

capacity concerning issues and problems in international economic policy. The objective of the ACIEP is to provide expertise and insight on these issues that are not available within the U.S. Government.

Topics for the November 19 meeting will be:

- Corporate Responsibility
- Business Visas
- Outcome of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders Meeting

The public may attend these meetings as seating capacity allows. The media is welcome but discussions are off the record.

For further information about the meeting, please contact Eliza Koch, ACIEP Secretariat, Office of Economic Policy and Public Diplomacy, Economic Bureau, U.S. Department of State, Room 3526, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520, Tel (202) 647-1310.

Dated: November 6, 2002.

**Eliza Koch,**

*Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14)

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of a partially opened meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14) will hold a meeting on December 2, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting will be opened to the public from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2002, unless otherwise notified.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the International Trade Center, Ronald Reagan Building, Training Room C, located at 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tamara Underwood, DFO at (202) 482-4792, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20230 or Christina Sevilla, Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, on (202) 395-6120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the opened portion of the meeting the

following agenda item will be discussed.

- Report by Department of Commerce's Office of Trade and Economic Analysis on Recently Published SME

**Christopher A. Padilla,**

*Assistant, U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### North American Free Trade Agreement; Invitation for Applications for Inclusion on the Chapter 19 Roster

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Invitation for applications.

**SUMMARY:** Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") provides for the establishment of a roster of individuals to serve on binational panels convened to review final determinations in antidumping or countervailing duty ("AD/CVD") proceedings and amendments to AD/CVD statutes of a NAFTA Party. The United States annually renews its selections for the Chapter 19 roster. Applications are invited from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004.

**DATES:** Applications should be received no later than December 3, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to [FR0050@ustr.gov](mailto:FR0050@ustr.gov), Attn: "Chapter 19 Roster Applications" in the subject line, or (ii) by mail, first class, postage prepaid, to Sandy McKinzy, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 122, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, Attn: Chapter 19 Roster Applications, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the email address above or by fax to 202-395-3640.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amber L. Cottle, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-3581.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Binational Panel Reviews Under NAFTA Chapter 19

Article 1904 of the NAFTA provides that a party involved in an AD/CVD proceeding may obtain review by a binational panel of a final AD/CVD

determination of one NAFTA Party with respect to the products of another NAFTA Party. Binational panels decide whether such AD/CVD determinations are in accordance with the domestic laws of the importing NAFTA Party, and must use the standard of review that would have been applied by a domestic court of the importing NAFTA Party. A panel may uphold the AD/CVD determination, or may remand it to the national administering authority for action not inconsistent with the panel's decision. Panel decisions may be reviewed in specific circumstances by a three-member extraordinary challenge committee, selected from a separate roster composed of fifteen current or former judges.

Article 1903 of the NAFTA provides that a NAFTA Party may refer an amendment to the AD/CVD statutes of another NAFTA Party to a binational panel for a declaratory opinion as to whether the amendment is inconsistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ("GATT"), the GATT Antidumping or Subsidies Codes, successor agreements, or the object and purpose of the NAFTA with regard to the establishment of fair and predictable conditions for the liberalization of trade. If the panel finds that the amendment is inconsistent, the two NAFTA Parties shall consult and seek to achieve a mutually satisfactory solution.

#### Chapter 19 Roster and Composition of Binational Panels

Annex 1901.2 of the NAFTA provides for the maintenance of a roster of at least 75 individuals for service on Chapter 19 binational panels, with each NAFTA Party selecting at least 25 individuals. A separate five-person panel is formed for each review of a final AD/CVD determination or statutory amendment. To form a panel, the two NAFTA Parties involved each appoint two panelists, normally by drawing upon individuals from the roster. If the Parties cannot agree upon the fifth panelist, one of the Parties, decided by lot, selects the fifth panelist from the roster. The majority of individuals on each panel must consist of lawyers in good standing, and the chair of the panel must be a lawyer.

Upon each request for establishment of a panel, roster members from the two involved NAFTA Parties will be requested to complete a disclosure form, which will be used to identify possible conflicts of interest or appearances thereof. The disclosure form requests information regarding financial interests and affiliations, including information regarding the identity of clients of the roster member and, if applicable, clients of the roster member's firm.

### Criteria for Eligibility for Inclusion on Chapter 19 Roster

Section 402 of the NAFTA Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182, as amended (19 U.S.C. 3432)) ("Section 402") provides that selections by the United States of individuals for inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster are to be based on the eligibility criteria set out in Annex 1901.2 of the NAFTA, and without regard to political affiliation. Annex 1901.2 provides that Chapter 19 roster members must be citizens of a NAFTA Party, must be of good character and of high standing and repute, and are to be chosen strictly on the basis of their objectivity, reliability, sound judgment, and general familiarity with international trade law. Aside from judges, roster members may not be affiliated with any of the three NAFTA Parties. Section 402 also provides that, to the fullest extent practicable, judges and former judges who meet the eligibility requirements should be selected.

