

and EAC Diaspora organizations in the United States.

In submitting comments, please address: Your company's, your member companies' or your organization's (hereafter "You" or "Your") experiences and business activities in the above referenced areas of focus; Your viewpoint on any other appropriate areas of focus for the proposed Commercial Dialogue; Your perspective on priorities and challenges You face with respect to doing business in the EAC, especially with respect to the above referenced areas of focus; and Your proposals for actions or activities that Commerce could undertake in working with our EAC partners under the proposed Commercial Dialogue to promote business opportunities or to foster an open and predictable business climate. Please include with comments the name of your company or organization submitting comments, as well as email and telephone number for an appropriate contact person with the company or organization.

The Department of Commerce anticipates continuing to need input on the agenda and focus of the U.S.-EAC Commercial Dialogue going forward. Please feel free to contact the Office of Africa to provide advice and input on the U.S.-EAC trade and investment relationship or the U.S.-EAC Commercial Dialogue even after the close of the comment period.

Dated: November 1, 2012.

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*Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department), as of September 2012, has rechartered the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC) and is seeking nominations for 40 members to be appointed for the new two-year charter term. The purpose of the CINTAC is to advise the Secretary of Commerce regarding the development

and administration of programs to expand United States exports of civil nuclear goods and services in accordance with applicable United States laws and regulations, for use by the Department as chair of the Civil Nuclear Trade Working Group (CINTWG) of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC).

**DATES:** All applications for immediate consideration for appointment must be received by close of business on December 7, 2012. After that date, ITA will continue to accept applications under this notice for a period of up to two years from the deadline to fill any vacancies that may arise.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be submitted in pdf or MS Word format via email to *David.Kincaid@trade.gov*, via FAX to 202-482-5665, or via mail to David Kincaid, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, Room 4053, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Kincaid, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, Room 4053, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; phone 202-482-1706; fax 202-482-5665; email *David.Kincaid@trade.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background and Authority

The Department of Commerce, as of September 6, 2012, has rechartered the CINTAC in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, for another two-year term, to be concluded September 6, 2014. The CINTAC functions solely as an advisory committee advising the Secretary of Commerce regarding the development and administration of programs to expand U.S. exports of civil nuclear goods and services for use by the Department of Commerce in its role as a member of the Civil Nuclear Trade Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee. In particular, the Committee advises on matters including, but not limited to:

- (1) Trade policy development and negotiations relating to U.S. civil nuclear exports;
- (2) The effect of U.S. and foreign government policies, regulations, programs, and practices on the export of U.S. civil nuclear goods and services;
- (3) The competitiveness of U.S. industry and its ability to compete for civil nuclear products and services opportunities in international markets, including specific problems in exporting, and provide specific

recommendations regarding U.S. Government and public/private actions to assist civil nuclear companies in expanding their exports;

(4) The identification of priority civil nuclear products and services markets with the potential for high immediate returns for U.S. exports, as well as emerging markets with a longer-term potential for U.S. exports;

(5) Strategies to increase private sector awareness and effective use of U.S. Government export promotion programs, and recommendations on how U.S. Government programs may be more efficiently designed and coordinated;

(6) The development of complementary industry and trade association export promotion programs, including ways for greater or more effective coordination of U.S. Government efforts with private sector organizations' civil nuclear industry export promotion efforts; and

(7) The development of U.S. Government programs to encourage producers of civil nuclear products and services to enter new foreign markets, in connection with which the CINTAC may advise on how to gather, disseminate, and promote awareness of information on civil nuclear exports and related trade issues.

##### II. Membership and Nominations

The CINTAC shall consist of approximately 40 members appointed by the Secretary, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance and based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the CINTAC. Members shall represent U.S. entities involved in the export of civil nuclear products and services and reflect the diversity of this sector, including in terms of entities' size and geographic location, and shall be drawn from U.S. civil nuclear manufacturing and services companies, U.S. utilities, U.S. trade associations, and other U.S. organizations in the U.S. civil nuclear sector. The Secretary shall appoint to the Committee at least one individual representing each of the following:

- a. Civil nuclear manufacturing and services companies;
- b. Small businesses;
- c. Utilities;
- d. Trade associations in the civil nuclear sector; and
- e. Private sector organizations involved in strengthening the export competitiveness of U.S. civil nuclear products and services.

