

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 923]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 80 San Antonio, Texas, Area

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, an application from the City of San Antonio, Texas, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 80, for authority to expand its general-purpose zone in the San Antonio, Texas, area, within the San Antonio Customs port of entry, was filed by the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board on December 2, 1996 (Docket 82-96, 61 FR 66652, 12/18/96);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board has found that the requirements of the Act and the regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The grantee is authorized to expand its zone as requested in the application, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of September 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****U.S.-Turkey Business Development Council: Membership**

ACTION: Notice of membership opportunity.

SUMMARY: As part of its Big Emerging Market Strategy for Turkey, the U.S. Department of Commerce is establishing a Business Development Council (BDC) in cooperation with the Turkish Government. This notice updates the **Federal Register** notice published November 22, 1996, (61 FR 60261) previously announcing membership opportunities in the U.S.-Turkey BDC.

The U.S. Department of Commerce seeks nominations of outstanding individuals to serve on the U.S. section of the BDC as representatives of their particular industry sector. The purpose of the BDC will be to provide a forum through which U.S. and Turkish private sector representatives can engage in constructive exchanges of information on commercial matters, and in which governments can exchange information, solve problems, and more effectively work together on a number of issues of mutual concern including the following:

- Identifying commercial opportunities, impediments and issues of concern to the U.S. and Turkish business communities;
- Addressing obstacles to trade and investment;
- Improving the dissemination of information on U.S.-Turkey market opportunities;
- Developing sectoral or project-oriented approaches to expand business opportunities;
- Implementing trade/business development and promotion programs, including trade missions, exhibits, seminars, and other events; and
- Identifying further steps to facilitate and encourage the development of commercial expansion and cooperation between the two countries.

The inaugural meeting of the BDC is expected to take place in early 1998 in Ankara, Turkey with government and private sector members from both countries in attendance.

Obligations

It is anticipated that U.S. private sector members will be appointed for a two year term and will serve at the discretion of the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and as representatives of the U.S. business community. They are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for the Council and in implementing its work program. They are fully responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation on the Council, and may be responsible for a pro rata share of administrative and communications costs of the Council.

Criteria

The Council will be composed of two sections, a U.S. section and a Turkish section. The U.S. Section will be chaired by the Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce, or designee, and will include approximately 20 members from the U.S. private sector.

In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, potential candidates must be:

- U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents;
- CEOs or other senior management level employees of a U.S. company or organization involved in export with and/or investment in Turkey; and
- Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agent Registration Act of 1938, as amended (FARA).

In reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:

- Depth of experience in the Turkish market;
- Export/investment experience;
- Industry or service sector represented;
- Company size or, if an organization, size and number of member companies;
- Contribution to diversity based on company size, location, demographics, and traditional underrepresentation in business; and
- Stated commitment to actively participate in BDC activities and meetings.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of individual proposed for consideration; name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's or organization's product or service line; size of the company or, if an organization, the size and number of member companies; export experience/foreign investment experience; a brief statement (not more than 2 pages) of why each candidate should be considered for membership on the Council; the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; and a personal resume.

DEADLINE: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than November 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Ms. Maria Dorsett, Turkey Desk Officer, Office of European Union and Regional Affairs, by fax on 202/482-2897 or by mail at Room 3036, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Maria Dorsett of the Office of European Union and Regional Affairs, Room 3036, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: 202/482-6008.

Authority: Act of February 14, 1903, c. 552, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1501 et seq., 32 Stat. 825; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1979, 19 U.S.C. 2171 Note, 93 Stat. 1381.