

and development of the (IBDP) that address: competence in accounting; competence in marketing; competence in cash flow management; access to credit; access to capital; access to surety; access to Federal procurement, non-Federal procurement and subcontracts; access to further training, which may include marketing, human resources, accounting, management, technical/professional skills.

SBA plans to award approximately \$1,000,000.00, subject to the availability of funds, under this notice. This amount would fund one or multi-awards which would provide business development training workshops and DVDs to approximately 1,500 firms including 8(a) participants entering the program and other eligible 7(j) executives. SBA reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this notice. Awards will have a project period of one (1) year. Award amounts may vary, depending on the number of 7(j) eligible clients that an applicant is able to train.

The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package.

**DATES:** The closing date for applications will be March 24, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the complete application package call Adrienne Dinkins at (202) 205-7140, or go to SBA's Web site at <http://www.sba.gov>.

#### FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER

**INFORMATION:** Questions concerning the technical aspects of this notice should be directed to Jacqueline Fleming at (202) 205-6177. Questions about budget or funding matters should be directed to Adrienne Dinkins at (202) 205-7140.

**Program Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 636(j)

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### National Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be hosting a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Advisory Council (NAC). The meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004 at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel located 800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW., Albuquerque, NM 87104.

Anyone wishing to attend and make an oral presentation to the Board must

contact Kimberly Mace, no later than Tuesday, February 17, 2004 via e-mail or fax. Kimberly Mace, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416 (202) 205-8414 phone or (202) 205-6113 fax or e-mail [kimberly.mace@sba.gov](mailto:kimberly.mace@sba.gov).

**Matthew Becker,**

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs; Public Meeting

#### The SBA Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), pursuant to the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-50), will be hosting its first Advisory Committee meeting on Veterans Business Affairs for Fiscal Year 2004. The meeting will be held on March 1-2, 2004 from 9 am-5 pm and on March 3, 2004 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Eisenhower Conference Room. The conference room is located on the 2nd Floor-Side B, at SBA Headquarters, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC, 20416. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Cheryl Clark in the Office of Veterans Business development at (202) 205-6773.

**Matthew Becker,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 91)]

**CSX Corporation and CSX Transportation, Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation and Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Control and Operating Leases/Agreements—Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation [General Oversight]**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Decision No. 12 in STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 91); Notice of Public Hearings in Trenton, NJ, and Washington, DC.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) will hold two public

hearings in this proceeding: the first on Friday, April 2, 2004, in Trenton, NJ; and the second on Monday, May 3, 2004, in Washington, DC. The hearings will provide a forum for interested persons to express their views on the matters at issue in this proceeding. Persons wishing to speak at either or both of the hearings should notify the Board in writing.

**DATES:** The public hearings will take place on Friday, April 2, 2004 (in Trenton, NJ), and on Monday, May 3, 2004 (in Washington, DC). Persons wishing to speak at the first hearing (to be held April 2nd, in Trenton, NJ) should file with the Board a written notice of intent to speak (and should indicate a requested time allotment) as soon as possible but no later than March 18, 2004. Persons wishing to speak at the second hearing (to be held May 3rd, in Washington, DC) should file with the Board a written notice of intent to speak (and should indicate a requested time allotment) as soon as possible but no later than April 16, 2004. Any person wishing to speak at both hearings may file a single written notice of intent to speak (provided that such notice is filed by the March 18th deadline for the first hearing) or, if such person prefers, such person may file two separate written notices of intent to speak (provided that each such notice is filed by the appropriate deadline, *i.e.*, March 18th for the first hearing and April 16th for the second hearing). Written statements by persons speaking at either or both of the hearings may be submitted prior to the appropriate hearing but are not required. Persons wishing to submit written statements in advance of the first hearing should do so by March 26, 2004. Persons wishing to submit written statements in advance of the second hearing should do so by April 26, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 10 copies of all notices of intent to speak and any written statements should refer to STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 91) and should be sent to: Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Julia M. Farr, (202) 565-1655.

[Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In *CSX Corp. et al.—Control—Conrail Inc. et al.*, 3 S.T.B. 196 (1998) (*Merger Dec. No. 89*), the Board approved, subject to various conditions (including a 5-year general oversight condition): (1) the acquisition of control of Conrail Inc. and Consolidated Rail Corporation