

(c) The partnership must obtain signed letters of commitment from all members of the partnership that describe and quantify the assets they will utilize during the operational tests.

(d) The partnership must be willing to have all information resulting from the analysis available to supply chain participants. Prototyped solutions should reside in the public domain. Proprietary information (*i.e.*, data relating to specific, identifiable transactions or assets of participants that are sensitive and of commercial value to their competitors, or reveals specific threats to the supply chain that could be exploited) is not considered to be part of the public domain for purposes of these analyses and operational tests, and will be made available only by authorized release from the owner of the information.

(e) The partnership must establish a point-of-contact and an alternate to interface with the ESC or its representative. The point of contact must be included in the written application.

(f) The partnership must be willing to assemble participants in the supply chain to test procedures and technologies identified as potential solutions. The partnership should also consider including typical supply chain activities originating or transshipped outside the immediate port area.

(g) The TSA will provide full or partial funding for selected projects. TSA encourages grant recipients to consider partial funding of projects from other sources including internal funding.

TSA invites comments on these proposed criteria. Once finalized, these criteria may also be used in the selection of future projects under OSC.

Proposal Submission

Partnerships that meet the above criteria should submit their applications for grants to the address provided in the forthcoming Grant Program Announcement (GPA).

External Funding Through Grants

The GPA will contain instructions on how to submit the application. Subject matter experts, in accordance with a Technical Evaluation Plan, will review the applications. Evaluations and final selection of the application will be based on criteria published in the GPA. TSA will administer the grants issued under the OSC.

Federal Advisory Committee

The OSC ESC will seek industry and private sector input and discussion on OSC related issues by soliciting

feedback and comments from existing Federal Advisory Committees already designated to afford the Departments of Treasury and Transportation advice. Consequently, the Customs Operational Advisory Committee (COAC) and the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC) will serve this purpose and will be invited to afford the OSC ESC comments, input, and advice on OSC related issues at the request of the OSC ESC.

Comments

TSA is providing a 15-day comment period during which members of the public are invited to submit comments on the selection criteria for projects to be funded under OSC. Before finalizing the selection criteria, consideration will be given to any written comments that are received by the TSA prior to the end of the comment period. A 15-day comment period is being provided due to the urgent necessity for TSA to move forward in achieving the goals of OSC. Comments received after the comment period will be considered to the extent that it is practicable. The TSA specifically requests comments on the project criteria for OSC and comments on specific potential projects including whether consideration should be given to projects that test shipments originating in specific countries of interest. Commenters should not use this process to propose projects for funding under OSC. They should follow the process described in the forthcoming GPA.

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J.M. Loy,

ADM, Acting Under Secretary of Transportation for Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, SB/SE Payroll Taxes Committee

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, SB/SE Payroll Taxes Committee will be conducted (via teleconference).

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Peterson or Judi Nicholas at 1-888-912-1227, or 206-220-6096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, SB/SE Payroll Taxes Committee will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2002, from 3 pm e.s.t. to 5 pm e.s.t. via a telephone conference call. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write Mary Peterson, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with either Mary Peterson or Judi Nicholas. Ms. Peterson and Ms. Nicholas can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The agenda will include the following: various IRS issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: November 7, 2002.

John J. Mannion,

Director, Program Planning & Quality.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via Conference call).

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227, or 414-297-1611.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2002, from 1 pm e.s.t. to 2 pm e.s.t. via a telephone conference call. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement or would like to attend the conference call, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 414-297-1611, or write Barbara Toy, Taxpayer Advocacy