

development finance industry. The Fund has developed a draft protocol for releasing the Transaction Level Report data and the ATS data submitted by NMTC allocatees. Because the data contain information on businesses and individuals that may be considered sensitive and/or confidential, the Fund seeks public comment on its draft data release protocol. This draft protocol seeks to release as much data as possible without violating the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the Privacy Act, or other applicable Federal law. To that end, the Fund proposes not to release data that it has determined to be: (a) Confidential financial or business information of allocatees, investors, or the businesses that allocatees are lending to or investing in, the disclosure of which would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained; or (b) confidential information about individuals, such as name, address, gender, race, and income.

To view the Proposed Data Release Protocol (providing a description of each data field and whether the Fund proposes that the field be displayed, suppressed, or modified in the public release), a sample data release, and definitions of each data point, visit the Fund's Web site <http://www.cdfifund.gov> and click on the links under "Comment Request on the Release of TLR Data and ATS Data Provided by NMTC Program Allocatees."

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on all aspects of the release of the Transaction Level Report data and ATS data, but commentators may wish to focus particular attention on the following questions:

(a) Are any of the identified data points proposed for release trade secrets or commercial financial information that is privileged or confidential?

(b) Would the release of any such information cause substantial harm to the competitive position of NMTC Program allocatees, allocatees' investors, or the businesses that allocatees are lending to or investing in?

(c) Would the release of any of the data points not currently proposed for release be useful to the public?

(d) Are any of the data points not currently proposed for release, but potentially of interest to the public, trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential? Would the release of any such information cause substantive harm to the competitive position of

NMTC Program allocatees, their investors, or the businesses that allocatees are lending to or investing in? Would the release of any such information cause the identity of individuals to be revealed?

(e) Is the proposed Excel spreadsheet format for releasing these data acceptable to a wide range of users? If not, what is a better alternative?

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 45D; 31 U.S.C. 321; 26 CFR 1.45D-1T.

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Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—August 22, 2006, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Larry M. Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on the U.S.-China economic and security relationship. The mandate specifically charges the Commission to investigate "the extent of Chinese access to, and use of United States capital markets, and whether the existing disclosure and transparency rules are adequate to identify Chinese companies which are active in United States markets and are also engaged in proliferation activities or other activities harmful to United States security interests."

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on August 22, 2006, to assess the nature and consequences of interaction between the Chinese and U.S. capital markets. China agreed to open its financial system to foreign participation when it joined the World Trade Organization. This process is already underway and accelerating, and the Commission, therefore, believes it is important and timely to assess the nature and consequences of interaction between the Chinese and U.S. capital markets.

Background

This event is the seventh in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2006 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academia, business, industry, government and the public on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. growing bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The August 22 hearing is being conducted to obtain commentary about the economic and national security implications of Chinese macroeconomic policies on U.S. capital markets, exchange rates and interest rates. Information on upcoming hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

This hearing will address "China's Financial System and Monetary Policies: The Impact on U.S. Exchange Rates, Capital Markets, and Interest Rates" and will be Co-chaired by Chairman Larry M. Wortzel and Commissioner Patrick A. Mulloy.

Purpose of Hearing

At this hearing the Commission seeks to assess the health of the Chinese financial system, evaluate the nature of foreign participation and understand the relationship between China's financial system and domestic Chinese politics. The Commission also seeks to explore the nature of capital flows into and out of China in order to understand how those flows affect U.S. interest rates and the value of the dollar.

The hearing is designed to assist the Commission in fulfilling its mandate by examining the condition of China's financial system, its increasing openness to foreign competition as required under WTO rules, China's WTO commitments to the financial sector, and the impact of Chinese macroeconomic policies on U.S. capital markets.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>. Any interested party may file a written statement by August 22, 2006, by mailing to the contact below. The hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, where Commissioners will take testimony from invited witnesses. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 22, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the

Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 385 Russell Senate Office Building. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1409, or via E-mail at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—September 14, 2006, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Larry M. Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on the U.S.-China economic and security relationship. The mandate specifically charges the Commission to "analyze and assess the Chinese role in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and other weapons (including dual-use technologies) to terrorist-sponsoring states, and suggest possible steps which the United States might take, including economic sanctions, to encourage the Chinese to stop such practices." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on September 14, 2006.

Background

This event is the eighth and final hearing in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2006 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academia, business, industry, government and the public on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. growing bilateral relationship with China. The September 14, 2006, hearing is being conducted to obtain commentary about the economic and national security implications of Chinese proliferation practices and its role in the North Korean and Iranian nuclear program, and the impact of these issues on U.S. security interests. In particular, the hearing will examine China's involvement in the North Korean and Iranian nuclear situations and the role it is, or should be, playing to resolve the current crises. Information on hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

This hearing will address "China's Proliferation to North Korea and Iran, and Its Role in Addressing the Nuclear and Missile Situations in Both Nations" and will be co-chaired by Commissioners Daniel Blumenthal and William Reinsch.

Purpose of Hearing

The hearing is designed to assist the Commission in fulfilling its mandate by examining China's proliferation activities, transfers of WMD technology by Chinese entities to Iran, North Korea and other states of concern, and developments in connection with China's role in the Six-Party Talks with North Korea.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>. Any interested party may file a written statement by September 14, 2006, by mailing to the contact below. The hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, where Commissioners will take testimony from invited witnesses. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 14, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 385 Russell Senate Office Building. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first

come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

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Dated: August 9, 2006.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 14, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005G2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, fax (202) 565-7045 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0319."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to