

1:30 p.m. Response rates and nonresponse in establishment surveys
3:45 p.m. Development of an Employment Cost Index (ECI) excluding workers earning incentive pay

4:45 p.m. Conclude (approximate time)

The meeting is open to the public. Any questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Margaret Johnson, Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee, on Area Code (202) 691-5600. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Ms. Johnson at least two days prior to the meeting date.

Signed at Washington, DC the 3rd day of November 2004.

Kathleen P. Utgoff,

Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the date and location of the next meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH), established under section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656) to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the Act. NACOSH will hold a meeting on December 8, at the Holiday Inn, located at 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC. The Meeting is open to the public and will begin at 9 a.m. and end at approximately 4 p.m.

Agenda items will include updates on activities of both the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), OSHA Health Targeting, and NIOSH Nanotechnology, as well as workgroup meetings and reports addressing Hispanic Outreach, Motor Vehicle Safety, and Emergency Response.

Written data, views or comments for consideration by the committee may be submitted, preferably with 20 copies, to Wilfred Epps at the address provided below. Any such submissions received prior to the meeting will be provided to the members of the committee and will be included in the record of the meeting. Because of the need to cover a

wide variety of subjects in a short period of time, there is usually insufficient time on the agenda for members of the public to address the committee orally. However, any such requests will be considered by the Chair who will determine whether or not time permits. Any request to make an oral presentation should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person would appear, and a brief outline of the content of the presentation. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Veneta Chatmon (phone: 202-693-1912; fax: 202-693-1634) one week before the meeting.

An official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection in the OSHA Technical Data Center (TDC) located in Room N2625 at the Department of Labor Building (202-693-2350). For additional information contact: Wilfred Epps, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Room N3641, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210 (phone: 202-693-1857; fax: 202-693-1641; e-mail: Epps.Wil@dol.gov); or check the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health information pages located at <http://www.osha.gov/dop/nacosh/nacosh.html>.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of November 2004.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 04-13]

Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for FY 2005

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

SUMMARY: Section 608(d) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, Pub. L. 108-199 (Division D) requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation to publish a report that lists the countries determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation to be eligible for assistance for Fiscal Year 2005. The Report is set forth below.

Report: Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for FY 2005.

Summary

This report is provided in accordance with Section 608(d) of the Millennium

Challenge Act of 2003, 22 U.S.C.A. 7707(d) (the "Act").

The Act authorizes the provision of Millennium Challenge Account ("MCA") assistance under section 605 of the Act to countries that enter into compacts with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the prospects of such countries to achieve lasting poverty reduction and economic growth. The Act requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") to take a number of steps to determine the countries that, based on their demonstrated commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom and investing in their people, will be eligible to receive MCA assistance during a fiscal year. These steps include the submission of reports to appropriate congressional committees and the publication of notices in the **Federal Register** that identify:

1. The "candidate countries" for MCA assistance in a fiscal year (Section 608(a) of the Act);

2. The eligibility criteria and methodology that the MCC Board of Directors (the "Board") will use to select "eligible countries" from among the "candidate countries" (Section 608(b) of the Act); and

3. The countries determined by the Board to be "eligible countries" for a fiscal year, the countries on the list of eligible countries with which the Board will seek to enter into MCA "Compacts" and a justification for such decisions (Section 608(d) of the Act).

This is the third of the above-described reports for FY 2005. It identifies countries determined by the Board to be eligible for MCA assistance in FY 2005 under section 605 of the Act and those that the Board will seek to enter into MCA Compacts under section 609 of the Act, and the justification for such decisions.

Eligible Countries

The MCC Board of Directors met on November 8, 2004, to select countries that will be eligible for FY 2005 MCA assistance under section 605 of the Act and will be invited to submit proposals for such assistance. The Board determined the following countries eligible for FY 2005 assistance: Armenia, Benin, Bolivia, Georgia, Ghana, Honduras, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Vanuatu.

In accordance with the Act and with MCC's "Criteria and Methodology for Determining the Eligibility of Candidate Countries for Millennium Challenge Account Assistance in FY 2005," submitted to the Congress on August 31,

2004, selection was based on a country's overall performance in relation to three broad policy categories: Ruling Justly, Encouraging Economic Freedom, and Investing in People. The Board relied on sixteen publicly available indicators to assess policy performance as the predominant basis for determining which countries would be eligible for assistance. Where appropriate, the Board took into account other data, such as trends and recent events since the indicators were published, and quantitative information as well as qualitative information to determine whether a country performed satisfactorily in relation to its peers in a given category, and other factors, including, inter alia, a country's commitment to economic policies that promote private sector growth and the sustainable management of natural resources, and the rights of people with disabilities. The Board considered whether any adjustments should be made for data gaps, lags, trends, or strengths or weaknesses in particular indicators.

