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For Further Information Contact: Cliff Northrup, United States Mint Liaison to the CCAC; 801 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220; or call 202-354-7200.

Any member of the public interested in submitting matters for the CCAC's consideration is invited to submit them by fax to the following number: 202-756-6830.

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 5135(b)(8)(C).

Dated: February 19, 2008.

Edmund C. Moy,

Director, United States Mint.

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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—March 18, 2008, Washington, DC.

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

Name: Larry 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 national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.”

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC, on March 18, 2008, to address “China’s Expanding Global Influence: Foreign Policy Goals, Practices, and Tools.”

Background

This event is the third in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2008 report cycle to collect input from leading academic, industry, and government experts on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The March 18

hearing is being conducted to obtain testimony on the goals, strategies and instruments of China’s foreign policy, and the impact of China’s regional and global influence on U.S. economic and security interests around the world. Panels in the hearing will address the economic, military/security, and diplomatic tools employed in the conduct of Chinese foreign policy.

The March 18 hearing will address “China’s Expanding Global Influence: Foreign Policy Goals, Practices, and Tools” and will be Co-chaired by Vice Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Daniel Blumenthal.

Information on hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission’s Web site <http://www.uscc.gov> as soon as available. Any interested party may file a written statement by March 18, 2007, by mailing to the contact below. On March 18, the hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There will be a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 18, 2008, 8:45 a.m. to 5 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 562, Dirksen Senate Office Building located at First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20510. 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: February 19, 2008.

Kathleen J. Michels,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Voluntary Services National Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the annual meeting of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) will be held April 9–12, 2008, at the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida. The meeting is open to the public, and the sessions are scheduled as follows:

April 9: 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

April 10 & 11: 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

April 12: 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., with a closing program at 6 p.m.

The Committee comprised of sixty-five national voluntary organizations, with five membership categories (Service Member, Associate Service Member, Donor Member, Associate Donor Member and Adjunct Member), advises the Secretary, through the Under Secretary for Health, on the coordination and promotion of volunteer activities within VA health care facilities. The primary purposes of this meeting are: to provide for Committee review of volunteer policies and procedures; to accommodate full and open communications between organization representatives and the Voluntary Service Office and field staff; to provide educational opportunities geared towards improving volunteer programs with special emphasis on methods to recruit, retain, motivate and recognize volunteers, and to approve Committee recommendations.

The April 9 session will involve opening ceremonies and remarks by several VA and local officials. The April 10 session will feature a Voluntary Service Report and recognition of the recipients of the VAWS Award for Excellence and NAC Volunteers of the Year. In addition, the James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship Luncheon will be held to honor an outstanding youth volunteer. The following educational workshops are scheduled: The Professional Volunteer; Recruitment; Selling Ice to Eskimos and Customer Service.

On April 11, the business session will include subcommittee reports. This

session will be followed by a repeat of the educational workshops. The April 12 session will include closing remarks from the Chairman, followed that evening by the Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, interested persons may either attend or file statements with the Committee. Written statements may be filed either before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting and addressed to: Ms. Laura B. Balun, Director, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to contact Ms. Balun at (202) 273-8952.

Dated: February 15, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Enhanced-Use Lease of VA Property for the Development and Operation of a Transitional Housing Facility for Homeless Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Batavia, NY

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to enter into an enhanced-use lease.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to enter into an enhanced-use lease of approximately 7,196 square feet of underutilized space at the VA Medical Center in Batavia, New York. The selected lessee would finance, design, develop, operate and maintain a transitional housing facility consisting of no less than 7 two-bedroom units and 4 one-bedroom units for a total of 18 units. As consideration for the lease, eligible veterans would be provided facility units and related services on a priority basis at no cost to VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward Bradley, Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7778 (Not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title 38 U.S.C. 8161 *et seq.* states that the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease if he determines that the implementation of a business plan proposed by the Under Secretary for Health for applying the consideration under such a lease to the provision of medical care and services would result in a demonstrable improvement of services to eligible veterans in the geographic service-delivery area within which the property is located. This project meets this requirement.

Approved: February 15, 2008.

James B. Peake,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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