

injury until the close of business on May 17, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Boulevard South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere .....	7.375
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....	3.687
Businesses with credit available elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	6.750
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 328006 for physical damage and 9I0900 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: August 17, 2000.

**Kris Swedin,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 3398]

#### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Faberge—Hermitage Objects"

**DEPARTMENT:** United States Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Faberge—Hermitage Objects," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also

determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Riverfront Arts Center in Wilmington, Delaware from on or about September 9, 2000 to on or about February 18, 2001, and possibly at an additional venue or venues yet to be determined is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

**William B. Bader,**

*Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### [USCG-2000-7820]

#### Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and its Subcommittees will meet to discuss various issues relating to the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** CTAC will meet on Wednesday, September 13, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Subcommittee on Prevention Through People (PTP) will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Subcommittee on Emergency Response will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Subcommittee on the Revalidation of 46 CFR Part 151 Recommendations will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 31, 2000. Requests to have a copy of written material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 5, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** CTAC will meet at the DoubleTree Hotel, 300 Canal Street,

New Orleans, Louisiana. The Subcommittees will meet at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Robert F. Corbin, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this notice, contact Commander Robert F. Corbin, Executive Director of CTAC, or Ms. Sara S. Ju, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-1217, fax 202-267-4570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agendas of Meetings

*Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC).* The agenda includes the following:

(1) Introduction and swearing-in of the new members.

(2) Progress reports from the PTP and Emergency Response Subcommittees.

(3) Progress (Final) report from the Subcommittee on the Revalidation of 46 CFR Part 151.

(4) Presentation from Marine Safety Office New Orleans, LA on local port issues.

(5) Presentation on the Tankship Panam Perla Sulfuric Acid Incident; lessons learned.

(6) Update on International Maritime Organization (IMO) activities for the Subcommittee on Bulk Liquids & Gases.

*Subcommittee on PTP.* The agenda includes the following:

(1) Discussion of Crew Alertness Campaign task statement.

(2) Review of materials on Coast Guard Crew Alertness Campaign.

(3) Discussion to identify stakeholders and appropriate means to disseminate information for future awareness on Crew Alertness in the marine chemical transportation industry.

*Subcommittee on Emergency Response.* The agenda includes the following:

(1) Continuation of work on Subcommittee Task Statement to identify standards, guidelines, and programs involved with hazardous material emergency response.

*Subcommittee on Revalidation of 46 CFR Part 151 Recommendations.* The agenda includes the following:

(1) Agenda will be based on the results of the Subcommittee's meetings scheduled for August 23 and 24, 2000.

**Procedural**

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than August 31, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 5, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 5, 2000.

**Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 16, 2000.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Availability of Solicitation for Center of Excellence (COE) in General Aviation**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is soliciting competitive proposals from academic institutions to form a General Aviation Center of Excellence (COE). A COE is that entity at a college or university designated as the principal focus for long-term research in selected areas of aviation technology. Centers of Excellence are designated through an evaluation and award procedure established pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44513. The FAA will provide long-term funding to establish and operate the COE in support of general aviation. The grant recipient is required to match FAA funds with non-Federal funding over the term of the grant.

**DATES:** The closing date for submitting final proposals is November 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR SOLICITATION PACKAGES CONTACT:** Ms. Patricia Watts, Program Manager, FAA

Centers of Excellence, AAR-400, Atlantic City International Airport, New Jersey, 08405, phone number (609) 485/5043, facsimile number (609) 485-4101, and e-mail patricia.watts@tc.faa.gov. Prior to final submission written questions may be submitted to the Program Manager, Center of Excellence. Answers will be distributed to all participants who request a solicitation package. Verbal questions are not acceptable.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA intends to award a 50-50 cost share cooperative agreement to establish a Center of Excellence in General Aviation to a qualified college or university, or to a team of such institutions. The cooperative agreement will be awarded in 3-year increments up to a maximum of 10 years. It is the FAA's intent to fund a minimum of \$300,000/year for the first three years. It is also the intent of the FAA to award a single-source indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract to the winner of the competition, under which orders may be placed for development products.

The FAA has identified a need for a Center of Excellence in General Aviation. The Center will conduct research, which includes the entire spectrum (*i.e.* basic research through engineering development, prototyping and testing) within the scope of General Aviation. This scope includes, but is not limited to, the following five functional areas:

1. Airport Technology;
2. Propulsion and Structures;
3. Aging Aircraft;
4. Flight Safety;
5. Fire Safety;
6. Training.

The FAA intends to provide long-term funding to establish and operate a prestigious partnership with academia, industry and government. To this end, the FAA encourages offerors to team with organizations that complement their expertise from academia, industry, state/local government, and other governmental agencies. The successful offeror is required to match FAA grant funds with non-federal funding over the term of the cooperative agreement. Cost sharing (negotiated individually) shall also be required for any orders placed under the IDIQ contract.

**Eligibility**

Colleges and universities are eligible for cooperative agreements to establish a Center of Excellence in General Aviation. Individuals are not eligible for a COE designation and do not qualify for grants under this program. The FAA

is seeking to ensure an equitable geographical distribution of funds and to encourage the inclusion of minority institutions.

**Matching Funds Requirement**

A Center of Excellence receives funding annually in the form of single or multiple continuing research grants over a three-year period. The federal government provides 50 percent of the costs of research. The institution must show a continuing source of non-Federal matching funds available for the remaining research. Once the COE is established, a fiscal report declaring the sources and amount of funding and expenditures must be submitted for review every 6 months to the COE program manager. A full review and grant closeout takes place at the conclusion of each three-year phase.

The Center of Excellence and the FAA shall agree upon the maximum expected costs in each fiscal year. Any cost incurred in excess of the maximum costs agreed upon with the agency shall be the sole obligation of the Center of Excellence.

The Center of Excellence is expected to account for all funds granted and matched, utilized to establish, operate, and conduct the specified research activities of the Center of Excellence.

**Center Operations**

The Center of Excellence shall maintain a close working relationship with the corresponding agency research program office. This relationship shall extend to participation in conference, meetings, joint research efforts, and submission of significant activity reports to the FAA on a routine basis. The COE shall prepare quarterly and semi-annual reports, and a fully inclusive annual report on research projects and fiscal expenditures, and shall host an on-site review of all research activities.

The FAA may require the COE to hold an annual joint symposium with the agency on topics relating to the status and results of the designated technology area. Researchers at the COE may serve as consultants by providing technical advice to the sponsoring agency program office. They may also be asked to participate on major planning and investigative committees related to general aviation.

**Selection Criteria**

The COE will be selected on the ability of the applicant to meet the following criteria mandated by 49 USC 44513:

- The extent to which the needs of the State in which the applicant is