

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Opportunity to Apply for Membership on the U.S.-Korea Committee on Business Cooperation**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Membership on the U.S.-Korea Committee on Business Cooperation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is currently seeking applications for membership on the U.S. side of the U.S.-Korea Committee on Business Cooperation (CBC). The purpose of the CBC is to facilitate stronger commercial ties between U.S. and Korean private sector businesses. The CBC is chaired by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the Korean Minister of Commerce, Industry and Energy. Its activities are coordinated by an equal number of private sector representatives from the United States and Korea. The work of the CBC is currently focused through eight sector-specific subgroups: (1) Government procurement, (2) environmental technologies, (3) venture capital, (4) automobiles, (5) filmed entertainment, (6) electronic commerce, (7) a business opportunity network on the Internet, and (8) telecommunications. Additional subgroups can be formed if members desire.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Private sector representatives will be members until the CBC goes out of existence on October 1, 1999. If the CBC is extended by mutual consent of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Korean Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy, a new recruitment process for CBC members will be initiated. Applications are now being sought for private sector members to serve beginning immediately. Private sector members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary. They are expected to participate fully in defining and implementing in CBC work programs. It is expected that private sector individuals chosen for the CBC will attend at least 75% of CBC meetings which will be held in the U.S. and Korea. The next full CBC meeting is expected to be held in Korea in the fall of 1998.

Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation in the CBC. The private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular

business sector in which they operate; private sector members are not special government employees.

The goals of the CBC are as follows:

- Identifying commercial opportunities, impediments, and issues of concern to the respective business communities;
- Improving the dissemination of appropriate commercial information on both markets;
- Adopting sectoral or project-oriented approaches to expand business opportunities, addressing specific problems, and making recommendations to decision-makers where appropriate;
- Promoting trade/business development and promotion programs to assist the respective business communities in accessing each market, including trade missions, exhibits, seminars, and other events;
- Facilitating appropriate technical cooperation; and
- Considering other steps that may be taken to foster growth and enhance commercial relations.

Selection: This notice is seeking applications for private sector members. Eligibility criteria. Applicants must be:

- A U.S. citizen residing in the United States; and
- Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA).

In reviewing eligible applicants, the Commerce Department will consider:

- Expertise in one of the business sectors noted above in which the CBC will be active;
- Readiness to initiate and be responsible for activities in one or more of the business sectors in which the CBC will be active; and
- Prospective member contributes to membership diversity of company size, type, location, demographics and/or traditional under-representation in business.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of the individual requesting consideration; name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's product or service line; size of the company; export experience and major markets; a brief statement of why each candidate should be considered for membership on the CBC; the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; a personal resume; and a statement that the applicant is a U.S. citizen and not a registered foreign agent under FARA.

DEADLINE: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than: June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Susan M. Blackman, Director, Office of Korea and Southeast Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3203, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, fax (202) 482-4760.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan M. Blackman, Director, Office of Korea and Southeast Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3203, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-1695, fax (202) 482-4760.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Certain Hot-Rolled Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products From the United Kingdom; Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of countervailing duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On December 8, 1997, the Department of Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary results of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products from the United Kingdom for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996. The Department has now completed this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. For information on the net subsidy for each reviewed company, and for all non-reviewed companies, please see the *Final Results of Review* section of this notice. We will instruct the Customs Service to assess countervailing duties as detailed in the *Final Results of Review* section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Cassel or Richard Herring,