

Military ID, passport, or driver's license). Requests for reasonable accommodation should also be sent to [IAGR@state.gov](mailto:IAGR@state.gov) by October 21. Requests made after that date will be considered, but may not be able to be fulfilled. The public may attend this meeting as seating capacity allows.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database.

Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <https://foia.state.gov/docs/SORN/State-36.pdf> for additional information.

Please contact [IAGR@state.gov](mailto:IAGR@state.gov) with any questions.

Dated: October 3, 2016.

**Lydia Muniz,**

*Director, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9760]

### Notice of Intent To Solicit Comments and Conduct a Public Scoping Meeting on a Global Water Strategy

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of State (Department) will host a listening session to solicit public comments on the development and content of a strategy to address global water challenges including, but not necessarily limited to: (1) Increasing access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene; (2) improving water resource management; and (3) promoting cooperation on shared waters. Participants will be asked to provide brief remarks (up to 3 minutes) highlighting specific challenges that should be addressed and opportunities to strengthen U.S. engagement on international water issues.

**DATES:** This session will take place on Friday, October 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the George C. Marshall Center at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C St. NW., (21st Street Entrance), Washington, DC. Attendees must confirm their attendance at [GWSRSVP@state.gov](mailto:GWSRSVP@state.gov). A photo identification will be

necessary to attend the session. Written comments must be received no later than November 12, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USG-Water> by following the prompts. Comments may also be submitted by mail, addressed to: Global Water Strategy Manager, Office of Conservation and Water, Room 2657, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520 and/or by email to [GWSRSVP@state.gov](mailto:GWSRSVP@state.gov). Written comments may also be submitted at the public scoping meeting on Friday, October 28, 2016 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Written, electronic, and oral comments will be given equal weight and the Department will consider all comments received or postmarked by November 12, 2016. Comments received or postmarked after that date may be considered to the extent practicable.

For information contact Global Water Strategy Manager at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**, by email at [GWSRSVP@state.gov](mailto:GWSRSVP@state.gov), or by fax at (202) 736-7351.

Legislation regarding U.S. efforts on international water and sanitation issues include the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 (found at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/1973>) and the Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2014 (found at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/2901>).

Previous Reports to Congress on the implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act can be found at: <http://www.state.gov/e/oes/water/waterforthepeer/index.htm>.

Dated: October 5, 2016.

**Sherry Zalika Sykes,**

*Acting Director, Office of Conservation and Water, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 736]

### InterVISTAS Study

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of roundtable discussion.

**SUMMARY:** The Board will host a roundtable discussion among noted economists on an independent report that assesses the Board's rate reasonableness methodologies, including the stand-alone cost methodology, and possible alternatives.

**DATES:** The roundtable discussion will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The roundtable discussion will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board's headquarters at Patriot's Plaza, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nathaniel Bawcombe: (202) 245-0376. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board commissioned a study by InterVISTAS Consulting LLC (InterVISTAS) in late 2014, and the study was released by the Board on September 22, 2016. The Board asked for an independent assessment of its stand-alone cost (SAC) rate reasonableness methodology and possible alternatives. Among other things, the scope of the work required InterVISTAS to look for alternative methodologies to SAC that could be used to reduce the time, complexity, and expense historically involved in rate cases; determine whether SAC is sufficient for large rate cases; and whether the Board's simplified methodologies were appropriate alternatives to SAC. The report is available at <https://www.stb.gov/stb/elibrary/IndependentStudy.html>.

To promote discourse on these issues, the Board will hold an economic roundtable regarding the issues and conclusions presented in the report. The panel will include the following independent and government economists:

Michael Tretheway, InterVISTAS Consulting LLC

Richard Schmalensee, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Wesley W. Wilson, University of Oregon

John Mayo, Georgetown University

Jeffrey Macher, Georgetown University

Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America

Russell Pittman, Director of Economic Research in the Economic Analysis Group,

Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice

William Huneke, Chief Economist, Surface Transportation Board, Office of Economics

William Brennan, Deputy Director, Surface Transportation Board, Office of Economics

The roundtable discussion will be open for public observation but not public participation. In addition, the discussion will be available on the Board's Web site by live video streaming. To access the roundtable,