

## Notice of Opportunity To Apply for Membership

### Membership Obligations

Members will be expected to serve a term of two years. However, to set up a staggered membership renewal, one-third of the private sector members from this initial appointment will serve for a two year term; a second third will serve for a three year term and a final third for a four year term. Each year, a third of the ACA membership will be replaced.

Nominations are now being sought for private sector members to serve for a two, three, or four year period from January 1, 2000 until December 31, 2001–2004, respectively. Members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary and shall serve as representatives of the business community and, specifically, the industry in which their business is engaged. They are expected to participate fully in implementing the Committee's work program. It is expected that private sector individuals chosen for ACA membership will attend not less than 75% of the ACA meetings each year.

Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, per diem, and personal expenses associated with their participation on the ACA.

The ACA will work on issues of common interest to encourage trade and investment, including the following:

- Resolving obstacles to trade and investment between the United States and Africa;
- Expanding commercial activity between the United States and Africa and identifying commercial opportunities;
- Developing sectoral or project-oriented approaches to expand business opportunities;
- Identifying further steps to facilitate and encourage the development of commercial expansion between the United States and Africa; and
- Taking any other appropriate steps for fostering commercial relations between the U.S. and Africa.

### Criteria

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

- (1) U.S. citizens or permanent residents;
- (2) CEOs or other senior management level employees of a U.S. company or organization with demonstrated involvement in trade with and/or investment in Sub-Saharan Africa who will participate in not less than 75% of the meetings, which will be held in the United States. Representative

nominated should be the individual who will actively participate in the ACA;

(3) Not a Registered Foreign Agent; and

(4) Actively doing business in Sub-Saharan Africa or actively developing entry plans for doing business in Sub-Saharan Africa.

To the extent possible, the Department of Commerce will strive to achieve membership composition that reflects U.S. entrepreneurial diversity. Therefore, in reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:

(1) Depth of experience in the Sub-Saharan African market;

(2) Export/investment experience;

(3) Representation of industry or service sectors of importance to our commercial relationship with Sub-Saharan Africa;

(4) Company size or, if an organization, size and number of member companies;

(5) Location of company or organization; and

(6) Contribution to the Committee's ethnic and gender diversity.

To apply for membership, please provide a company information sheet and a personal resume and any other pertinent information which demonstrate how the applicant satisfies the selection criteria identified.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1979, 19 U.S.C. 2171 Note, 5 U.S.C. App.2.

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Enforcement Matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Title, Form Number, and OMB Number:** Validation of Public or Community Service Employment Performed by Retired Personnel Retired Under the Temporary Early Retirement Authority for Increased Retirement Compensation; DD form 2676; OMB Number 0704-0357.

**Type of Request:** Revision.

**Number of Respondents:** 1,775.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 1,775.

**Average Burden per Response:** 10 minutes.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 296.

**Needs and Uses:** Public Law 102-484, section 4464, required the Department of Defense to develop policy and procedures to validate and credit increased compensation for qualifying public and community service employment performed by retired personnel of the Armed Forces under the "Temporary Early Retirement Authority Program." Public Law 103-337, section 542, extended this program to the Coast Guard. This information, which uses DD Form 2676, will allow DoD and Coast Guard to collect necessary information to recompute retired pay when the participating member qualifies under this program. Respondents to this program will be registered public or community service employers. The data are submitted by the Defense Manpower Data Center to either the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) or the Coast Guard Finance Center for update of final pay information files. When a member reaches age 62, the Finance Centers will recompute retirement pay, adding whatever public or community service employment was validated during the enhanced retirement qualification period.

**Affected Public:** Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

**Frequency:** On occasion; Annually.  
**Respondents Obligation:** Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Mr. Edward C. Springer.