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Decided: January 10, 2003.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Security Administration

Intercity Bus Security Grant Program; Application Notice Describing the Program Priorities and Establishing the Closing Date for Receipt of Applications Under the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program.

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program.

SUMMARY: The Intercity Bus Security Grant Program will improve security for operators and passengers by providing financial assistance to eligible applicants for intercity bus security enhancements and training.

The Intercity Bus Security Grant Program priorities are as follows: The order of listing does not indicate the level of priority. (1) Protecting or isolating the driver, (2) Monitoring, tracking, and communication technologies for over-the-road buses, (3) Implementing and operating passenger and baggage screening programs at terminals and over-the-road buses, (4) Developing an effective security assessment/security plan that identifies critical security needs and vulnerabilities; and (5) Training driver, dispatchers, ticket agents, and other personnel in recognizing and responding to criminal attacks and terrorists threats, evacuation procedures, passenger screening procedures, and baggage inspection.

Proposals that address other than these five programs priorities will be considered but preference will be given to proposals that address program

priorities. Applications may be submitted by private and public operators of over-the-road buses, bus associations and other associations related to the intercity bus industry. The Transportation Security Administration is coordinating with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and Federal Transit Administration in this effort. Authority for this program is contained in the fiscal year 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, Pub. L. 107-206, 116 Stat. 820.

DATES: The program announcement and application forms for the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program are expected to be available on or about January 17, 2003. Applications must be received on or before 4 p.m. EST, February 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Program Announcement #02MLPA0002 for the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program will be available through the TSA Internet at <http://www.tsa.dot.gov> under Business Opportunities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Heying, Transportation Security Administration, Office of Maritime and Land Security, 400 7th Street, SW., TSA-8, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 772-1118, e-mail: Mary.Heying@tsa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Total anticipated funding available for Intercity Bus Security Grant Program is \$14,850,000. Awards under this program are subject to availability of funds.

Dated: January 8, 2003.

J.M. Loy, ADM,

Under Secretary of Transportation for Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the U.S. Treasury Department, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, on February 4, 2003, of the following debt management advisory committee: The Bond Market Association Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee.

The agenda for the meeting provides for a technical background briefing by Treasury staff, followed by a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss

particular issues, and a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations.

The background briefing by Treasury staff will be held at 9 a.m. Eastern time and will be open to the public. The remaining sessions and the committee's reporting session will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 10(d) and Pub. L. 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B) (31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of departments by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the closed portions of the meeting are concerned with discussions of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary and recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Pub. L. 103-102, § 202(c)(1)(B). Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(3)(B). In addition, the closed portions of the meeting are concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decision on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the advisory committee, premature disclosure of the committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, these meetings fall within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(9)(A).

The Office of Financial Markets is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. § 552b. The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Paul Malvey, Director, Office of Market Finance at 202-622-2630.