Members shall serve in a representative capacity, expressing the views and interests of a U.S. entity or organization, as well as its particular

sector; they are, therefore, not Special Government Employees. Each member of the CINTAC must be a U.S. citizen, and must not be registered as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. No member shall represent a company that is majority owned or controlled by a foreign government entity or entities.

Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary from the date of appointment to the Committee to the date on which the Committee's charter terminates. The Secretary shall designate the CINTAC Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the Secretary. The Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services shall designate a Designated Federal Officer (DFO) from among the employees of the Office of Energy and Environmental Industries. The Committee meets approximately four times a year, usually in Washington, D.C.

### III. Compensation

Members of the CINTAC will not be compensated for their services or reimbursed for their travel expenses.

### IV. Nominations

The Secretary of Commerce invites nominations to the CINTAC for the charter term consistent with the above membership requirements. Self-nominations will be accepted. If you are interested in nominating someone to become a member of the CINTAC, please provide the following information (2 pages maximum):

- (1) Name;
- (2) Title;
- (3) Work phone, fax, and, email address;
- (4) Company or trade association name and address including Web site address;
- (5) Short biography of nominee including credentials;
- (6) Brief description of the company or trade association and its business activities, company size (number of employees and annual sales), and export markets served; and,
- (7) An affirmative statement that the applicant and entity to be represented meet all eligibility criteria, specifically addressing that the applicant:
  - (a) Is a U.S. citizen;
  - (b) Is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended; and,
  - (c) Is not a federally-registered lobbyist, and that the applicant understands that if appointed, the applicant will not be allowed to

continue to serve as a CINTAC member if the applicant becomes a federally-registered lobbyist.

Please do not send company or trade association brochures or any other information.

All nominations should be submitted in pdf or MS Word format via email to [David.Kincaid@trade.gov](mailto:David.Kincaid@trade.gov), via FAX to 202-482-5665, or via mail to David Kincaid, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, Room 4053, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Nominations for immediate consideration must be received by close of business December 7, 2012. Nominees selected for appointment to CINTAC will be notified by return mail.

Dated: October 31, 2012.

**Edward A. O'Malley,**

*Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### **Subsidy Programs Provided by Countries Exporting Softwood Lumber and Softwood Lumber Products to the United States; Request for Comment**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Department) seeks public comment on any subsidies, including stumpage subsidies, provided by certain countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States during the period January 1 through June 30, 2012.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted within thirty days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** See the Submission of Comments section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Terpstra, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3965.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On June 18, 2008, section 805 of Title VIII of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008) was enacted into law. Under this provision, the Secretary of Commerce is mandated to submit to the appropriate

Congressional committees a report every 180 days on any subsidy provided by countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States, including stumpage subsidies.

The Department submitted its last subsidy report on June 15, 2012. As part of its newest report, the Department intends to include a list of subsidy programs identified with sufficient clarity by the public in response to this notice.

#### **Request for Comments**

Given the large number of countries that export softwood lumber and softwood lumber products to the United States, we are soliciting public comment only on subsidies provided by countries whose exports accounted for at least one percent of total U.S. imports of softwood lumber by quantity, as classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule code 4407.1001 (which accounts for the vast majority of imports), during the period January 1 through June 30, 2012. Official U.S. import data published by the United States International Trade Commission Tariff and Trade DataWeb indicate that only one country, Canada, exported softwood lumber to the United States during that time period in amounts sufficient to account for at least one percent of U.S. imports of softwood lumber products. We intend to rely on similar previous six-month periods to identify the countries subject to future reports on softwood lumber subsidies. For example, we will rely on U.S. imports of softwood lumber and softwood lumber products during the period July 1 through December, 2012, to select the countries subject to the next report.

Under U.S. trade law, a subsidy exists where a government authority: (i) Provides a financial contribution; (ii) provides any form of income or price support within the meaning of Article XVI of the GATT 1994; or (iii) makes a payment to a funding mechanism to provide a financial contribution to a person, or entrusts or directs a private entity to make a financial contribution, if providing the contribution would normally be vested in the government and the practice does not differ in substance from practices normally followed by governments, and a benefit is thereby conferred. *See* section 771(5)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Parties should include in their comments: (1) The country which provided the subsidy; (2) the name of the subsidy program; (3) a brief description (at least 3-4 sentences) of the subsidy program; and (4) the