

and answer period. Procurement issues will be discussed, including NASA's newest initiatives used in the award and administration of contracts. Questions for the open forum should be presented at the meeting and should not be submitted in advance. Position papers are not being solicited.

Initiatives

In addition to the general discussion mentioned above, NASA invites comments or questions relative to its ongoing Procurement Innovations, some of which include, but are not limited to, the following:

Focus on Safety & Health: This ensures that contractors take all reasonable safety and occupational health measures in performing NASA contracts.

Risk-Based Acquisition Management: This initiative seeks to integrate the principles of risk management throughout the acquisition process by purposefully considering the various aspects of risk when developing the acquisition strategy, selecting sources, choosing contract type, structuring fee incentives, and conducting contractor surveillance.

Consolidated Contracting Initiative: The CCI initiative emphasizes developing, using, and sharing contracts to meet Agency objectives.

Performance-Based Contracting: This initiative requires structuring all aspects of an acquisition around the purpose of the work to be performed as opposed to how the work is to be performed or broad and imprecise statements of work. It emphasizes quantifiable, measurable performance requirements and quality standards in developing statements of work, selecting contractors, determining contract type, incentives, and performing contract administration, including surveillance.

Award Term Initiative: This initiative will test a non-traditional method of motivating and rewarding contractor performance. Contractors will receive periodic performance evaluations and scores, which can result in an extension of the term of the contract in return for excellent performance.

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Associate Administrator for Procurement.
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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Draft Guidebook for Proposers Responding to a NASA Research Announcement (NRA)

ACTION: Invitation for comment.

SUMMARY: Interested persons are invited to comment on the Draft Guidebook for Proposers Responding to a NASA Research Announcement (NRA). The Guidebook describes the policies and procedures of the Broad Agency Announcement used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) known as the NASA Research Announcement (NRA). The Guidebook can be accessed online at: <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/nraguidebook/> Further clarifying changes to the discussion of conflict of interest (C.4) may be anticipated prior to its final issuance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments must be received on or before February 28, 2001. Late comments will be considered only to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Diane Thompson, Code H, Office of Procurement, 300 E Street, SW, Washington DC 20546. Electronic mail comments may be submitted to diane.thompson@hq.nasa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Thompson, Code HC, 202-358-0514, or email: diane.thompson@hq.nasa.gov.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Office of the Federal Register

Agreements In Force as of December 31, 1999 Between the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States

AGENCY: Office of the Federal Register, NARA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of agreements.

SUMMARY: The American Institute in Taiwan has concluded a number of agreements with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (formerly the Coordination Council for North American Affairs) in order to maintain

cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations between the American people and the people of Taiwan. The Director of the Federal Register is publishing the list of these agreements on behalf of the American Institute in Taiwan in the public interest.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations between the American people and the people of Taiwan are maintained on a non-governmental basis through the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), a private nonprofit corporation created under the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8; 93 Stat. 14). The Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA) was established as the nongovernmental Taiwan counterpart to AIT.

On October 10, 1995 the CCNAA was renamed the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

Under section 12 of the Act, agreements concluded between AIT and TECRO (CCNAA) are transmitted to the Congress, and according to sections 6 and 10(a) of the Act, such agreements have full force and effect under the law of the United States.

The texts of the agreements are available from the American Institute in Taiwan, 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1700, Arlington, Virginia, 22209. For further information, please telephone (703) 525-8474, or fax (703) 841-1385.

Following is a list of agreements between AIT and TECRO (CCNAA) which were in force as of December 31, 1999.

Dated: December 19, 2000.

Richard C. Bush,

Chairman and Managing Director, American Institute in Taiwan.

Dated: December 21, 2000.

Raymond A. Mosley,

Director of the Federal Register.

AIT—TECRO Agreements

In Force as of December 31, 1999

Status of Tecro

The Exchange of Letters concerning the change in the name of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO). Signed December 27, 1994 and January 3, 1995. Entered into force January 3, 1995.

Agriculture

1. Guidelines for a cooperative program in the agriculture sciences.