

compliance with all reporting requirements for past Bureau grants. The proposal should show evidence of strong on-site administrative capabilities with specific discussion of how logistical arrangements will be undertaken.

3. *Multiplier effect/impact*: Proposed programs should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.

4. *Support of Diversity*: Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the Bureau's policy on diversity. Program administrators should strive for diversity among institute staff, university students, the host community who interact with participants, and the cultural component of the program.

5. *Follow-on Activities*: Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (without Bureau support) ensuring that Bureau supported programs are not isolated events.

6. *Project Evaluation*: Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the activity's success, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. A draft survey questionnaire or other technique plus description of a methodology to use to link outcomes to original project objectives are recommended.

7. *Cost-effectiveness*: The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.

8. *Cost-sharing*: Proposals should maximize cost sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

## VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1a. *Award Notices*: Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures. Successful applicants will receive an Assistance Award Document (AAD) from the Bureau's Grants Office. The AAD and the original grant proposal with subsequent modifications (if applicable) shall be the only binding authorizing document between the recipient and the U.S. Government. The AAD will be signed by an authorized Grants Officer, and mailed to the recipient's responsible officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review from the ECA

program office coordinating this competition.

VI.2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements*: Terms and Conditions for the Administration of ECA agreements include the following:

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations."

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions."

OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Governments".

OMB Circular No. A-110 (Revised), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations.

OMB Circular No. A-102, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments.

OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-profit Organizations.

Please reference the following Web sites for additional information:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants>.

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/grantsdiv/terms.htm#articleI>

VI.3. *Reporting Requirements*: You must provide ECA with a hard copy original plus two copies a final program and financial report no more than 90 days after the expiration of the award.

Grantees will be required to provide reports analyzing their evaluation findings to the Bureau in their regular program reports. (Please refer to IV. Application and Submission Instructions (IV.3.d.3) above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request.

All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

VI.4. *Program Data Requirements*: Organizations awarded grants will be required to maintain specific data on program participants and activities in an electronically accessible database format that can be shared with the Bureau as required. As a minimum, the data must include the following:

(1) Name, address, contact information and biographic sketch of all persons who travel internationally on funds provided by the grant or who benefit from the grant funding but do not travel.

(2) Itineraries of international and domestic travel, providing dates of travel and cities in which any exchange experiences take place. Final schedules for in country and U.S. activities must be received by the ECA Program Officer at least three workdays prior to the official opening of the activity.

## VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Ilo-Mai Harding, European and Eurasian Programs Branch, ECA/A/E/EUR, Room 246, ECA/A/E/EUR-06-06, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, Tel: (202) 453-8522; Fax: (202) 453-8520; or E-mail address: [hardingim@state.gov](mailto:hardingim@state.gov). All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference the above title and number ECA/A/E/EUR-06-06.

Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

## VIII. Other Information

### Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements per section VI.3 above.

Dated: February 2, 2006.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Meetings; Sunshine Act

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1562).

**TIME AND DATE:** 1 p.m. (EST), February 13, 2006. TVA West Tower Auditorium, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee.

**STATUS:** Open.

**AGENDA:** Approval of minutes of meeting held on September 28, 2005.

**New Business***A—Budget and Financing*

- A1. Proposed Rate Adjustment and Rate Addendum.

*C—Energy*

- C1. Gibson County Coal LLC—Delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Fossil Power Group, to enter into a contract for coal supply to Colbert Fossil Plant Units 1–4.
- C2. Cumberland Coal Resources LP—Delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Fossil Power Group, to enter into a contract for coal supply to various TVA fossil plants.

*E—Real Property Transactions*

- E1. Knoxville Office Complex East Tower—Approval of the public auction sale of leasehold interests or term easements and reaffirmation of the declaration of surplus and sale at public auction of the fee interest (Tract No. XKOC–4) and conveyance of associated easements (Tract Nos. XKOC–5E and XKOC–6E), affecting approximately 1 acre of land in Knoxville Tennessee.

