

respective State single points of contact designated under the Executive Order. Each SBDC application must be consistent with any area-wide small business assistance plan adopted by a State-authorized agency.

**DATES:** A State single point of contact and other interested State or local entities may submit written comments regarding an SBDC refunding on or before June 25, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Addresses of Relevant SBDC State Directors*

Mr. Robert McKinley, Region Director, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio, 1222 North Main Street, San Antonio, TX 78212, (210) 458-2450

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Dr. Elizabeth Gatewood, Region Director, University of Houston, 1100 Louisiana, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77002, (713) 752-8444

Ms. Hazel Kroesser Palmer, State Director, West Virginia Development Office, 950 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, WV 25301, (304) 558-2960

Mr. Clinton Tymes, State Director, University of Delaware, Suite 005—Purnell Hall, Newark, DE 19711, (302) 831-2747

Ms. Janet Holloway, State Director, University of Kentucky, 225 Business & Economics Bldg., Lexington, KY 40506-0034, (606) 257-7668

Ms. Liz Klimback, Region Director, Dallas Community College, 1402 Corinth Street, Dallas, TX 75212, (214) 860-5833

Mr. Craig Bean, Region Director, Texas Tech University, 2579 South Loop 289, Suite 114, Lubbock, TX 79423-1637, (806) 745-3973

Mr. Doug Gurley, State Director, University of Mississippi, Old Chemistry Building, University, MS 38677, (601) 232-5001

Mr. James L. King, State Director, State University of New York, SUNY Plaza, S-523, Albany, NY 12246, (518) 443-5398

Ms. Diane Wirth, Acting State Director, Univ. of Maryland/College Park, 7100 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 401, Baltimore, MD 20740, (301) 403-8163

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Mr. Donald L. Kelpinski, State Director, Vermont Technical College, P.O. Box 422, Randolph Center, VT 05060, (802) 728-9101

Ms. Carmen Marti, SBDC Director, Inter American University, Ponce de Leon Avenue, #416, Edificio Union Plaza, Suite 7-A, Hato Rey, PR 00918, (787) 763-6811

Mr. Chester Williams, SBDC Director, University of the Virgin Islands, 8000 Nisky Center, Suite 202, St. Thomas, US V. Islands 00802, (809) 776-3206

Mr. Ronald Manning, State Director, Iowa State University, 137 Lynn Avenue, Ames, IA 50010, (515) 292-6351

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Johnnie L. Albertson, Associate Administrator for SBDCs, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Suite 4600, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description of the SBDC Program**

A partnership exists between SBA and an SBDC. SBDCs offer training, counseling and other business development assistance to small businesses. Each SBDC provides services under a negotiated Cooperative Agreement with SBA, the general management and oversight of SBA, and a state plan initially approved by the Governor. Non-Federal funds must match Federal funds. An SBDC must operate according to law, the Cooperative Agreement, SBA's regulations, the annual Program Announcement, and program guidance.

**Program Objectives**

The SBDC program uses Federal funds to leverage the resources of states, academic institutions and the private sector to:

- (a) Strengthen the small business community;
- (b) Increase economic growth;
- (c) Assist more small businesses; and
- (d) Broaden the delivery system to more small businesses.

**SBDC Program Organization**

The lead SBDC operates a statewide or regional network of SBDC subcenters. An SBDC must have a full-time Director. SBDCs must use at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide services to small businesses. SBDCs use volunteers and other low cost resources as much as possible.

**SBDC Services**

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, depending upon local needs, SBA priorities and SBDC program objectives. Services include training and counseling to existing and prospective small business owners in management, marketing, finance, operations, planning, taxes, and any other general or technical area of assistance that supports small business growth.

The SBA district office and the SBDC must agree upon the specific mix of services. They should give particular attention to SBA's priority and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, exporters, the disabled, and minorities.