Only one new country was selected for FY05: Morocco. Morocco performed above the median in relation to its peers on at least half of the indicators in each of the three policy categories and above the median on the corruption indicator specifically. Although Morocco was substantially below average on one economic indicator—Trade Policy—the Board decided that a positive eligibility determination was nonetheless justified based on positive trends and concrete actions taken by the Government of Morocco that were not fully reflected in the “point in time” indicator data. Since 2000, Morocco has made significant efforts to liberalize its trade policy. Furthermore, in addition to the EU Agreement, which calls for the removal of all non-agricultural tariffs on trade between the two areas by 2012, Morocco recently concluded free trade agreements with Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and the United States. These agreements put Morocco in a select group of countries that have negotiated among the most liberal market access for goods and services and the highest standards of trade and investment rules.

With the exception of Morocco, all of the countries selected were previously selected by the Board as eligible for FY04 MCA assistance: Armenia, Benin, Bolivia, Ghana, Georgia, Honduras, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Vanuatu. These countries were re-endorsed by the Board on November 8, 2004, based on their continued performance since the May selection, most notably in the areas

outlined in MCC's Report on the Selection of MCA Eligible Countries for FY 2004, submitted to Congress on May 7, 2004. The Board also determined that no material change has occurred in the performance of these countries on the selection criteria since the FY04 selection that would justify removing them from the eligible country list.

Selection for Compact Negotiation

The Board also authorized the MCC to seek to negotiate an MCA Compact, as described in section 609 of the Act, with each of the eligible countries identified above that develops a proposal that justifies beginning such negotiations. MCC will initiate the process by inviting eligible countries to submit program proposals to MCC. MCC has posted guidance on the MCC Web site (<http://www.mcc.gov>) regarding the development and submission of MCA program proposals.

Submission of a proposal is not a guarantee that MCC will finalize a Compact with an eligible country. MCC will evaluate proposals and make funding decisions based on the potential for impacting poverty reduction through economic growth and other considerations. The quality of the initial proposal—including how well the country has demonstrated the relationship between the proposed priority areas and poverty reduction through economic growth—will be a determining factor, in addition to, the breadth of public support within the country for the proposal and the government's commitment to continued policy improvement. An eligible country's commitment and capacity to oversee effective implementation of the program will also be a factor in determining how quickly MCC can begin substantive discussions with a country on a Compact and will likely influence the speed with which a Compact can be negotiated as well as the amount and timing of any MCA assistance approved by the Board.

Any MCA assistance provided under section 605 of the Act will be contingent on the successful negotiation of a mutually agreeable Compact between the eligible country and MCC and approval of the Compact by the Board.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

Paul V. Applegarth,

Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04-127]

NASA Advisory Council; Notice of Establishment Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. §§ 1 et seq.

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Explanation of Need: The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has determined that the establishment of a NASA Robotic and Human Exploration of Mars Strategic Roadmapping Committee is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon NASA by law. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Name of Committee: NASA Robotic and Human Exploration of Mars Strategic Roadmapping Committee.

Purpose and Objective: The Committee will advise NASA Administrator on Mars exploration, including robotic exploration of Mars to search for evidence of life, to understand the history of the solar system, and to prepare for future human exploration. The Committee will draw on the expertise of its members and other sources to provide its advice and recommendations to the Agency. The Committee will hold meetings and make site visits as necessary to accomplish their responsibilities. The Committee will function solely as an advisory board and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Lack of Duplication of Resources: The Committee's functions cannot be performed by the agency, another existing committee, or other means such as a public meeting.

Fairly Balanced Membership: The Committee will consist of a balance of experts from within the government, private industry, and academia. In addition, there may be additional experts selected for Subcommittees or Task Forces. Members of the Committee, Subcommittee or Task Forces will be chosen from among industry, academia, and government with recognized knowledge and expertise in specific areas across the NASA's portfolio. Total membership will reflect a fairly balanced view.

Duration: Ad hoc.

Responsible NASA Official: Dr. Marc Allen, Advanced Planning and Integration Office, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 300 E Street,