

*OMB Number:* 1535-0136.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Refund of Purchase Price of United States Savings Bonds for Organizations.

*Form:* BPD PD F 5410.

*Description:* Used by an organization to request refund of purchase price of United States Savings Bonds.

*Respondents:* Business of other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 300 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Vicki S. Thorpe, (304) 480-8150, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Michael A. Robinson,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

*Name:* Larry M. Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on "regional economic and security impacts." The mandate specifically charges the Commission to evaluate "The triangular economic and security relationship among the United States, Taipei and the People's Republic of China (including the military modernization and force deployments of the People's Republic of China aimed at Taipei)." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will be holding a public hearing in Washington, DC on March 16-17, 2006.

### Background

This event is the third in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2006 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academia, business, industry, government and the public on the

impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. growing bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The March 16-17 hearing is being conducted to obtain commentary about issues connected to China's military modernization efforts and export control issues. Information on upcoming hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

The March 16 hearing will address "China's Military Modernization" and will be Co-chaired by Vice Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Thomas Donnelly. The March 17 hearing will address "Export Control Issues" and will be Co-chaired by Commissioners Fred Thompson and William A. Reinsch.

### Purpose of Hearing

The hearing is designed to assist the Commission in fulfilling its mandate by identifying and assessing the key military modernization efforts being undertaken by China, evaluating the modernization of China's defense industries, assessing the quality and quantity of military assistance China is receiving from foreign sources, and reviewing and evaluating the efficacy of U.S. and European export controls on the transfer of military equipment and dual-use technologies to China. Invited witnesses include congressional members, administration officials, and U.S. industry representatives.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>. Any interested party may file a written statement by March 17, 2006, by mailing to the contact below.

*Date and Time:* Thursday, March 16, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4 pm, and Friday, March 17, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to Noon Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill (the exact location will be announced soon). Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at [kmichels@uscc.gov](mailto:kmichels@uscc.gov).

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398 as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: February 22, 2006.

**Kathleen J. Michels,**

*Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held March 30-31, 2006. The Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 30, 2006, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on March 31, 2006, in the Learning Skill Center at the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, 301 North High Street, Baltimore, MD. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless veterans and provide ongoing advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to homeless veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On March 30 and 31, the Committee will receive reports from program experts, assess the availability of health care and benefit services, receive reports from other federal departments and advocacy groups and review other initiatives designed to assist veterans who are homeless. The Committee will review the 2005 annual report responses, and draft the 2006 annual report.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Pete Dougherty, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 273-5764. No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations during the public meeting. However, the Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on

issues affecting homeless veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address:  
Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Homeless Veterans Programs

Office (075D), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: February 22, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggin,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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