

in proportion to the amounts the respective accounts were invested in the GIC on June 25, 1996. The applicant further represents that the transactions are administratively feasible because of the documentation of the Loan and its repayment terms can be monitored. Also, the applicant represents that the transactions are in the best interests of the Plan and its participants and beneficiaries because they enable the Plan to avoid having a portion of the participants accounts invested in an illiquid asset that has significant investment risk. Further, the transactions are represented by the applicant to serve the interests of the participants and beneficiaries by permitting the participants to direct the entire value of their respective accounts into the investment options offered by Vanguard.

5. In summary, the applicant represents that the transactions will satisfy the criteria for an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act because (a) the transactions will preserve the ability of the Plan to timely fund and preserve benefits for the participants and their beneficiaries; (b) the Plan will not incur any expenses or commissions with respect to the transactions; (c) repayment of the Loan will be made only from the proceeds realized from the GIC; (d) if the proceeds realized from the GIC as paid by Confederation, its successors, or any other third party are not sufficient to repay the Loan the Employer will waive the unpaid balance of the Loan; and (e) if the proceeds from the GIC exceed the Loan, the excess will be paid to the accounts of the participants in proportion to their respective accounts investment in the GIC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. C. E. Beaver of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest of disqualified person from certain other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including any prohibited transaction provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a

prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(b) of the act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) Before an exemption may be granted under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, the Department must find that the exemption is administratively feasible, in the interests of the plan and of its participants and beneficiaries and protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries of the plan;

(3) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transitional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(4) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application are true and complete, and that each application accurately describes all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of August, 1996.

Ivan Strasfeld,

*Director of Exemption Determinations,
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,
U.S. Department of Labor.*

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Office of Records Administration, National Archives and Records Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Records schedules identify records of sufficient value to warrant preservation in the National Archives of the United States. Schedules also authorize agencies after a specified

period to dispose of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules that (1) propose the destruction of records not previously authorized for disposal, or (2) reduce the retention period for records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

DATES: Request for copies must be received in writing on or before October 11, 1996. Once the appraisal of the records is completed, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. The requester will be given 30 days to submit comments.

ADDRESSES: Address requests for single copies of schedules identified in this notice to the Records Appraisal and Disposition Division (NIR), National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD 20740. Requesters must cite the control number assigned to each schedule when requesting a copy. The control number appears in the parentheses immediately after the name of the requesting agency.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each year U.S. Government agencies create billions of records on paper, film magnetic tape, and other media. In order to control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare records schedules specifying when the agency no longer needs the records and what happens to the records after this period. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. These comprehensive schedules provide for the eventual transfer to the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records, and many are updates of previously approved schedules. Such schedules also may include records that are designated for permanent retention.

Destruction of records requires the approval of the Archivist of the United States. This approval is granted after a thorough study of the records that takes into account their administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private persons directly affected by the Government's activities, and historical or other value.

This public notice identifies the Federal agencies and their subdivisions requesting disposition authority, includes the control number assigned to each schedule, and briefly describes the records proposed for disposal. The records schedule contains additional information about the records and their

disposition. Further information about the disposition process will be furnished to each requester.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of the Air Force (N1-AFU-96-6). Reports relating to personnel support for contingency operations.

2. Department of Justice (N1-60-95-2). Subject and reference files, 1991-92, of the Assistant Attorney General for Policy Development.

3. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (N1-85-96-7). Reduction in the retention period for Form I-775, Visa Waiver Program Agreement.

4. Securities and Exchange Commission (N1-266-96-1). Comprehensive schedule for Office of International Affairs.

Dated: August 16, 1996.

James W. Moore,

Assistant Archivist for Records Administration.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Proposed Construction and Operation of a Convention Center in Washington, D.C.; Public Meeting and Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and in accordance with the Environmental Policies and Procedures implemented by the National Capital Planning Commission (Commission), the Commission and the District of Columbia Government announce their intent to conduct one (1) public meeting to discuss a new Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the public meeting is to determine the significant issues related to the construction and operation of the convention center. The meeting will serve as part of the formal environmental review/scoping process for the preparation of the environmental document that is required for this project.

This Notice of Intent (NOI) initiates the formal environmental review/scoping process for this project and the public is encouraged to submit written comments on the alternatives and on the impacts of this time. A comprehensive

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is considered to be the appropriate environmental document for this project and it is expected that completion of an EIS will discharge all obligations under Federal environmental laws. The comments and responses received on the scope of the alternatives and potential impacts, as a result of this NOI, will be considered for the environmental document.

The proposed convention center would include approximately 2 million gross square feet and would be located in central Washington, D.C. The proposed convention center is scheduled to be completed in December 1999.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will identify and analyze impacts and mitigation options of the alternative actions under consideration. At present those alternatives may include: (1) Construction and operation of a new convention center at the Mount Vernon Square site (bounded by K, 7th, 9th, and N Streets, NW.); (2) construction and operation of a new convention center at the Northeast No. 1 site (generally, between First Street, NE. and the railroad track); and (3) a No Action Alternative, which would result in a no new construction. Topics for environmental analysis include short-term construction-related impacts, long-term changes in traffic, parking, socioeconomic impacts, land use and physical/biologic conditions within the project area; cultural (historic and archeological) and visual resource protection; and site operations and maintenance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental review/scoping process will include all written comments and one (1) public meeting for the purpose of determining significant issues related to the alternatives and to the potential impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of the Convention Center. The public meeting will be held:

Wednesday, September 25, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at 900 9th Street, NW, the D.C. Convention Center/Rooms 30 and 31.

This public meeting will be advertised in local and regional newspapers. Adequate signs will be posted to direct meeting participants. A short formal presentation will precede the request for public comments. National Capital Planning Commission and District of Columbia representatives will be available at this meeting to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern. It is important that Federal, regional and local agencies, and interested

individuals and groups take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the Draft EIS. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five (5) minutes. A Document summarizing the written and oral comments received will be prepared.

An Informational Packet will be available for review at the offices of the National Capital Planning Commission at 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., and at Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library (9th & G Streets, N.W.), or upon request. Agencies and the general public are invited and are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meeting. To be most helpful, environmental review/scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics which the community believes the EIS should address.

DATES: All written statements regarding environmental review of the proposed arena must be postmarked no later than September 27, 1996 to the address below:

National Capital Planning Commission, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20576, Attention: Mr. Maurice Foushee, Community Planner

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT: National Capital Planning Commission, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20576, Phone: (202) 482-7200.

Sandra H. Shapiro,

General Counsel, National Capital Planning Commission.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research #1203

Dates and Times: 9-10-96, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm, and 9-11-96; 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Type of Meeting: Closed

Contact Person: Dr. W. Lance Haworth, Coordinating Program Director, Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065 NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone (703) 306-1815