**SBDC Program Requirements**

An SBDC must meet programmatic and financial requirements imposed by statute, regulations or its Cooperative Agreement. The SBDC must:

- (a) Locate subcenters so that they are as accessible as possible to small businesses;
- (b) Open all subcenters at least 40 hours per week, or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;
- (c) Develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment community, professional associations, private consultants and small business groups; and
- (d) Maintain lists of private consultants at each subcenter.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

**Johnnie L. Albertson,**

*Associate Administrator, for Small Business Development Centers.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Heartland States Regional Fairness Board; Public Hearing**

The Heartland States Regional Fairness Board Hearing, to be held on June 8, 1998, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Junior League, 10435 Clayton, Frontenac, Missouri, in space being provided by the Junior League, to receive comments from small businesses concerning regulatory enforcement or compliance taken by Federal agencies. Transcripts of these proceedings will be posted on the Internet. These transcripts are subject only to limited review by the National Ombudsman.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary P. Peele, telephone (312) 353-0880.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Northwestern States Regional Fairness Board; Public Hearing

The Northwestern States Regional Fairness Board Hearing, to be held on June 25, 1998, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Boise Area Chamber of Commerce, 300 North 6th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702, in space being provided by the Boise Area Chamber of Commerce, to receive comments from small businesses concerning regulatory enforcement or compliance taken by Federal agencies. Transcripts of these proceedings will be posted on the Internet. These transcripts are subject only to limited review by the National Ombudsman.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary P. Peele, telephone (312) 353-0880.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Region I Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region 1 Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Augusta, will hold a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 1998, at the University of Maine at Augusta, 46 University Drive, Jewett Hall, Augusta, Maine, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Mr. Roy Perry, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 40 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04330, telephone 207-622-8242.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, Office of External Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #2824]

### Advisory Committee on International Law, Notice of Committee Renewal; Notice of Committee Meeting

#### I. Renewal of Advisory Committee

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the Advisory Committee on International Law. This advisory committee will continue to obtain the views and advice of a cross-section of the country's outstanding members of the legal profession on significant issues of international law. The committee's consideration of legal issues in the conduct of our foreign affairs provides a unique contribution to the creation and promotion of U.S. foreign policy. The Under Secretary for Management has determined that the committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The committee consists of former Legal Advisers of the Department of State and not more than twenty individuals appointed by the Legal Adviser of the Department of State. The committee will follow the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552b(c) (1) and (4), that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will be provided for publication in the **Federal Register** as far in advance as possible prior to the meeting.

For further information, please call: John R. Crook, Assistant Legal Adviser for United States Affairs, (202) 647-2767.

#### II. Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Law will take place on Monday, June 15, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m., as necessary, in Room 140 of the United States Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. The meeting will be chaired by the Legal Adviser of the Department of State, David R. Andrews, and will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. The meeting will discuss developments involving the International Court of Justice, reform and funding of the United Nations, the proposed convention on enforcement of judgments, recent legal developments involving treaties and other international agreements, and other current topics.

Entry to the building is controlled and will be facilitated by advance

arrangements. Members of the public desiring access to the session should, by Wednesday, June 10, 1998, notify the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs (telephone (202) 647-2727) of their name, Social Security number, date of birth, professional affiliation, address and telephone number in order to arrange admittance. This includes both government and non-government admittance. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance. One of the following valid IDs will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license and photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID.

Dated: May 19, 1998.

**John R. Crook,**

*Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs; Executive Director, Advisory Committee of International Law.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #2821]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea, Working Group on Bulk Liquids and Gases; Notice of Meetings

The Working Group on Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG) of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 1:00 PM on Monday, June 15, 1998 in Room 6103, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the Third Session of the Subcommittee on Bulk Liquids and Gases of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which will be held on July 6-10, 1998, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

The agenda items of particular interest:

- a. Additional safety measures for tankers.
- b. Tanker pump-room safety.
- c. Revision of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78) regulations I/22 to 24 in the light of the probabilistic methodology for oil outflow analysis.
- d. Review of Annexes I and II of MARPOL 73/78.
- e. Revision of carriage requirements for carbon disulfide in the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code).