

later decision.<sup>1</sup> Our issuing this notice now does not constitute a determination as to whether DOE's application is complete or otherwise prejudice the State's motion. We will modify the schedule, if necessary, as a result of our subsequent ruling on the State's motion.

The environmental review related to the proposed construction and operation of a rail line to Yucca Mountain began in 2004 and is well underway. In 2004, the Board accepted DOE's invitation to participate as a "cooperating agency" under the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR 1501.6 to give DOE the benefit of the Board's expertise in freight rail transportation in the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) addressing a potential Nevada rail transportation corridor and alternative rail alignments. DOE was also aware when it asked the Board to become a cooperating agency that the Board would have jurisdiction over the proposed new rail line in the event DOE were to decide to have the proposed line operated as a common carrier rail line. (The cooperating agency process is intended to make environmental review under NEPA more efficient by giving all agencies with licensing authority over a project the environmental information they need to comply with NEPA and related environmental laws in undertaking their decisionmaking.)

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and the other cooperating agencies on the Nevada rail corridor and rail alignment EISs (the Bureau of Land Management and United States Air Force) have participated in every step of the EIS process. The Draft EISs were issued for public review and comment in October 2007 in *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Rail Alignment for the Construction and Operation of a Railroad in Nevada to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada* (DOE/EIS-03691) and in *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada—Nevada Rail Transportation Corridor* (DOE/EIS-0250F-S2D). DOE has made electronic copies of the Draft EISs addressing the Nevada rail corridor and alternative rail alignments available at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov>.

SEA participated in the public hearings that were held on the Draft

EISs in November and December 2007. Following the close of the comment period in January 2008, preparation of Final EISs addressing the Nevada rail corridor and alternative rail alignments began. DOE estimates that it will issue the Final EISs in June 2008. The EISs (including the public comments) will serve as the basis for SEA's recommendations to the Board regarding whether, from an environmental perspective, DOE's construction and operation application should be granted, denied, or granted with environmental conditions.

The Board has not participated in the ongoing EIS process for the proposed geologic repository that the proposed new line would serve.

The Board will take into consideration both the transportation merits and the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the proposed line when ruling on DOE's application.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: April 10, 2008.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Buttrey.

**Anne K. Quinlan,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

## Appendix

### *Procedural Schedule on the Merits*

April 16, 2008—Publication of notice adopting procedural schedule.

April 28, 2008—Due date for certification by DOE that it has published newspaper notices announcing this procedural schedule.

May 7, 2008—Due date for notices of intent to participate as a party of record.

July 15, 2008—Due date for comments in support of or opposition to the application.

August 29, 2008—Due date for DOE's reply.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Call for Redemption of 12 Percent Treasury Bonds of 2008-13

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As of April 15, 2008, the Secretary of the Treasury gives public

notice that all outstanding 12 percent Treasury Bonds of 2008-13 (CUSIP No. 912810 DF 2) dated August 15, 1983, due August 15, 2013, are called for redemption at par on August 15, 2008, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

**DATES:** Treasury calls such bonds for redemption on August 15, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Definitives Section, Customer Service Branch 3, Office of Retail Securities, Bureau of the Public Debt, (304) 480-7711.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Bonds Held in Registered Form.* Owners of such bonds held in registered form should mail bonds for redemption directly to: Bureau of the Public Debt, Definitives Section, Customer Service Branch 3, P.O. Box 426, Parkersburg, WV 26106-0426. Owners of such bonds will find further information regarding how owners must present and surrender such bonds for redemption under this call, in Department of the Treasury Circular No. 300 dated March 4, 1973, as amended (31 CFR Part 306); by contacting the Definitives Section, Customer Service Branch 3, Office of Retail Securities, Bureau of the Public Debt, telephone number (304) 480-7711; and by going to the Bureau of the Public Debt's Web site, <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>.

2. *Bonds Held in Book-Entry Form.* Treasury automatically will make redemption payments for such bonds held in book-entry form, whether on the books of the Federal Reserve Banks or in Treasury Direct accounts, on August 15, 2008.

**Gary Grippo,**

*Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### IRS/VA FFRDC Co-Sponsorship

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury. National Office Procurement.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on February 7, 2008 to designate VA as a Co-Sponsor of the Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), titled The Center for Enterprise Modernization (CEM). CEM is operated by The MITRE Corporation (MITRE). IRS remains the

<sup>1</sup> On April 8, 2008, Nevada Central Railroad filed a notice stating that it intends to participate in this proceeding and that it also plans to file a motion to reject the application.

primary sponsor of this enterprise systems engineering and integration FFRDC; VA is a Co-Sponsor.

VA has determined that it requires an FFRDC mission partner to assist in the achievement of its strategic and business enterprise modernization goals and the IRS FFRDC meets this need.

**DATES:** The Agency must receive comments on or before May 16, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods: Mail to: 6009 Oxon Hill Road, Suite 500, Oxon Hill, MD, attn: Carol Gentry, subject: Co-Sponsor Comments or e-mail to *Carol.A.Gentry@irs.gov*, subject: Co-Sponsor Comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Carol Gentry at *Carol.A.Gentry@irs.gov*.

**Carol A. Gentry,**  
*Contracting Officer, Internal Revenue Service.*  
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