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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**National Small Business Development Centers Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of open Federal Advisory Committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time and agenda for July and August meetings of the Federal Advisory Committee for the Small Business Development Centers Program. The meetings will be open to the public; however, advance notice of attendance is required.

**DATES:**

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. EST  
 Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. EST

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held via conference call.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Monika Nixon, Office of Small Business Development Center, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416; [monika.nixon@sba.gov](mailto:monika.nixon@sba.gov).

If anyone wishes to be a listening participant or would like to request accommodations, please contact Monika Nixon at the information above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), SBA announces the meetings of the National SBDC Advisory Board. This Board provides advice and counsel to the SBA Administrator and Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the following issues pertaining to the SBDC Program:

- SBA Update
- Annual Meetings Board
- Assignments
- Member Roundtable

**Richard Kingan,**  
*Acting White House Liaison.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #15142 and #15143]

**Nevada Disaster #NV-00046**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Nevada dated 05/25/2017.

*Incident:* Severe Winter Storms, Flooding and Mudslides.  
*Incident Period:* 02/05/2017 through 02/22/2017.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 05/25/2017.  
*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 07/24/2017.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/26/2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

- Primary Counties:* Elko
- Contiguous Counties:* Nevada: Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, White Pine
- Idaho: Cassia, Owyhee, Twin Falls
- Utah: Box Elder, Tooele
- The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.750
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.875
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.300
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.150
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.150
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15142B and for economic injury is 151430.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Nevada, Idaho, Utah.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: May 25, 2017.

**Linda E. McMahon,**  
*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 10015]

**Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State will hold an information session regarding issues related to a July United Nations meeting concerning marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 13, 2017, 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Harry S. Truman Main State Building, Room 3940, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you would like to participate in this meeting, please send your (1) name, (2) organization/affiliation, (3) email address, and (4) phone number, as well as any requests for reasonable accommodation, to Elizabeth Kim at [KimEAB@state.gov](mailto:KimEAB@state.gov) or 202-647-4824.

This information is being collected pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2651a and 22 U.S.C. 4802 for the purpose of screening and pre-clearing participants to enter the host venue at the U.S. Department of State, in line with standard security procedures for events of this size. The Department of State will use this information consistent with the routine uses set forth in the System of Records Notices for Protocol Records (STATE-33) and Security Records (State-36). Provision of this information is voluntary, but failure to provide accurate information may impede your ability to register for the event.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In July 2017, the United States will participate in a two-week meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Preparatory Committee on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction. This fourth meeting of the Preparatory Committee will end a two-year process established by the UNGA to make substantive recommendations on the elements of a draft text of a legally binding instrument on the conservation and sustainable use

of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

We will provide a brief overview of topics to be discussed at the upcoming UN meeting and will listen to your comments, concerns, and questions about these issues. The information obtained from this meeting and any subsequent related meetings will be used to help us prepare for U.S. participation in international meetings and specifically U.S. participation in the July meeting of the Preparatory Committee. Documents and other information related to the Preparatory Committee can be found on this United Nations Web site: [www.un.org/depts/los/biodiversity/prepcom.htm](http://www.un.org/depts/los/biodiversity/prepcom.htm).

**Reasonable Accommodation:** This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation should be directed to (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. Requests received after that date will be considered but might not be possible to fulfill.

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Acting Director, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, Bureau of Oceans and International, Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 682 (Sub-No. 8)]

**2016 Tax Information for use In the Revenue Shortfall Allocation Method**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Board is publishing, and providing the public an opportunity to comment on, the 2016 weighted average state tax rates for each Class I railroad, as calculated by the Association of American Railroads (AAR), for use in the Revenue Shortfall Allocation Method (RSAM).

**DATES:** Comments are due by July 5, 2017. If any comment opposing AAR's calculation is filed, AAR's reply will be due by July 25, 2017. If no comments are filed by the due date, AAR's calculation of the 2016 weighted average state tax rates will be automatically adopted by the Board, effective July 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's Web site at <http://www.stb.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies referring to Docket No. EP 682 (Sub-No. 8) to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathon Binet, (202) 245-0368. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RSAM figure is one of three benchmarks that together are used to determine the reasonableness of a challenged rate under the Board's *Simplified Standards*

for *Rail Rate Cases*, EP 646 (Sub-No. 1), slip op. at 10 (STB served Sept. 5, 2007),<sup>1</sup> as further revised in *Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases—Taxes in Revenue Shortfall Allocation Method*, EP 646 (Sub-No. 2) (STB served Nov. 21, 2008). RSAM is intended to measure the average markup that the railroad would need to collect from all of its "potentially captive traffic" (traffic with a revenue-to-variable-cost ratio above 180%) to earn adequate revenues as measured by the Board under 49 U.S.C. 10704(a)(2) (i.e., earn a return on investment equal to the railroad industry cost of capital). *Simplified Standards—Taxes in RSAM*, slip op. at 1. In *Simplified Standards—Taxes in RSAM*, slip op. at 3, 5, the Board modified its RSAM formula to account for taxes, as the prior formula mistakenly compared pre-tax and after-tax revenues. In that decision, the Board stated that it would institute a separate proceeding in which Class I railroads would be required to submit the annual tax information necessary for the Board's annual RSAM calculation. *Id.* at 5-6.

In *Annual Submission of Tax Information for Use in the Revenue Shortfall Allocation Method*, EP 682 (STB served Feb. 26, 2010), the Board adopted rules to require AAR—a national trade association—to annually calculate and submit to the Board the weighted average state tax rate for each Class I railroad. See 49 CFR 1135.2(a). On May 25, 2017, AAR filed its calculation of the weighted average state tax rates for 2016, listed below for each Class I railroad:

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE STATE TAX RATES**  
[In percent]

Railroad	2016	2015	% Change
BNSF Railway Company .....	5.288	5.271	0.017
CSX Transportation, Inc. ....	5.160	5.247	-0.087
Grand Trunk Corporation .....	7.761	7.767	-0.006
The Kansas City Southern Railway .....	5.447	5.430	0.017
Norfolk Southern Combined .....	5.410	5.501	-0.091
Soo Line Corporation .....	8.071	8.083	-0.012
Union Pacific Railroad Company .....	5.636	5.655	-0.019

Any party wishing to comment on AAR's calculation of the 2016 weighted average state tax rates should file a comment by July 5, 2017. See 49 CFR 1135.2(c). If any comments opposing AAR's calculations are filed, AAR's reply will be due by July 25, 2017. *Id.*

If any comments are filed, the Board will review AAR's submission, together with the comments, and serve a decision within 60 days of the close of the record that either accepts, rejects, or modifies AAR's railroad-specific tax information. *Id.* If no comments are filed

by July 5, 2017, AAR's submitted weighted average state tax rates will be automatically adopted by the Board, effective July 6, 2017. *Id.*

Decided: May 31, 2017.

<sup>1</sup> *Aff'd sub nom. CSX Transp., Inc. v. STB*, 568 F.3d 236 (D.C. Cir. 2009), *vacated in part on reh'g*,

*CSX Transp., Inc. v. STB*, 584 F.3d 1076 (D.C. Cir. 2009).