

Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Treasury (202-622-2500).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authorities vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) ("IEEPA"), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and Executive Order No. 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended by Executive Order No. 13094 of July 28, 1998, the Acting Secretary of State determined on July 30, 1998 that the following foreign persons have engaged in proliferation activities related to Iran's missile programs that require the imposition of measures pursuant to sections 4(b), 4(c) and 4(d) of Executive Order No. 12938:

Baltic State Technical University (including at 1/21, 1-ya Krasnoarmeiskaya Ul., 198005 St. Petersburg, Russia);  
 Europalace 2000 (including at Moscow, Russia);  
 Glavkosmos (including at 9 Krasnoproletarskaya St., 103030 Moscow, Russia);  
 Grafit (aka State Scientific Research Institute of Graphite or NIIGRAFIT) (including at 2 Ulitsa Elektrodnyaya, 111524 Moscow, Russia);  
 INOR Scientific Enter (including at Moscow, Russia);  
 MOSO Company (including at Moscow, Russia); and  
 Polyus Scientific Production Association (including at 3 Ulitsa Vvedenskogo, 117342 Moscow, Russia).

Accordingly, until further notice and pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 12938, the following measures are imposed on these entities, their subunits and successors:

1. All departments and agencies of the United States Government shall not procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology or services from these entities, and shall terminate any existing contracts;
2. All departments and agencies of the United States Government shall not provide any assistance to these entities, and shall not obligate further funds for such purposes;
3. The Secretary of the Treasury shall prohibit the importation into the United States of any goods, technology, or services produced or provided by these entities, other than information or informational materials within the

meaning of section 203(b)(3) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)).

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies as provided in Executive Order 12938.

Dated: August 3, 1998.

**John Barker,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Free Trade Area of the Americas

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comment on the Free Trade of the Americas (FTAA) joint public-private sector Experts Committee on Electronic Commerce (Experts Committee); identification of private sector experts in electronic commerce who may wish to participate in the work of the Experts Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The FTAA Experts Committee on Electronic Commerce has been established by the 34 countries in the Western Hemisphere participating in the Free Trade Area of the Americas. The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) invites public comment on the work plan of the Experts Committee. In addition, the TPSC seeks to identify U.S. private sector experts on electronic commerce who may be interested in participating in the work of the Experts Committee; interested members of the public are invited to submit written notice of their interest and their qualifications.

**DATES:** Written comments on the the Experts Committee and expressions of interest in participating in the work of the Committee should be submitted no later than September 8, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-3475. All questions concerning the Experts Committee should be directed to Regina Vargo, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere, U.S. Department of Commerce (202) 482-5324, Rvargo@USITA.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 18-19, 1998, President Clinton and his 33 counterparts in the Western

Hemisphere initiated negotiations to create the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) by the year 2005 and to achieve concrete progress toward that objective by the end of the century. The leaders established a general framework for the negotiations, including a Trade Negotiations Committee (TNC), composed of the 34 vice ministers responsible for trade, to oversee the negotiations. They agreed to nine initial negotiating groups, a consultative group and two committees, one of which is a joint public-private sector Experts Committee on Electronic Commerce. At its June 1998 meeting in Buenos Aires, the TNC agreed that the Experts Committee will be chaired by Mr. Dale Marshall of Barbados. It also was agreed that the initial meeting of the Experts Committee would be held before the end of October in Miami.

**Experts Committee Terms of Reference:** The objective of the Experts Committee is to make recommendations to trade ministers on how to increase and broaden the benefits of electronic commerce and how electronic commerce should be dealt with in the context of the FTAA negotiations. Four weeks before the October 1999 ministerial meeting, the Experts Committee is to provide recommendations to the TNC. In order to develop its recommendations, the Experts Committee will focus on:

- Increasing understanding of the potential benefits of electronic commerce to countries in the hemisphere;
- Identifying the environment that will allow electronic commerce to flourish;
- Discussing infrastructure questions; and
- Identifying how electronic commerce can facilitate the operation of trade obligations.

**Experts Committee Private Sector Representation:** The Experts Committee will consist of both public and private sector representatives. Individual governments will identify private sector participants with a view toward balanced hemispheric representation in terms of geography and electronic commerce issue expertise. Although the FTAA countries have not yet established the details on private sector representation, including composition, number and final selection process, the TPSC seeks to identify U.S. private sector experts on electronic commerce who may be interested in participating in the work of the Committee.

### Public Comments

To prepare for the initial meeting of the Experts Committee in October 1998,

the TPSC invites written comments on how to maximize the effectiveness of private sector participation and on possible elements of a work plan to implement the Committee's terms of reference, described above. In addition, in order to assist the TPSC in identifying U.S. private sector experts on electronic commerce who may be interested in participating in the work of the Committee, members of the public are invited to submit written notice of their interest and describe their qualifications. Qualifications of interest include: demonstrated expertise in one or more aspects of electronic commerce; knowledge of the Western Hemisphere, including established contacts with foreign private sector interests in the region; an ability and willingness to broadly solicit views from and disseminate information to private sector interests that provide Internet services, network services, content and equipment, or that represent the views of other Internet experts in the private sector, and familiarity with U.S. and foreign trade and investment policies and obligations.

Those persons wishing to submit written comments should provide twenty (20) typed copies (in English) to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Room 501, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508. Comments should state clearly the position taken and should describe the specific information supporting that position.

If the submission contains business confidential information, twenty copies of a confidential version must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and of each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202)

395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Frederick L. Montgomery,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists those forms, reports, and recordkeeping requirements imposed upon the public which were transmitted by the Department of Transportation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its approval in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35). Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the **Federal Register**, listing information collection request submitted to OMB for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. In carrying out its responsibilities, OMB also considers public comments on the proposed forms and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. OMB approval of an information collection requirement must be renewed at least once every three years.

The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on information collection 2120-0040 was published on March 9, 1998 [63 FR 11472-11473].

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 8, 1998.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the DOT information collection requests submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Judith Street, Federal Aviation Administration, Corporate Information Division, ABC-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., (202) 267-9895, Washington, DC 20591.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

*Title:* Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0040.

*Form(s):* FAA Form 8310-6.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for profit, States and local governments.

*Abstract:* CFR part 147 prescribes requirements for certification and operation of aviation mechanic schools. The information is necessary to ensure that Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools meet the minimum requirements for procedures and curriculum set forth by the FAA. Also, it is necessary for the FAA to develop minimum standards for properly qualified persons who would enter the aviation industry.

*Estimated Burden:* The estimated total annual burden is 74,015 hours.

*Addresses:* Written comments on the DOT information collection request should be forwarded, within 30 days of publication, to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: FAA Desk Officer. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. If you anticipate submitting substantive comments, but find that more than 10 days from the date of publication are needed to prepare them, please notify the OMB official of your intent immediately.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 30, 1998.

**Phillip A. Leach,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.