**Information Items**

1. Westinghouse Electric Company—Approval of contract for replacement steam generators, with associated equipment, for Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Unit 2.
2. Town of Spring City, Tennessee—Approval of utility agreement with TVA for sanitary sewer disposal and for the grant of a permanent easement and temporary construction easement for a sewer line to extend to the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.
3. Bartlett Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Numanco LLC)—Approval of contract supplement for specialty staffing services (health physics technicians and instrument mechanics) for nuclear operations at all TVA nuclear plants and general staffing support at Browns Ferry Unit 1 Restart.
4. ABB, Inc.—Approval of indefinite quantity term contract for the supply of medium voltage power transformers.
5. CSX Transportation—Delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Fossil Power Group, to enter into a contract for rail transportation of high-sulfur coal to Paradise Fossil Plant.
6. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company—Delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Fossil Power Group, to extend Contract No. C–12306 for rail transportation of Wyoming coal to various TVA fossil plants through the year 2010.
7. Coalsales LLC and Resource Sales Inc.—Delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Fossil Power Group, to enter into contracts for coal supply to TVA's scrubbed plants.
8. CSX Transportation—Delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Fossil Power Group, to extend the contract for rail transportation of coal to Bull Run Fossil Plant through the year 2015.
9. Variable Price Interruptible Power (VPI) Exit Fee “ Approval of option for customers that would like to switch from VPI to firm power.
10. Two-Part Real Time Pricing Pilot Program—Approval of program modifications.
11. Pilot Seasonal Rates for Large Manufacturing Customers—Approval of program.
12. Seasonal Time of Use Pricing Overlay—Approval of pilot program.
13. Two-Part Real Time Pricing (2-Part RTP) Pilot Program—Approval of arrangements with a directly served customer and other proposed actions relating to the program.
14. Competitive Index Rate (CIR)—Approval of arrangements with a directly served customer.
15. Long-Term Power Supply—Approval of arrangements with a directly served customer.
16. Market Days Option for Flat Price Interruptible Power Program—Approval to add market days option.
17. Alcoa Switching Station—Approval of abandonment of the 161-kV transmission line easement, affecting approximately 1.2 acres in Blount County, Tennessee, Tract No. JSAS–394, S.1X.
18. Regional Resource Stewardship Council—Approval of charter extension for 1 year, continuation of service of members and chair, and authorization of the Executive Vice President, River System Operations & Environment, to complete the charter renewal process in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
19. Columbia to Murfreesboro Transmission Line—Approval of abandonment of easement affecting approximately 40 acres of land in Rutherford County, Tennessee, Tract Nos. CMB–129 through CMB–144.
20. Kevin and Karen Millikan—Approval of the sale of a nonexclusive permanent easement for private water-use facilities, affecting approximately .12 acre of land on Tellico Reservoir in Monroe County, Tennessee, Tract No. XTELR–254RE.
21. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service—Approval of sale of an approximately .06 acre portion of former TVA land on Blue Ridge Reservoir, in Fannin County, Georgia, XTBR–1.
22. City of Norris—Approval of transfer of real property affecting approximately 420 acres of land on Norris Reservoir in Anderson County, Tennessee, Tract No. XTNR–117.
23. Assistant Secretaries of TVA—Approval of appointments of Nicholas P. Goschy, Jr., and Ralph E. Rodgers.
24. Condemnation Cases—Approval of filing to acquire easements and rights-of-way for transmission line projects, affecting Aspen Grove-Westhaven in Williamson County, Tennessee; Basin-Toccoa in Polk County, Tennessee; Northeast Benton—Etowah District in Polk and McMinn Counties, Tennessee; Cumberland FP-Montgomery in Montgomery County, Tennessee; and East Franklin-Truine Tap to Clovercroft in Williamson County, Tennessee.
25. Condemnation Cases—Approval of filing to acquire easements and rights-of-way for transmission projects, affecting East Franklin-Truine Tap to Clovercroft in Williamson County, Tennessee.
26. Delegations of Authority—Approval of extension of interim delegations relating to procurement contracts, financing, and personnel and compensation.
27. Tax-equivalent Payments—Approval of payments for Fiscal Year 2005 and estimate of payments for Fiscal Year 2006.
28. Winning Performance Team Incentive Plan—Approval of FY 2006 Scorecard.
29. TVA Retirement System Board—Approval of appointment of Phillip L. Reynolds to the Board of Directors.
30. TVA Retirement System (TVARS)—Amendments to the Rules and Regulations and to the Provisions of the TVA Savings and Deferral Retirement Plan.
31. The Office and Professional Employees International Union—

