

solicit public and agency comments on the proposed action. Public hearings will be held on the DEIS. Based on the comments received on the DEIS, COTA will take appropriate project actions and prepare the Final EIS, which will identify the preferred alternative. Opportunity for additional public comment will be provided throughout all phases of project development.

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Joel P. Ettinger,

Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Renegotiation Board Interest Rate; Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For the period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending on December 31,

2003 the prompt payment interest rate is 3.125 per centum per annum.

ADDRESSES: Comments or inquires may be mailed to Eleanor Farrar, Team Leader, Debt Accounting Branch, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26106-1328. A copy of this Notice will be available to download from <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>.

DATES: This notice announces the applicable interest rate for the July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although the Renegotiation Board is no longer in existence, other Federal Agencies are required to use interest rates computed under the criteria established by the Renegotiation Act of 1971 Sec. 2, Pub. L. 92-41, 85 Stat. 97. For example, the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 Sec. 12, Pub. L. 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389 and, indirectly, the Prompt Payment Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at a rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury for the Renegotiation Board under Pub. L. 92-41.

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable, for the period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending on December 31, 2003, is 3.125 per centum per annum. This rate is determined pursuant to the above-mentioned sections for the purpose of said sections.

Dated: June 26, 2003.

Donald V. Hammond,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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