

associated with border crossing activities.

#### *Alternatives Under Consideration*

A preliminary group of alternatives for the proposed action that would be evaluated in the SEIS has been developed by GSA, pending comment received during scoping.

*Alternative 1 (No Action Alternative).* Under this alternative the Del Rio POE would be expanded per the 1992 EIS finding allowing for pedestrian access along Rio Grande Loop Road.

*Alternative 2.* Under this alternative the Del Rio POE would be expanded per the 1992 EIS with pedestrian access to the east of the POE along Rio Grande Loop Road provided by an elevated walkway.

*Alternative 3.* Under this alternative the Del Rio POE would be expanded per the 1992 EIS with pedestrian access to the east of the POE along Rio Grande Loop Road provided by a tunnel walkway.

*Alternative 4.* Under this alternative the Del Rio POE would be expanded per the 1992 EIS with complete closure of Rio Grande Loop Road, which traverses the POE. GSA anticipates that the following categories of impacts will be addressed in the SEIS: Land use, economic, community, environmental justice, transportation system, air quality, noise, hazardous materials and substances, cultural resources, and natural systems. The SEIS will also address methods to mitigate any significant impacts. GSA will comply with its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to identify potential impacts to cultural resources. Comments received during scoping may result in consideration of additional issues.

#### *Scoping Process*

In accordance with NEPA, a scoping process will be conducted to aid in determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. Scoping will be accomplished through a public scoping meeting, direct mail correspondence to potentially interested persons, agencies, and organizations, and meetings with persons or agencies of special concern with an interest in the proposed actions. It is important that Federal, regional, state, and local agencies, and interested individuals and groups take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the Draft SEIS.

#### *Public Scoping Meeting*

The public scoping meeting will be held at Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX on 19 November 2003, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The meeting will be an information open house, where visitors may come, receive information, discuss the proposal with study team members, give their comments, and leave anytime during the meeting period. GSA will publish notices announcing this meeting approximately one week prior to the meeting in the *Del Rio News-Herald*, the *San Antonio Express News*, and the *Austin American-Statesman*. GSA will prepare a scoping report, available to the public, that will summarize the comments received and facilitate their incorporation into the SEIS process.

*Written Comments:* Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to or in lieu of giving their comments at the public scoping meeting. Written comments regarding the environmental analysis for the proposed action must be postmarked no later than 28 November 2003, and sent to the following address: U.S. General Services Administration, Public Building Services, Greater Southwest Region, Attention: Lisa Schaub, Environmental Advisor, 819 Taylor Street, 7PM, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

#### *Scoping Meeting Place*

The meeting will be held at the following address: Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX, Date: 19 November 2003, Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Dated: November 7, 2003

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is hereby giving notice that the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (CFSAC) will hold a meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Larry E. Fields, Executive Secretary, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 719H, Washington, DC 20201; (202) 690-7694.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CFSAC was established on September 5, 2002, to replace the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee. CFSAC was established to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, on a broad range of topics including (1) the current state of knowledge and research about the epidemiology and risk factors relating to chronic fatigue syndrome, and identifying potential opportunities in these areas; (2) current and proposed diagnosis and treatment methods for chronic fatigue syndrome; and (3) development and implementation of programs to inform the public, health care professionals, and the biomedical, academic, and research community about chronic fatigue syndrome advances.

The tentative agenda for this meeting is as follows:

9 a.m.—Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Minutes of the September 29th meeting.

9:30 a.m.—Presentations, Executive Secretary, Organizational Matters, Communications (Web site, listserv), Ex Officio Members, Status of Departmental CFS-directed efforts, Requested follow-ups, Q & A.

12 noon—Lunch Break.

1 p.m.—Further Discussions, Carry-over Issues, CFSAC Mission Statement, CFSAC Goals and Priorities, Name change, New Issues.

3:30 p.m.—Public Comments.

4:30 p.m.—Wrap Up, Action Steps, Timelines, Next Meeting.

5 p.m.—Adjournment.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. Individuals must provide a photo ID for entry into the meeting. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact person. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments at the