Revenue Code to permit a multiemployer plan that is projected to have insufficient funds to reduce pension benefits payable to participants and beneficiaries if certain conditions are satisfied. In order to reduce benefits, the plan sponsor is required to submit an application to the Secretary of the Treasury, which Treasury, in consultation with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) and the Department of Labor, is required to approve or deny.

On March 22, 2017, the Board of Trustees of the Local 805 Pension Fund submitted an application for approval to reduce benefits under the plan. As required by MPRA, that application has been published on Treasury's Web site at https://auth.treasury.gov/services/Pages/Plan-Applications.aspx. Treasury is publishing this notice in the Federal Register, in consultation with the PBGC and the Department of Labor, to solicit public comments on all aspects of the Local 805 Pension Fund application.

Comments are requested from interested parties, including participants and beneficiaries, employee organizations, and contributing employers of the Local 805 Pension Fund. Consideration will be given to any comments that are timely received by Treasury.


Robert J. Neis,
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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing


ACTION: Notice of open public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on May 4, 2017 on “China’s Information Controls, Global Media Influence, and Cyber Warfare Strategy”.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

ADDRESSES: TBD, Washington, DC. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted on the Commission’s Website at www.uscc.gov. Also, please check the Commission’s Website for possible changes to the hearing schedule. Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Leslie Tisdale, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; telephone: 202–624–1496, or via email at ltisdale@uscc.gov. Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background: This is the fifth public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2017 report cycle. This hearing will examine the mechanisms the Chinese government uses to censor information in China and the effectiveness of these mechanisms; the methods employed by Internet users in China to circumvent these mechanisms; the implications for the United States of China’s attempts to export and normalize its information control practices; China’s global media influence, to include its strategic soft power goals motivating acquisitions of U.S. film studios and cinemas and its influence over foreign news; the development of Chinese journalism and the degree of freedom currently allowed to Chinese and foreign reporters in China; China’s influence on media in the United States; Chinese computer network operations doctrine; China’s views of internet sovereignty and attempts to promote them abroad; views of experts and strategists in China on subjects such as deterrence in cyberspace, and trends in the regulation of cyberspace and cyber conflict. The hearing will be co-chaired by Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Larry Wortzel. Any interested party may file a written statement by May 4, 2017, by mailing to the contact information above. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.


Dated: April 17, 2017.

Michael Danis,
Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, in Conference Room 530 at 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

The agenda will include a brief by the Advisory Committee Management Office (ACMO), Air Force Health Study Update, Office of Research and Development (ORD) Strategy review, Big Data update, discussions on personnel and workload, and Service updates. No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Members of the public wanting to attend may contact Melissa Cooper, Designated Federal Officer, ORD (10P9), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 461–6044, or by email at Melissa.Cooper@va.gov no later than close of business on May 31, 2017.

Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard’s Desk as a part of the clearance process. Due to security protocols, and in order to prevent delays in clearance processing, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Melissa Cooper at the phone number or email address noted above.


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Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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