

approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of an expanded version of an approved information collection consisting of an electronic customer survey form. OSC is required by law to conduct an annual survey of those who seek its assistance. The information collection is used to carry out that mandate. However, the additional questions for the survey cover a category of complaint, whistleblower disclosures, whose inclusion in the survey is not statutorily required, but rather is being done voluntarily by our agency. The 6 specific questions to be added are: “Did the agency against which you filed the disclosure inform you about your right to make whistleblower disclosures, and the channels for making such disclosures?” “Did you obtain the action that you wanted from OSC?” “What reason did OSC give for closing your disclosure matter?” (Check all that apply.) “Did you agree with the reason OSC gave for closing your disclosure matter?” “If you answered “no” to the question in number 4 above, could you please elaborate? [below which is a free field text box].” “How would you rate the service provided by OSC in each of the following areas?” The current OMB approval for this collection of information [without the new questions for the Disclosure Unit] does not expire until 10/31/2015.

Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited for a second time to comment on this information collection. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments should be received by September xx, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karl Kammann, Director of Finance, at 1730 M St. NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036, or by facsimile at (202) 254-3711.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OSC is an independent agency responsible for, among other things, (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel

practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; and (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code, and implementing regulations concerning the controlling of paperwork burdens on the public, found at 5 CFR part 1320.

*Title of Collection:* Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Annual Survey; OMB Control Number 3255-0003.

OSC is required to conduct an annual survey of individuals who seek its assistance. Section 13 of 103 (1994), codified at 5 U.S.C. 1212 note, states, in part: “[T]he survey shall—(1) Determine if the individual seeking assistance was fully apprised of their rights; (2) determine whether the individual was successful either at the Office of Special Counsel or the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) determine if the individual, whether successful or not, was satisfied with the treatment received from the Office of Special Counsel.” The same section also provides that survey results are to be published in OSC’s annual report to Congress. Copies of prior years’ annual reports are available on OSC’s Web site, at [http://www.osc.gov/RR\\_AnnualReportsToCongress.htm](http://www.osc.gov/RR_AnnualReportsToCongress.htm) or by calling OSC at (202) 254-3600.

The survey form for the collection of information is available for review by calling OSC at (202) 254-3600.

*Affected Public:* Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, state and local government employees, and their representatives, and the general public.

*Respondent’s Obligation:* Voluntary.  
*Estimated Annual Number of Survey Form Respondents:* 415.

*Frequency of Survey Form Use:* Annual.

*Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person To Respond to Survey:* 12 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Survey Burden:* 141 hours.

This survey form is used to survey current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment who have submitted allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC, and whose matter has been closed or otherwise resolved during the prior fiscal year, on their experience at OSC. Specifically, the survey asks

questions relating to whether the respondent was: (1) Apprised of his or her rights; (2) successful at the OSC or at the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) satisfied with the treatment received at the OSC.

Dated: August 18, 2014.

**Carolyn N. Lerner,**

*Special Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 8845]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Bartholomeus Spranger: Splendor and Eroticism in Imperial Prague” Exhibition

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Bartholomeus Spranger: Splendor and Eroticism in Imperial Prague,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, from on or about November 4, 2014, until on or about February 1, 2015, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: August 15, 2014.

**Kelly Keiderling,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 8846]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 1st, 2014, in Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 6110–01–c, Washington, DC. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the sixty-seventh Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, October 13–17, 2014.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water
- Recycling of ships
- Air pollution and energy efficiency
- Further technical and operational measures for enhancing energy efficiency of international shipping
- Reduction of GHG emissions from ships
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments
- Review of nitrogen and phosphorous removal standards in the 2012 Guidelines on the implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants
- Mandatory Code for ships operating in polar waters
- Identification and protection of Special Areas and PSSAs
- Inadequacy of reception facilities
- Reports of sub-committees
- Work of other bodies
- Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL and related instruments
- Technical cooperation activities for the protection of the marine environment
- Work programme of the Committee and subsidiary bodies
- Application of the Committees' Guidelines
- Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2015
- Any other business
- Consideration of the report of the Committee

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Upon request, members of the public may also participate via teleconference, up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line. The access number for this teleconference line will be posted online at <http://www.uscg.mil/imo/mepc/default.asp> at least 2 working days in advance. Physical access to the meeting, or participation via the teleconference line, requires that all attendees respond to the meeting coordinator not later than September 17, 2014, 10 working days prior to the meeting. The meeting coordinator, Mr. John Morris, may be contacted by email at [John.C.Morris@uscg.mil](mailto:John.C.Morris@uscg.mil) or by phone at 202–372–1433. Responses made after September 23, 2014, might result in the requester not being able to participate in the meeting. A request for reasonable accommodation should be made to Mr. Morris, at the same email address, prior to September 23. Requests made after that date might not be possible to fulfill.

Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Coast Guard Headquarters building. The Coast Guard Headquarters building is accessible by public transportation or taxi. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: [www.uscg.mil/imo](http://www.uscg.mil/imo).

In case of severe weather or other emergency in the Washington, DC area, attendees should check with the Office of Personnel Management at <http://www.opm.gov> or (202) 606–1900 for the operating status of federal agencies. If federal agencies are closed, this meeting will not be rescheduled, but the Shipping Coordinating Committee will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice to announce an electronic docket to receive public comments.

Dated: August 12, 2014.

**Marc Zlomek,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Transit Administration**

[Docket No. FTA–2013–0013]

**Notice of Issuance of Final Circular: Guidance on Joint Development**

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice—Issuance of Joint Development Circular.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has issued and placed in the docket and on its Web site final Agency guidance, in the form of a circular, on joint development. This circular provides guidance to recipients of FTA financial assistance on how to use FTA funds or FTA-funded real property, for joint development. This circular: (1) Defines the term “joint development”; (2) explains how a joint development project can qualify for FTA assistance; (3) describes the legal requirements applicable to the acquisition, use, and disposition of real property acquired with FTA assistance; (4) outlines the most common crosscutting requirements applicable to FTA-assisted joint developments; and (5) describes FTA's process for reviewing a joint development project proposal. This circular incorporates provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21), Public Law 112–141 (2012), advances the goals of 49 U.S.C. 5315 by informing FTA recipients of opportunities for private sector participation in public transportation projects, and includes the most current guidance for the Federal public transportation program. This final circular is the result of the notice issued by FTA that appeared in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2013, entitled “Joint Development: Proposed Circular”.

**DATES:** The effective date of the circular is October 1, 2014. Projects for which sponsors have executed joint development agreements with third parties before October 1, 2014 will be considered according to FTA's existing guidance and statements of policy.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For legal questions, contact Christopher T. Hall, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Room E54–413, Washington, DC 20590–0001. For policy questions, contact Sharon Pugh, Office of Budget and Policy, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Room E52–322, Washington, DC 20590–0001. For program questions, contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice does not contain a copy of the final circular. A copy of the final circular and comments and material received from the public, as well as any documents indicated in the preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket number FTA–2013–0013. For