where there is not sufficient demand to employ the efficient capacity of existing competitive enterprises unless the financial assistance will not have an adverse impact on existing competitive enterprises in the area. The Employment and Training Administration within the Department of Labor is responsible for the review and certification process. Comments should address the two bases for certification and, if possible, provide data to assist in the analysis of these issues.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of December 2009.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Announcement of the Tools for America's Job Seekers Challenge

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA), in conjunction with the White House and IdeaScale, is launching the Tools for America's Job Seekers Challenge. Using an on-line platform designed by

IdeaScale, the Challenge will allow toolmakers and developers to present their on-line job tools to workforce development experts and job seekers to explore, discuss, and recommend. The tools that receive the most recommendations will be shared broadly with the workforce investment system and job seekers, allowing workforce system decision-makers to easily access the recommendations of their peers and customers. Workforce system decision-makers can use this feedback to inform their decisions about which tools to make available through One-Stop Career Centers, State job banks, and other Internet-based resources. Selection of a tool does not constitute an official endorsement by DOL or ETA: This is not an opportunity to apply for government funding, and ETA will not make any funds available to any party pursuant to this announcement.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a fast-changing marketplace, it is difficult for job seekers and the nation's almost 3,000 One-Stop Career Centers to keep up with state of the art on-line job search and career advancement tools. Therefore, DOL and ETA are challenging enterprising entrepreneurs and organizations to showcase their on-line solutions through a platform that allows workforce system decision-makers and job seeker customers to explore, comment on, and recommend tools. The Challenge will help the workforce investment system uncover the most effective on-line tools. ETA will work with Federal, State, and local workforce system professionals and partners at the conclusion of the Challenge to deploy the tools in the most efficient way throughout the workforce system, to help quickly connect job seekers to the jobs currently available in the economy.

The Challenge will be run in three phases. Phase One will operate from November 30, 2009 to December 18, 2009. ETA encourages entrepreneurs and organizations to help develop an inventory of on-line job search and career advancement tools by submitting information on their tools at www.DOLChallenge.Ideascale.com. Although DOL is primarily interested in identifying tools that are free for the use of America's jobseekers, tools with a fee may be submitted as long as the submitter provides a short-term demo site or other platform that allows the tools to be reviewed free of charge in Phase 2 of the Challenge. After the Challenge has been completed, the workforce development system and job seekers can decide whether to buy or

license such tools. DOL will accept submissions from businesses and entrepreneurs, nonprofit organizations, and State and local workforce agencies. Participating tools will be classified into one or more of these categories:

- General job boards, listing sites, and aggregators
- Niche job boards
- Career tools such as ladders, transition tools, etc.
- Web-based career exploration sites
- Web 2.0/social media sites specializing in job searches or job postings
- Other job matching and career advancement tools

Along with the tool itself, ETA will ask developers to provide basic information such as the target uses and users of the tool or product, and contact information. At their option, developers may also submit a YouTube video of their tool in action or other tool-related materials.

Phase Two will operate from January 4 to January 15, 2010. Workforce development professionals and job seekers are invited to test-drive the tools and recommend those they find useful. Reviewers are encouraged to recommend tools based on: (1) How effective the tool is in providing accurate results—including how well the tool reflects jobs available in the target labor market; (2) how efficient the tool is in completing job search and matching tasks in a reasonable amount of time; and (3) the level of satisfaction the user experienced. Reviewers may recommend as many tools as they wish, and are encouraged to comment on the tools to provide more feedback on their experience with the tools. Phase Three will begin at the end of January. DOL and ETA will publish the top tools in each category, allowing workforce system decision-makers to easily access the recommendations of their peers and customers, and use this feedback to inform their decisions about which tools to make available through One-Stop Career Centers, State job banks, and other Internet-based resources.

As a result of the Challenge, the workforce development system will have increased awareness of on-line tools that can help meet the job information needs of the significantly increased number of customers requiring service in the current economic recovery effort.

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statement: The annualized public reporting burden for the collection of information described in this Notice (OMB Control No. 1205-0476, Expiration Date 05/31/2010), which is voluntary, is estimated to average

approximately ten minutes per respondent for Phase One and five minutes per tool commented on in Phase Two.

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Signed: at Washington, DC this 9th day of December 2009.

