

in Tier 1 capital pledged deposits and nonwithdrawable accounts to the extent that such accounts or deposits have no fixed maturity date, cannot be withdrawn at the option of the accountholder, and do not earn interest that carries over to subsequent periods. The OTS also permits the inclusion of net worth certificates, mutual capital certificates, and income capital certificates complying with applicable OTS regulations in savings associations' Tier 2 capital. In the aggregate, however, these deposits, accounts, and certificates are only a negligible amount, if any, of the Tier 1 or Tier 2 capital of OTS-supervised savings associations. The OCC, the FRB, and the FDIC do not expressly address these instruments in their regulatory capital standards, and they generally are not recognized as Tier 1 or Tier 2 capital components.

#### *Covered Assets*

The OCC, the FRB, and the FDIC generally place assets subject to guarantee arrangements by the FDIC or the former Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation in the 20 percent risk-weight category. The OTS places these "covered assets" in the zero percent risk-weight category. In the aggregate, the amount of covered assets in OTS-supervised savings associations is negligible.

#### **Differences in Accounting Standards Among the Federal Banking Agencies**

##### *Push-Down Accounting*

Push-down accounting is the establishment of a new accounting basis for a depository institution in its separate financial statements as a result of the institution becoming substantially wholly owned. Under push-down accounting, when a depository institution is acquired in a purchase, yet retains its separate corporate existence, the assets and liabilities of the acquired institution are restated to their fair values as of the acquisition date. These values, including any goodwill, are reflected in the separate financial statements of the acquired institution, as well as in any consolidated financial statements of the institution's parent.

The OCC, the FRB, and the FDIC require the use of push-down accounting for regulatory reporting purposes when an institution's voting stock becomes at least 95 percent owned by an investor or a group of investors acting collaboratively. This approach is generally consistent with accounting interpretations issued by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The OTS requires the use of push-down accounting when an institution's voting

stock becomes at least 90 percent owned by an investor or investor group.

Dated: July 31, 2008.

**John C. Dugan,**

*Comptroller of the Currency.*

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. August 20, 2008.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

Dated at Washington, DC, this 18th day of August, 2008.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

Dated: July 24, 2008.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**John M. Reich,**

*Director.*

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## **FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

### **Government in the Sunshine; Meeting Notice**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michelle Smith, Director, or Dave Skidmore, Assistant to the Board, Office of Board Members at 202-452-2955.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

### **Multiple Award Schedule Advisory Panel; Notification of Public Advisory Panel Meetings**

**AGENCY:** U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule Advisory Panel (MAS Panel), a Federal Advisory Committee, will hold public meetings on the following dates: Friday, September 19, 2008; Monday, September 22, 2008; Monday, October 6, 2008; and Monday, October 27, 2008. GSA utilizes the MAS program to establish long-term Governmentwide contracts with responsible firms to provide Federal, State, and local government customers with access to a wide variety of commercial supplies (products) and services.

The MAS Panel was established to develop advice and recommendations on MAS program pricing policies, provisions, and procedures in the context of current commercial pricing practices. For the next 3 to 4 meetings, the Panel plans to focus on developing recommendations for MAS program pricing provisions for the acquisition of (1) professional services; (2) products; (3) total solutions which consist of professional services and products; and (4) non professional services. In developing the recommendations, the Panel will, at a minimum, address these 5 questions for each of the 4 types of acquisitions envisioned above: (1) Where does competition take place?; (2) If competition takes place primarily at the task/delivery order level, does a fair and reasonable price determination at the MAS contract level really matter?; (3) If the Panel consensus is that competition is at the task order level, are the methods that GSA uses to determine fair and reasonable prices and maintain the price/discount relationship with the basis of award customer(s) adequate?; (4) If the current policy is not adequate, what are the recommendations to improve the policy/guidance; and (5) If fair and reasonable price determination at the MAS contract level is not beneficial and the fair and reasonable price determination is to be determined only

at the task/delivery order level, then what is the GSA role?