- Approval of implementation of Fiscal Year 2006 pay adjustments.
32. International Brotherhood of Teamsters—Approval of implementation of Calendar Year 2006 pay adjustments.
  33. Trades and Labor Annual Employees—Approval of implementation of Calendar Year 2006 pay adjustments.
  34. Bellefonte Nuclear Plant—Approval of cancellation of construction of the deferred Units 1 and 2.
  35. Alliance Coal Corporation—Approval of delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Fossil Power Group, to enter into a contract for coal supply to Bull Run Fossil Plant.
  36. Norris Reservoir—Deed modification affecting approximately 6.5 acres of former TVA land in Campbell County, Tennessee, Tract No. XNR-165, S.2X.
  37. Retention of Net Power Proceeds and Nonpower Proceeds and Payments to the U.S. Treasury—Approval.
  38. Summer Place Tower—Authorization of the public auction sale of leasehold interests located at 500 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.

For more information: Please call TVA Media Relations at (865) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

People who plan to attend the meeting and have special needs should call (865) 632-6000. Anyone who wishes to comment on any of the agenda in writing may send their comments to: TVA Board of Directors, Board Agenda Comments, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Dated: February 6, 2006.

**Maureen H. Dunn,**

*General Counsel and Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning Proposed Free Trade Agreement With Republic of Korea

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to initiate negotiations on a free trade agreement with the Republic of Korea, request for comments, and notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The United States intends to initiate negotiations with the Republic of Korea (Korea) on a free trade agreement (FTA). The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in amplifying and clarifying negotiating objectives for the proposed agreement and to provide advice on how specific goods and services and other matters should be treated under the proposed agreement.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as their testimony, by March 3, 2006. A hearing will be held in Washington, DC, beginning on March 14, 2006 and will continue as necessary on subsequent days. Written comments are due by noon, March 24, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions by electronic mail: [FR0607@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0607@ustr.eop.gov) (notice of intent to testify and written testimony); [FR0608@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0608@ustr.eop.gov) (written comments). Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143. The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions concerning written comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475. All other questions should be directed to Scott Ki, Senior Director for Korea, at (202) 395-5070.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Background

Under section 2104 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002 (TPA Act) (19 U.S.C. 3804), for agreements that will be approved and implemented through TPA procedures, the President must provide the Congress with at least 90 days' written notice of his intent to enter into negotiations and identify the specific objectives for the negotiations. Before and after the submission of this notice, the President is to consult with appropriate Congressional committees and the Congressional Oversight Group (COG) regarding the negotiations. Under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the President must (i) afford interested persons an opportunity to present their views regarding any matter relevant to any proposed agreement, (ii) designate an agency or inter-agency committee to hold a public hearing regarding any proposed agreement, and (iii) seek the

advice of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) regarding the probable economic effects on U.S. industries and consumers of the removal of tariffs and non-tariff barriers on imports pursuant to any proposed agreement.

On February 2, 2006, after consulting with relevant Congressional committees and the COG, the USTR notified the Congress that the President intends to initiate free trade agreement negotiations with Korea and identified specific objectives for the negotiations. In addition, the USTR has requested that the ITC provide its advice on the probable economic effects of the free trade agreement. This notice solicits views from the public on these negotiations and provides information on a hearing that will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the Trade Act of 1974.

##### 2. Public Comments and Testimony

To assist the Administration as it continues to develop its negotiating objectives for the proposed agreement, the Chairman of the TPSC invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons at a public hearing. Comments and testimony may address the reduction or elimination of tariffs or non-tariff barriers on any articles provided for in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) that are products of Korea, any concession which should be sought by the United States, or any other matter relevant to the proposed agreement. The TPSC invites comments and testimony on all of these matters and, in particular, seeks comments and testimony addressed to:

(a) General and commodity-specific negotiating objectives for the proposed agreement.

(b) Economic costs and benefits to U.S. producers and consumers of removal of tariffs and non-tariff barriers affecting United States-Korea trade.

(c) Treatment of specific goods (described by HTSUS numbers) under the proposed agreement, including comments on:

(1) product-specific import or export interests or barriers,

(2) experience with particular measures that should be addressed in the negotiations, and

(3) in the case of articles for which immediate elimination of tariffs is not appropriate, a recommended staging schedule for such elimination.

(d) Adequacy of existing customs measures to ensure Korean origin of imported goods, and appropriate rules of origin for goods entering the United States under the proposed agreement.