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Requests for pension plan information .....	580	1	30	290

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 9449]

**U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting**

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will hold a public meeting from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at the corner of First Street and Constitution Ave. NE., Washington, DC 20002.

The meeting's topic will be "Reassessing Global Countering Violent Extremism Strategy" and will feature the head of the new Global Engagement Center at the U.S. Department of State. Other representatives from the State Department will be in attendance.

This meeting is open to the public, members and staff of Congress, the State Department, Defense Department, the media, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations. To attend and make any requests for reasonable accommodation, email [pdcommission@state.gov](mailto:pdcommission@state.gov) by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2016. Please arrive for the meeting by 9:45 a.m. to allow for a prompt meeting start.

The United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy appraises U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform, and influence foreign publics. The Advisory Commission may conduct studies, inquiries, and meetings, as it deems necessary. It may assemble and disseminate information and issue reports and other publications, subject to the approval of the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Director. The Advisory Commission may undertake foreign travel in pursuit of its studies and coordinate, sponsor, or oversee projects, studies, events, or other activities that it deems desirable and necessary in fulfilling its functions.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the President, by

and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The members of the Commission represent the public interest and are selected from a cross section of educational, communications, cultural, scientific, technical, public service, labor, business, and professional backgrounds. Not more than four members are from any one political party. The President designates a member to chair the Commission.

The current members of the Commission are: Mr. William Hybl of Colorado, Chairman; Ambassador Lyndon Olson of Texas, Vice Chairman; Mr. Sim Farar of California, Vice Chairman; Ambassador Penne Korth-Peacock of Texas; Ms. Lezlee Westine of Virginia; and Anne Terman Wedner of Illinois. One seat on the Commission is currently vacant.

To request further information about the meeting or the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, you may contact its Executive Director, Katherine Brown, at [BrownKA4@state.gov](mailto:BrownKA4@state.gov).

Dated: February 4, 2016.

**Katherine Brown,**

*Executive Director, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Delegation of Authority 250-1: Further Assignment of Functions Under the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (the "Act") to Other Departments and Agencies of the Executive Branch**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Further assignment of functions.

**SUMMARY:** The Act specifically granted the President certain authorities and assigned the President certain functions related to agreements covered by the Act's provisions. In Executive Order No. 13701, the President assigned certain of these functions to the Secretary of State and provided guidance for performing those functions, including the further assignment of functions to officers of any other department or agency within the Executive Branch. This notice informs the public of the Secretary of State's further assignment of certain functions. This notice does not create

any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

**DATES:** These actions were effective on the signature date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tiffany Prather, [PratherTA@state.gov](mailto:PratherTA@state.gov); Tel: (202) 647-4548.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Further Assignment of Functions**

Pursuant to section 1(c)(i) of Executive Order No. 13701, the Secretary of State hereby, as set forth below, further assigns certain functions of the Secretary of State under the Order. Departments and agencies shall carry out those functions in a manner that is supportive of agreements subject to the Act.

The functions of the President under section 102(c)(2) of the Act with respect to establishing consultative mechanisms assigned to the Secretary of State are further assigned to the United States Trade Representative, and shall be carried out jointly by the Secretary of State and the United States Trade Representative. Such consultative mechanisms are those established through trade agreements subject to the Act. This further assignment is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's responsibility for coordinating the operation of such mechanisms and obtaining the advice and assistance of any other agency as necessary and appropriate.

Dated: February 11, 2016.

**John Kerry,**

*Secretary of State.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4)]

**Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures—Productivity Adjustment**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Proposed Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures Productivity Adjustment.