To that end, the Panel would like to hear from the many stakeholders of the MAS program. The MAS program stakeholders include, but not limited to, ordering agency contracting officers, GSA contracting officers, schedule contract holders, Congress, program managers, General Accountability Office, and federal agency Inspector General Offices. The panel is particularly interested in stakeholder views as to how the issues discussed above may relate differently to the purchase of goods, services, or goods and services that are configured to propose an integrated solution to an agency's needs. September 19, 2008, is the last date that the Panel will entertain oral comments. Written comments may be submitted at any time in accordance with the guidance below.

#### *I. Acquisition of Services and Solutions Discussion and Recommendations*

Discussions will take place on Friday, September 19, 2008, and Monday, September 22, 2008. The meetings will be held at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Building, 2nd Floor, 1725 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The building is located at the corner of 18th Street and New York Avenue, NW. Entrance to the building is on either 18th Street, or New York Avenue. The AIA is within walking distance of the Farragut North and Farragut West metro stops. The meeting start time for each day is 8:00 a.m., and it will adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m.

#### *II. Acquisition of Products Discussion and Recommendations*

Discussions will take place on Monday, October 6, 2008, and Monday, October 20, 2008.

**Monday, October 6, 2008, Location & Address:** The meeting will be held at the Jury's Washington Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The hotel is within walking distance from the Dupont Circle metro stop. The meeting start time is 9:00 a.m., and it will adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 27, 2008, Location and Address:** The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Building, 2nd Floor, 1725 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The building is located at the corner of 18th Street and New York Avenue, NW. Entrance to the building is on either 18th Street or New York Avenue. The AIA is within walking distance of the Farragut North and Farragut West metro stops. The meeting start time is 9:00

a.m., and it will adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m.

For presentations before the Panel, the following guidance is provided:

**Oral comments:** September 19, 2008 is the last meeting date for oral comments. Requests to present oral comments at this meeting must be in writing (e-mail or fax) and received by the Designated Federal Official, Pat Brooks, at the below address ten (10) business days prior to the meeting date. Each individual or group requesting an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of five minutes. Speakers should bring at least 50 copies of their comments for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting.

**Written Comments:** Written comments must be received ten (10) business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be provided to the Panel for their consideration prior to the meeting. Comments should be supplied to Ms. Brooks at the address/contact information noted below in the following format: one hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via email in Microsoft Word.

Subsequent meeting dates, locations, and times will be published at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Information on the Panel meetings, agendas, and other information can be obtained at [www.gsa.gov/masadvisorypanel](http://www.gsa.gov/masadvisorypanel) or you may contact Ms. Pat Brooks, Designated Federal Officer, Multiple Award Schedule Advisory Panel, U.S. General Services Administration, 2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 911, Arlington, VA 22205; telephone 703 605-3406, Fax 703 605-3454; or via e-mail at [mas.advisorypanel@gsa.gov](mailto:mas.advisorypanel@gsa.gov).

#### **AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS:**

All meeting materials, including meeting agendas, handouts, public comments, and meeting minutes will be posted on the MAS Panel website at [www.gsa.gov/masadvisorypanel](http://www.gsa.gov/masadvisorypanel) or [www.gsa.gov/masap](http://www.gsa.gov/masap).

#### **MEETING ACCESS:**

Individuals requiring special accommodations at any of these meetings should contact Ms. Brooks at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting date so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: August 21, 2008.

**David A. Drabkin,**

*Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Determination Concerning a Petition to Add a Class of Employees to the Special Exposure Cohort**

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives notice of a determination concerning a petition to add a class of employees at the Sandia National Laboratory—Livermore, Livermore, California, to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384q. On July 29, 2008, the Secretary of HHS determined that the following employees do not meet the statutory criteria for addition to the SEC as authorized under EEOICPA:

Department of Energy employees or its contractor or subcontractor employees who worked as x-ray technologists and materials scientists at Sandia National Laboratory—Livermore in the X-ray Diffraction and Fluorescence Laboratory, Building 913—Room 113 and Building 913—Room 128 from December 1, 1967 through December 31, 1990.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) or directly at 1-513-533-6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to [OCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:OCAS@CDC.GOV).

Dated: August 5, 2008.

**Christine M. Branche,**

*Acting Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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