AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  

48 CFR Parts 701 and 722 and Appendix J  

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Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR): Agency Warrant Program for Individual Cooperating Country National Personal Services Contractors (CCNPSCs)  

AGENCY: U.S. Agency for International Development.  

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.  

SUMMARY: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has decided not to implement the Agency Warrant Program for individual Cooperating Country National Personal Services Contractors and is therefore withdrawing the August 19, 2016 proposed rule amending the Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR) to incorporate this warrant program into the regulation.  

DATES: USAID is withdrawing the proposed rule published on August 19, 2016 (81 FR 55405) as of June 23, 2017.  

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lyudmila Bond, Telephone: 202–567–4753 or Email: lbond@usaid.gov.  

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 19, 2016 USAID published a proposed rule at 81 FR 55405 revising the Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulation (AIDAR) to incorporate USAID Cooperating Country National Warrant Program into the regulation. The warrant program was intended to address a shortage of U.S. direct-hire contracting officers by delegating limited contracting officer authorities to a select number of Cooperating Country National Personal Services Contractors.  

The purpose of this rule withdrawal is to inform the public that USAID will not be publishing a final rule to implement this warrant program.  

Dated: June 6, 2017.  

Mark Walther,  

Acting Chief Acquisition Officer.  

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  

49 CFR Chapter X  

[Docket No. EP 738]  

Regulatory Reform Task Force  

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.  

ACTION: Announcement of Regulatory Reform Task Force listening session.  

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a listening session for the Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF).  

DATES: The listening session will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 10 a.m. E.D.T.  

ADDRESSES: The listening session will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board’s headquarters at 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423.  

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel D. Campbell (202) 245–0357; Rachel.Campbell@stb.gov. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877–8339].  

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RRTF was established to comply with the spirit of Exec. Order No. 13,777, 82 FR 12285 (Mar. 1, 2017), and to move forward ongoing agency regulatory and process review initiatives. The RRTF’s mission is to identify rules and practices that are burdensome, unnecessary, or outdated, and to recommend how they should be addressed. On May 25, 2017, the RRTF submitted its first status report, which is available for viewing on the Board’s Web site at https://www.stb.gov/stb/about/RRTF.html. As detailed in that memo, the RRTF has identified some initial actions to pursue. However, given the direct impact of the Board’s regulations upon its stakeholders, the RRTF believes that reviewing its regulations is best conducted with input from its stakeholders.  

For that reason, the RRTF will hold a listening session that will be open to the public. Members of the RRTF will be present at the listening session, which will be on the record with a transcript prepared. The RRTF will release the transcript following the listening session. Interested persons not able to attend may provide written comments by July 25, 2017. Written comments should reference Docket No. EP 738, and should be addressed to: Regulatory Reform Task Force, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. Submitted comments will become part of the record.  

Decided: June 20, 2017.  

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.  

Brendetta S. Jones,  

Clearance Clerk.