

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of August, 2006.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Executive Office of the President; Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget announces one meeting of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or "Panel") established in accordance with the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

**DATES:** There is one *conditional* meeting announced in this **Federal Register** Notice. A Public meeting of the Panel will be held on August 29, 2006 if the Panel does not complete its work at the previously published public meeting on August 10, 2006. If held, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and end no later than 5 p.m. The public is urged to call (202) 208-7279 after 5 p.m. the workday before this meeting for a pre-recorded message to learn if the meeting is cancelled. The public may also visit the Panel's Web site for cancellation messages (<http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html>).

**ADDRESSES:** The August 29, 2006 meeting, if held, will be at the new FDIC Building, 3501 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA in Room A2062. This facility is ¼ block off of the orange line Metro stop for Virginia Square. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance of the meeting due to security and/or seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Members of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or the Panel itself, or to pre-register for the meeting, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: [laura.auletta@gsa.gov](mailto:laura.auletta@gsa.gov), phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Background:* The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting.

*Meeting*—The focus of this meeting will be discussions of and voting on working group findings and recommendations from selected working groups, established at the February 28, 2005 and May 17, 2005 public meetings of the AAP (see <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> for a list of working groups).

b. *Posting of Draft Reports:* Members of the public are encouraged to regularly visit the Panel's Web site for draft reports. Currently, the working groups are staggering the posting of various sections of their draft reports at <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> under the link for "Working Group Reports." The most recent posting is from the Commercial Practices Working Group. The public is encouraged to submit written comments on any and all draft reports.

c. *Adopted Recommendations:* The Panel has adopted recommendations presented by the Small Business, Interagency Contracting, Performance-Based Acquisition, Acquisition Workforce and Commercial Practices Working Groups. While additional recommendations from some of these working groups are likely, the public is encouraged to review and comment on the recommendations adopted by the Panel to date by going to <http://acquisition.gov/comp/aap/index.html> and selecting the link for "Recommendations to Date."

d. *Availability of Meeting Materials:* Please see the Panel's Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas and minutes. Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this Web site on its front page, including "Questions for Government Buying Agencies," "Questions for Contractors that Sell Commercial Goods or Services to the Government," "Questions for Commercial Organizations," and an issue raised by one Panel member regarding the rules of interpretation and performance of contracts and liabilities

of the parties entitled "Revised Commercial Practices Proposal for Public Comment." The Panel encourages the public to address any of these questions/issues in written statements to the Panel.

e. *Procedures for Providing Public Comments:* It is the policy of the Panel to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented orally or in writing will be focused on the Panel's statutory charter and working group topics, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

*Written Comments:* Written comments should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this FR Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). *Please note:* Because the Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Panel's Web site.

f. *Meeting Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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*Designated Federal Officer (Executive Director), Acquisition Advisory Panel.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Public Comment With Respect to the Annual National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 303 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984, as amended, USTR is required to publish annually the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). With this notice, the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting interested parties to assist it in