Jane Oates,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2008 Cost of Outpatient Medical, Dental, and Cosmetic Surgery Services Furnished by Department of Defense Medical Treatment Facilities; Certain Rates Regarding Recovery From Tortiously Liable Third Persons

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: By virtue of the authority vested in the President by section 2(a) of Public Law 87-603 (76 Stat. 593; 42 U.S.C. 2652), and delegated to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by the President through Executive Order No. 11541 of July 1, 1970, the rates referenced below are hereby established. These rates are for use in connection with the recovery from tortiously liable third persons for the cost of outpatient medical, dental and cosmetic surgery services furnished by military treatment facilities through the Department of Defense (DoD). The rates were established in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-25, requiring reimbursement of the full cost of all services provided. The outpatient medical and dental rates referenced are effective upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will remain in effect until further notice. Pharmacy rates are updated periodically. The inpatient rates, published on January 15, 2009, remain in effect until further notice. A full analysis of the rates is posted at the DoD's Uniform Business Office Web site: http://www.tricare.mil/ocfo/docs/2009_MedDenCS_Rates%206_25_09.pdf. The rates can be found at:

http://www.tricare.mil/ocfo/mcfs/ubo/mhs_rates.cfm.

Peter R. Orszag,

Director.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 10-03]

Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for Fiscal Year 2010

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This report is provided in accordance with section 608(d)(1) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, Public Law 108-199, Division D (the "Act"), 22 U.S.C. 7708(d)(1).

Dated: December 11, 2009.

Henry C. Pitney,

(Acting) Vice President and General Counsel, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for Fiscal Year 2010

Summary

This report is provided in accordance with section 608(d)(1) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, Public Law 108-199, Division D (the "Act"), 22 U.S.C. 7708(d)(1).

The Act authorizes the provision of Millennium Challenge Account ("MCA") assistance under section 605 of the Act to countries that enter into compacts with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the progress of such countries in achieving lasting economic growth and poverty reduction, and are in furtherance of the Act. The Act requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") to determine the countries that will be eligible to receive MCA assistance during the fiscal year, based on their demonstrated commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investing in their people, as well as on the opportunity to reduce poverty and generate economic growth in the country. The Act also requires the submission of reports to appropriate congressional committees and the publication of notices in the **Federal Register** that identify, among other things:

1. The countries that are "candidate countries" for MCA assistance during fiscal year 2010 (FY10) based on their per-capita income levels and their eligibility to receive assistance under U.S. law, and countries that would be candidate countries but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance (section 608(a) of the Act; 22 U.S.C. 7708(a));

2. The criteria and methodology that the Board of Directors of MCC ("the Board") will use to measure and evaluate the relative policy performance of the "candidate countries" consistent with the requirements

of section 607 of the Act in order to select "MCA eligible countries" from among the "candidate countries" (section 608(b) of the Act, 22 U.S.C. 7708(b)); and

3. The list of countries determined by the Board to be "MCA eligible countries" for FY10, with justification for eligibility determination and selection for compact negotiation, including which of the MCA eligible countries the Board will seek to enter into MCA compacts (section 608(d) of the Act, 22 U.S.C. 7708(d)).

This is the third of the above-described reports by MCC for FY10. It identifies countries determined by the Board to be eligible under section 607 of the Act for FY10 (22 U.S.C. 7706) and countries with which the Board will seek to enter into compacts under section 609 of the Act, as well as the justification for such decisions.

Eligible Countries

The Board met on December 9, 2009 to select countries that will be eligible for MCA compact assistance under section 607 of the Act for FY10. The Board selected the following countries as eligible for such assistance for FY10: Cape Verde, Indonesia, Jordan, Malawi, Moldova, the Philippines, and Zambia.

In accordance with the Act and with the "Report on the Criteria and Methodology for Determining the Eligibility of Candidate Countries for Millennium Challenge Account Assistance in Fiscal Year 2010" submitted to the Congress on September 11, 2009, selection was based primarily on a country's overall performance in three broad policy categories: (1) "Ruling Justly"; (2) "Encouraging Economic Freedom"; and (3) "Investing in People." As a basis for determining which countries would be eligible for MCA compact assistance, the Board relied upon 17 transparent and independent indicators to assess, to the maximum extent possible, countries' policy performance and demonstrated commitment in these three broad policy areas. In determining eligibility, the Board compared countries' performance on the indicators relative to their income-level peers, evaluating them in comparison to either the group of low income countries (LIC) or the group of lower-middle income countries (LMIC). In particular, the Board considered if a country performed above the median in relation to its peers on at least half of the indicators in the Ruling Justly and Economic Freedom policy categories, above the median on at least three of five indicators in the Investing in People policy category, and above the median on the "Control of Corruption" indicator. The Board also took into account whether the country performed substantially below the median on any indicator, and if so, whether the country is taking appropriate action to address the shortcomings. Scorecards reflecting each country's performance on the indicators are available on MCC's Web site at <http://www.mcc.gov>.

The Board also considered whether any adjustments should be made for data gaps, data lags, or recent events since the indicators were published, as well as strengths or weaknesses in particular