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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Intent To Hold Public Forums To Solicit Feedback From the Public Regarding the Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service, USDA published a document in the Federal Register of February 2, 2010, concerning upcoming public forums and request for comments regarding the Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing Program. There has been a change in the date to receive written comments, a change in one of the forum dates and a change in contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn L. Bell, Chief, Special Program and New Initiatives Branch, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, USDA at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0783, Washington, DC 20250-0783, telephone (202) 720-1532, fax: (202) 720-2232, e-mail carolyn.bell@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The date for all written questions and comments to be received has been changed to July 15, 2010, and the date for Washington, DC has been changed to June 30, 2010.

Dated: April 9, 2010.

Kathy Mcentee,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of an Opportunity To Serve on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Travel Promotion

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is inviting expressions of interest to serve on the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Board) from leaders with knowledge of international travel promotion and marketing and who have expertise and experience in specific sectors of the travel and tourism industry. The purpose of the initial Board is to, among other things, serve as incorporators and establish the Corporation for Travel Promotion.

DATES: All information must be received by the Office of the Secretary at the email or postal address below by close of business (EDT) on May 10, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Please submit relevant information via e-mail to TPABoard@doc.gov or by mail to John Connor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5835, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Travel Promotion Act of 2009 (TPA) was passed on February 25, 2010 and signed into law on March 4, 2010. The TPA establishes the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Corporation), a non-profit corporation that will communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

The TPA states that the Corporation shall develop and execute a plan to (A) provide useful information to those interested in traveling to the United States; (B) identify and address perceptions regarding U.S. entry policies; (C) maximize economic and diplomatic benefits of travel to the United States through the use of various promotional tools; and (D) ensure that international travel benefits all States and the District of Columbia, and identify opportunities to promote tourism to rural and urban areas

equally, including areas not traditionally visited by international travelers.

The Corporation will be governed by a board of directors of eleven members with knowledge of international travel promotion and marketing and with appropriate expertise and experience in specific sectors of the travel and tourism industry. These members will broadly represent various regions of the United States.

Selection Criteria

The TPA directs the Secretary of Commerce (after consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State) to appoint the board of directors for the Corporation for Travel Promotion. Thus, in accordance with the TPA, the Department of Commerce will be selecting individuals with the appropriate expertise and experience from specific sectors of the travel and tourism industry to serve on the Board as follows:

(A) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the hotel accommodations sector;

(B) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the restaurant sector;

(C) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the small business or retail sector or in associations representing that sector;

(D) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the travel distribution services sector;

(E) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the attractions or recreations sector;

(F) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience as officials of a city convention and visitors' bureau;

(G) 2 shall have appropriate expertise and experience as officials of a State tourism office;

(H) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the passenger air sector;

(I) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in immigration law and policy, including visa requirements and United States entry procedures; and

(J) 1 shall have appropriate expertise in the intercity passenger railroad business.

To be eligible for Board membership, one must have international travel and tourism marketing experience and must also be a U.S. citizen. In addition, individuals cannot be federally registered lobbyists or registered as a

foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Those selected for the initial Board must be able to meet the time and effort commitments of the Board to establish the new Corporation.

Priority may be given to individuals with experience as a Chief Executive Officer or President (or comparable level of responsibility) of an organization or entity in the travel and tourism sector in the United States.

Board members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce (who may remove any member of the Board for good cause).

The term of office of each member of the Board will be 3 years, except that, of the members first appointed: (A) 3 shall be appointed for terms of 1 year; (B) 4 shall be appointed for terms of 2 years; and (C) 4 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years. Board members can serve a maximum of two consecutive full three-year terms.

Board members are not considered Federal government employees by virtue of their service as a member of the Board and will receive no compensation from the Federal government for their participation in Board activities. Members participating in Board meetings and events will be paid actual travel expenses and per diem when away from their usual places of residence.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following:

1. Name, title, and personal resume of the individual requesting consideration; and

2. A brief statement of why the person should be considered for membership on the Board. This statement should also address the individual's relevant international travel and tourism marketing experience and indicate clearly the sector or sectors enumerated above in which the individual has the requisite expertise and experience. Individuals who have the requisite expertise and experience in more than one sector can be appointed from only one of those sectors.

Appointments of members to the Board will be made by the Secretary of Commerce.

Dated: April 13, 2010.

John Connor,

Director, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 100407180-0181-01]

Technology Innovation Program (TIP) Notice of Availability of Funds and Announcement of Public Meetings (Proposers' Conferences)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Technology Innovation Program (TIP) announces that it will hold a single fiscal year 2010 competition and is soliciting high-risk, high-reward research and development (R&D) proposals for financial assistance. TIP also announces that it will hold three public meetings (Proposers' Conferences) for all interested parties. TIP is soliciting proposals under this fiscal year 2010 competition in the area of critical national need entitled "Manufacturing" as described in the Program Description section below.

DATES: The due date for submission of proposals is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, July 15, 2010. This deadline applies to any mode of proposal submission, including paper and electronic. Do not wait until the last minute to submit a proposal. TIP will not make any allowances for late submissions, including incomplete Grants.gov registration or delays by guaranteed overnight couriers. To avoid any potential processing backlogs due to last minute registrations, proposers are strongly encouraged to start their Grants.gov registration process at least four weeks prior to the proposal submission due date. Review, selection, and award processing is expected to be completed by the end of November 2010.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted to TIP as follows:

Paper submission: Send to National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Innovation Program, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4750, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4750. Please note that the NIST site is closed to the general public, and applicant personnel and couriers will not be permitted onto the NIST site in order to deliver proposals. Also note that the NIST Visitors Center is not permitted to accept proposals on behalf of the Technology Innovation Program. Paper submissions will be accepted from the U.S. Mail or similar

commercial carrier that routinely delivers mail to NIST.

Electronic submission: <http://www.grants.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Wiggins at 301-975-5416 or by e-mail at thomas.wiggins@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Information: The full Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this request for proposals contains detailed information and requirements for the program. Proposers are strongly encouraged to read the FFO in developing proposals. The full FFO announcement text is available at <http://www.grants.gov> and on the TIP Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/tip/helpful-resources.cfm>. In addition, proposers are directed to review the April 2010 Technology Innovation Program Proposal Preparation Kit available at <http://www.nist.gov/tip/helpful-resources.cfm>. The TIP Proposal Preparation Kit must be used to prepare a TIP proposal. The TIP implementing regulations are published at 15 CFR Part 296, and included in the TIP Proposal Preparation Kit as Appendix B.

Public Meetings (Proposers' Conferences): TIP will hold three public meetings (Proposers' Conferences) to provide general information regarding TIP, to offer guidance on preparing proposals, and to answer questions. Proprietary technical discussions about specific project ideas with NIST staff are not permitted at these conferences or at any time before submitting the proposal to TIP. Therefore, proposers should not expect to have proprietary issues addressed at the Proposers' Conferences. Also, NIST/TIP staff will not critique or provide feedback on project ideas while they are being developed by a proposer. However, NIST/TIP staff will answer questions about the TIP eligibility and cost-sharing requirements, evaluation and award criteria, selection process, and the general characteristics of a competitive TIP proposal at the Proposers' Conferences and by phone and e-mail. Attendance at the TIP Proposers' Conferences is not required.

The TIP Proposers' Conferences will be held on the following dates, times, and at the following locations:

(1) April 28, 2010, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Eastern Time: NIST Red Auditorium, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. Pre-registration is required by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 23, 2010, for the Proposers' Conference being held at NIST Gaithersburg, MD. Due to increased security at NIST, NO on-site registrations will be accepted and all attendees MUST be pre-registered.