

The Committee has met five times since June 1996. This will be the Committee's last meeting. During the meeting in January, the Committee will finalize its recommendations. The Committee will make a presentation to the Access Board at the Board's regular business meeting on January 15th. The Board will meet on January 15th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Marriott at Metro Center hotel, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Committee will meet on the dates and at the location announced in this notice. The meetings are open to the public. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems and real time transcription will be available.

Lawrence W. Roffee,  
*Executive Director.*

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## BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** January 14, 1997; 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

**CLOSED MEETING:** The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)). In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6)).

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Brenda Thomas at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: January 6, 1997.

David W. Burke,  
*Chairman.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 950329080-5080-01]

### Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces availability of funds for the Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT), for training business executives and scientists (also referred to as "interns") from the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. The Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA) established the SABIT program in September 1990 to assist the former Soviet Union's transition to a market economy. Since that time, SABIT has been matching business executives and scientists from the NIS with U.S. firms which provide them with three to six months of hands-on training in a U.S. market economy.

Under the SABIT program, qualified U.S. firms will receive funds through a cooperative agreement with ITA to help defray the cost of hosting interns. ITA will interview and recommend eligible interns to participating companies. Interns may be from any of the following Independent States: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. The U.S. firms will be expected to provide the interns with a hands-on, non-academic, executive training program designed to maximize their exposure to management or commercially-oriented scientific operations. At the end of the training program, interns must return to the NIS.

**DATES:** The closing date for applications is March 31, 1997. An original and two copies of the application (Standard Form 424 (Rev. 4-92) and supplemental material) are to be sent to the address designated in the Application Kit and postmarked by the closing date.

Applications will be considered on a "rolling" basis as they are received, subject to the availability of funds. If available funds are depleted prior to the closing date, a notice to that effect will be published in the Federal Register. Processing of complete applications takes approximately two to three months.

**ADDRESSES:** Request for Applications: Competitive Application kits will be available from ITA starting on the day

this notice is published. To obtain a copy of the Application Kit please E-mail: [sabitapply@usita.gov](mailto:sabitapply@usita.gov) (please signify which format, e.g. WordPerfect© 6.1), telephone (202) 482-0073, facsimile (202) 482-2443 (these are not toll free numbers), or send a written request with two self-addressed mailing labels to: Application Request, The SABIT Program, HCHB Room 3319, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The SABIT Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, phone—(202) 482-0073, facsimile—(202) 482-2443. These are not toll free numbers. Only one copy of the Application Kit will be provided to each organization requesting it, but it may be reproduced by the requester.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SABIT exposes NIS business managers and scientists to a completely new way of thinking in which demand, consumer satisfaction, and profits drive production. Senior-level interns visiting the U.S. for internship programs with public or private sector companies will be exposed to an environment which will provide them with practical knowledge for transforming their countries' enterprises and economies to the free market. The program provides first-hand, eye-opening experience to managers and scientists which cannot be duplicated by American managers traveling to their territories.

### Business Executives

SABIT assists economic restructuring in the NIS by providing top-level business managers with practical training in American methods of innovation and management in such areas as strategic planning, financing, production, distribution, marketing, accounting, wholesaling, and labor relations. This first-hand experience in the U.S. economy enables interns to become leaders in establishing and operating a market economy in the NIS, and creates a unique opportunity for U.S. firms to familiarize key executives from the NIS with their products and services.

### Scientists

SABIT provides opportunities for gifted scientists to apply their skills to peaceful research and development in the civilian sector, in areas such as defense conversion, medical research, and the environment, and exposes them to the role of scientific research in a market economy where applicability of research relates to business success. Sponsoring firms in the U.S. scientific