

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In October 2014, a new cohort of sites was added to the Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) initiative, which was originally started in October 1, 2010 by the Small Business Administration (SBA)'s Office of Entrepreneurial Development. Through this initiative, organizations in 11 communities across the U.S. have been selected to provide industry-specific assistance to small businesses, and to develop industry relationships and supply chains within their regions. Clusters—geographically concentrated groups of interconnected businesses, suppliers, service providers, and associated institutions in a particular industry or field—act as a networking hub to convene a number of resources to help navigate the funding, procurement, and supply-chain opportunities in a specific industry.

SBA is conducting an evaluation of the Regional Innovation Clusters initiative to determine how the clusters have developed, the type and volume of services they provided to small businesses, client perceptions of the program, and the various outcomes related to their existence, including collaboration among firms, innovation, and small business growth. Small business growth will be compared to the overall growth of firms in those same regions and industries. This evaluation will also include lessons learned and success stories. SBA proposes the use of three instruments for data collection and analysis of three distinct populations. These instruments are: (1) Small Business Survey, (2.) Large Organization Survey and (3.) Cluster Administrator Survey. In addition, SBA plans to interview each of the 11 cluster administrators several times a year regarding program impact and successes or challenges, and to obtain clarifications on information provided in quarterly reports. Each of the proposed surveys will be administered electronically and will contain both open- and close-ended questions. The information collected and analyzed from these instruments will contribute to monitoring performance metrics and program goals, as well as recommendations on improving program practices.

*Solicitation of Public Comments:*

*Title:* Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) Initiative Evaluation Study.

*Description of Respondents:*

Interconnected businesses, Suppliers, Service providers, and associated institutions.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 1,240.

*Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 388.

**Curtis B. Rich,**

*Management Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9438]

### Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) Meeting Notice

#### Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department—Overseas Security Advisory Council on February 23 and 24, 2016. Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E), it has been determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The meeting will focus on an examination of corporate security policies and procedures and will involve extensive discussion of trade secrets and proprietary commercial information that is privileged and confidential, and will discuss law enforcement investigative techniques and procedures. The agenda will include updated committee reports, a global threat overview, and other matters relating to private sector security policies and protective programs and the protection of U.S. business information overseas.

For more information, contact Marsha Thurman, Overseas Security Advisory Council, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-2008, phone: 571-345-2214.

Dated: February 2, 2016.

**Bill A. Miller,**

*Director of the Diplomatic Security Service,  
U.S. Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9436]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Courier Drop-Off List for U.S. Passport Applications

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to March 10, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to PPT Forms Officer, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Legal Affairs and Law Enforcement Liaison, 44132 Mercure Cir, P.O. Box 1227, Sterling, Virginia 20166-1227, who may be reached on (202) 485-6538 or at [PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov](mailto:PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Courier Drop-Off List for U.S. Passport Applications.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-XXXX.
- *Type of Request:* New Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Legal Affairs and Law Enforcement Liaison (CA/PPT/S/L).
- *Form Number:* DS-4283.
- *Respondents:* Business or Other For-Profit.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000 respondents per year.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 216,000 responses per year.
- *Average Time per Response:* 10 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 36,000 hours per year.
- *Frequency:* Daily.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the

validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* The information collected on the DS-4283 is used to facilitate the issuance of passports to U.S. nationals with imminent travel plans who hire private courier companies to deliver their applications to one of the Department's domestic passport agencies. The Department asks courier company employees to complete the DS-4283 and submit the form with passport applications delivered in bulk to passport agencies in a designated drop-off box. Passport agencies use the form to track the submission of applications that a courier drops off. The form serves as a record of receipt of documents submitted to the Department and as an acknowledgment of who delivered these documents. The DS-4283 is part of a Department effort to facilitate the delivery of passport applications by private courier companies while maintaining the integrity of the passport application process.

*Methodology:* This form is used to track the processing of passport applications delivered in bulk to passport agencies by private courier companies. Courier employees are asked to attach the form onto sealed envelopes or packages containing passport applications which they deliver in bulk to designated drop-off facilities at one of twelve passport agencies for processing.

Dated: February 3, 2016.

**Brenda S. Sprague,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

#### Meeting No. 16-01

The TVA Board of Directors will hold a public meeting on February 11, 2016,

in the Missionary Ridge Auditorium of the Chattanooga Office Complex, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. The public may comment on any agenda item or subject at a *public listening session* which begins at 8:30 a.m. (ET). Following the end of the public listening session, the meeting will be called to order to consider the agenda items listed below. On-site registration will be available until 15 minutes before the public listening session begins at 8:30 a.m. (ET). Preregistered speakers will address the Board first. TVA management will answer questions from the news media following the Board meeting.

Status: Open.

#### Agenda

Chair's Welcome

Old Business

Approval of minutes of the November 20, 2015, Board Meeting

New Business

1. Report from President and CEO
2. Governance Items
  - A. Committee Charters
  - B. Board Practice on Confidential Information
3. Report of the Audit, Risk, and Regulation Committee
  - A. Regulation of Pole Attachment Fees
4. Report of the Finance, Rates, and Portfolio Committee
5. Report of the Nuclear Oversight Committee
6. Report of the External Relations Committee
7. Report of the People and Performance Committee
  - A. Chair Selection
8. Information Items
  - A. Kingston Insurance Arbitration Settlement
  - B. Watts Bar Unit 2 Capital Project Budget Increase
  - C. Vehicular Accident Litigation Settlement

*For more information:* Please call TVA Media Relations at (865) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. 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 4, 2016.

**Sherry A. Quirk,**  
*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Seventh Meeting; RTCA Special Committee (229) Aircraft Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs) (Joint With EUROCAE WG-98)

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Seventh RTCA Special Committee 229 Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the Seventh RTCA Special Committee 229 meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 16-18, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC, 20036, Tel: (202) 330-0662.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org> or Jennifer Iversen, Program Director, RTCA, Inc., [jiversen@rtca.org](mailto:jiversen@rtca.org), (202) 330-0662.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 229. The agenda will include the following:

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016 (9:00 a.m.-5 p.m.)**

1. Welcome/Introductions/ Administrative Remarks
2. Agenda overview and approval
3. Minutes Paris meeting review/ approval
4. Review Action Items from Paris meeting
5. "Phasing in" RTCA/DO-204B, EUROCAE/ED-62B -Timeline and TOR
6. Briefing of ICAO and COSPAS-SARSAT activities
7. Other Industry coordination and presentations
8. WG 1 to 5 status and week's plan
9. WG meetings (rest of the day)

**Thursday, March 17, 2016 (9:00 a.m.-5 p.m.)**

1. WG 2 to 5 meetings

**Friday, March 18, 2016 (9:00 a.m.-3 p.m.)**

1. WG 2-5 meetings (if needed)
2. WGs' reports
3. Action item review
4. Future meeting plans and dates