SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Interagency Task Force meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is issuing this notice to announce the location, date, time and agenda for the next meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES AND TIMES: Wednesday, June 7, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Where: Eisenhower Conference Room B, located on the Concourse level.

Teleconference Call In Number: 888–856–2144 Passcode: 4881729.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development (Task Force). The Task Force is established pursuant to Executive Order 1354 to coordinate the efforts of Federal agencies to improve capital, business development opportunities, and pre-established federal contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans.

Moreover, the Task Force shall coordinate administrative and regulatory activities and develop proposals relating to “six focus areas”: (1) Improving capital access and capacity of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans through loans, surety bonding, and franchising; (2) ensuring achievement of the pre-established Federal contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans through expanded mentor-protégé assistance and matching such small business concerns with contracting opportunities; (3) increasing the integrity of certifications of status as a small business concern owned and controlled by a veteran or service-disabled veteran; (4) reducing paperwork and administrative burdens on veterans in accessing business development and entrepreneurship opportunities; (5) increasing and improving training and counseling services provided to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans; and (6) making other improvements relating to the support for veterans business development by the Federal Government.

Additional Information: This meeting is open to the public. Advance notice of attendance is required. Anyone wishing to attend and/or make comments to the Task Force must contact SBA’s Office of Veterans Business Development no later than June 2, 2017 at veteransbusiness@sba.gov. Comments for the record should be applicable to the “six focus areas” of the Task Force and will be limited to five minutes in the interest of time and to accommodate as many participants as possible. Written comments should also be sent to the above email no later than June 2, 2017. Special accommodations requests should also be directed to SBA’s Office of Veterans Business Development at (202) 205–6773 or to veteransbusiness@sba.gov.

For more information on veteran owned small business programs, please visit www.sba.gov/veterans.


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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Notice of Receipt of Express Pipeline LLC (Express US) Notification for Maintaining a Presidential Permit to Operate and Maintain Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States and Canada

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State (“Department”) has received from Enbridge Inc. (“Enbridge”) notice that Enbridge has acquired the entities that own Express Pipeline LLC (“Express US”), which owns, operates and maintains pipeline facilities (“Express Pipeline”) authorized under a Presidential permit issued to Express US on July 9, 2015. Express US will continue to own, operate, and maintain the Express Pipeline as well as hold the Presidential permit.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments within 30 days of the publication date of this notice on http://www.regulations.gov with regard to whether maintaining a Presidential permit for the Express Pipeline would be in the national interest in light of the change in control of the existing border facility.

DATES: The Department will accept comments until June 26, 2017.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Enbridge’s notification is available at https://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/expresspipeline/index.htm. Express US is a corporation duly organized under the laws of Delaware. The ultimate parent company of Express is now Enbridge, a publicly traded corporation based in Calgary, Canada with approximately 15,811 miles (25,446 kilometers) of active crude pipeline across North America. The Express Pipeline has been in operation since 1997 and primarily transports crude oil from Hardisty, Alberta, Canada.

Under Executive Order 13337 the Secretary of State is designated and empowered to receive all applications for Presidential permits for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance at the borders of the United States, of facilities for the exportation or importation of liquid petroleum, petroleum products, or other non-gaseous fuels to or from a foreign country. The Department has the responsibility to determine whether issuance of a new Presidential permit reflecting the change in control of the Express Pipeline would be in the U.S. national interest.

Consistent with Public Notice 5092, (Procedures for Issuance of a Presidential Permit Where There Has Been a Transfer of the Underlying Facility, Bridge of Border Crossing for Land Transportation, 70 FR 30990, issued on May 31, 2005), the