

**FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD****Employee Thrift Advisory Council; Open Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), a notice is hereby given of the following committee meeting:

*Name:* Employee Thrift Advisory Council.

*Time:* 10 a.m.

*Date:* October 14, 2005.

*Place:* 4th Floor, Conference Room, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

*Status:* Open.

*Matters To Be Considered:*

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 4, 2005, meeting.
2. Report of the Executive Director on Thrift Savings Plan status.
3. L Funds.
4. Investment consultant.
5. Hurricane Katrina.
6. New business.

*For further information contact:* Elizabeth S. Woodruff, Committee Management Officer, on (202) 942-1660.

Dated: September 29, 2005.

**Elizabeth S. Woodruff,**

*General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.*

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**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****Federal Travel Regulation; Notice of GSA Bulletin FTR 05-07**

**AGENCY:** Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a bulletin.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces GSA Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) Bulletin 05-07. This Bulletin informs agencies that certain provisions of the FTR governing the authorization of actual subsistence expenses for official travel (both TDY and relocation) are temporarily waived as a result of Hurricane Rita, because it is expected that finding lodging facilities and/or adequate meals may be difficult, and distances involved may be great resulting in increased costs for per diem expenses. Bulletin FTR 05-07 may be found at [www.gsa.gov/ftrbulletins](http://www.gsa.gov/ftrbulletins).

**DATES:** The bulletin announced in this notice is effective September 24, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For clarification of content, contact General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management, at (202) 501-1777. Please cite Bulletin FTR05-07.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Background**

As a result of the catastrophic destruction caused by Hurricane Rita, GSA is announcing GSA Bulletin FTR 05-07. Agencies should consider delaying all non-essential TDY and relocation to the affected locations for a period of 90 days. This is especially important with relocation travel because the 120-day maximum for TQSE cannot be extended due to statutory restrictions. While in the past, GSA has limited application of such waivers to Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas, in the case of Hurricane Rita, the widespread devastation coupled with the extensive evacuation of urban areas means that we cannot effectively determine the extent to which the ability to secure lodgings will be compromised. In this case, we are stating that each agency may determine whether Bulletin FTR 05-07 applies to travel which is impacted by Hurricane Rita.

**B. Procedures**

Bulletins regarding Federal travel expenses are located on the Internet at [www.gsa.gov/ftrbulletins](http://www.gsa.gov/ftrbulletins) as Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) bulletins.

Dated: September 29, 2005.

**Becky Rhodes,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Administration for Children and Families****Administration on Children, Youth and Families; Award Announcement**

**AGENCY:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

**ACTION:** Award announcement.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Child Care Bureau, herein announces an urgent grant award to the South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (fiscal agent) on behalf of the South Plains Early Childhood Council (Local Council and Grantee), Levelland, Texas, in the amount of \$99,999 for a project

period of 12 months. This urgent grant award will assist the Local Council in the emergency provision of child care and early learning opportunities to young children and their families who have been evacuated from Mississippi, Louisiana, and other parts of Texas due to Hurricane Katrina. This service area includes 13,575 square miles of the following counties: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum.

The South Plains Early Childhood Council is well-situated geographically to provide the needed emergency services, and is well-equipped in terms of program activities and cooperating agencies to add immediately and significantly to the child care and related service needs of the evacuee families. The Council is unique in that it serves such a large multi-county rural area that is receiving evacuees and because it has the existing organizational capacity to take the services directly to the rural communities using the FROG bus [Fun Reading on the Go]. This is especially important since the majority of evacuees have no personal form of transportation and public transportation is limited in this rural area.

This emergency grant award will provide early learning opportunities, early literacy activities, and mental health support to children under the age of five years, their parents/guardians, caregivers, and child care providers. Young children currently residing in shelters will be given age- and culturally-appropriate books and will receive supplemental supportive educational and social activities from staff trained in early childhood. Young children and their parents/guardians will also be provided with mental health supports by appropriately trained staff to support the children's social and emotional development, and to promote effective parenting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Gage, ELOA Project Officer, at (202) 690-6243.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This award will be made pursuant to Pub. L. 106-554, Early Learning Opportunities Act.

Dated: September 27, 2005.

**Joan E. Ohl,**

*Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.*

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