### Procedures for Selection of Chapter 19 Roster Members

Section 402 establishes procedures for the selection by the Office of the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") of the individuals chosen by the United States for inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster. The roster is renewed annually, and applies during the one-year period beginning April 1 of each calendar year.

Under Section 402, an interagency committee chaired by USTR prepares a preliminary list of candidates eligible for inclusion on the Chapter 19 Roster. After consultation with the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means, USTR selects the final list of individuals chosen by the United States for inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster.

### Remuneration

Roster members selected for service on a Chapter 19 binational panel will be remunerated at the rate of 800 Canadian dollars per day.

### Applications

Eligible individuals who wish to be included on the Chapter 19 roster for the period April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004 are invited to submit applications. Persons submitting applications may either send one copy by U.S. mail, first class, postage prepaid, to Sandy McKinzy at the address listed above or transmit a copy electronically to [FR0050@ustr.gov](mailto:FR0050@ustr.gov), with "Chapter 19 Roster Applications" in the subject line. For documents sent by U.S. mail, USTR requests that the submitter provide a confirmation copy, either electronically

or by fax to 202-395-3640. USTR encourages the submission of documents in Adobe PDF format, as attachments to an electronic mail. Interested persons who make submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Applications must be typewritten, and should be headed "Application for Inclusion on NAFTA Chapter 19 Roster." Applications should include the following information, and each section of the application should be numbered as indicated:

1. Name of the applicant.
2. Business address, telephone number, fax number, and email address.
3. Citizenship(s).
4. Current employment, including title, description of responsibility, and name and address of employer.
5. Relevant education and professional training.
6. Spanish language fluency, written and spoken.
7. Post-education employment history, including the dates and addresses of each prior position and a summary of responsibilities.
8. Relevant professional affiliations and certifications, including, if any, current bar memberships in good standing.
9. A list and copies of publications, testimony, and speeches, if any, concerning AD/CVD law. Judges or former judges should list relevant judicial decisions. Only one copy of publications, testimony, speeches, and decisions need be submitted.
10. Summary of any current and past employment by, or consulting or other work for, the United States, Canadian, or Mexican Governments.

11. The names and nationalities of all foreign principals for whom the applicant is currently or has previously been registered pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act, 22 U.S.C. 611 *et seq.*, and the dates of all registration periods.

12. List of proceedings brought under U.S., Canadian, or Mexican AD/CVD law regarding imports of U.S., Canadian, or Mexican products in which the applicant advised or represented (for example, as consultant or attorney) any U.S., Canadian, or Mexican party to such proceeding and, for each such proceeding listed, the name and country of incorporation of such party.

13. A short statement of qualifications and availability for service on Chapter 19 panels, including information relevant to the applicant's familiarity with international trade law and willingness and ability to make time commitments necessary for service on panels.

14. On a separate page, the names, addresses, telephone, and fax number of three individuals willing to provide information concerning the applicant's qualifications for service, including the applicant's character, reputation, reliability, judgment, and familiarity with international trade law.

### Current Roster Members and Prior Applicants

Current members of the Chapter 19 roster who remain interested in inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster must submit updated applications. Individuals who have previously applied but have not been selected may reapply. If an applicant, including a current or former roster member, has previously submitted materials referred to in item 9, such materials need not be resubmitted.

### Public Disclosure

Applications normally will be subject to public disclosure. An applicant who wishes to exempt information from public disclosure should follow the procedures set forth in 15 CFR 2003.6.

### False Statements

Pursuant to section 402(c)(5) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, false statements by applicants regarding their personal or professional qualifications, or financial or other relevant interests that bear on the applicants' suitability for placement on the Chapter 19 roster or for appointment to binational panels, are subject to criminal sanctions under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice contains a collection of information provision subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA") that has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB number. This notice's collection of information burden is only for those persons who wish voluntarily to apply for nomination to the NAFTA Chapter 19 roster. It is expected that the collection

of information burden will be under 3 hours. This collection of information contains no annual reporting or record keeping burden. This collection of information was approved by OMB under OMB Control Number 0350-0009. Please send comments regarding the collection of information burden or any other aspect of the information collection to USTR at the address above.

#### Privacy Act

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a). The authority for requesting information to be furnished is section 402 of the NAFTA Implementation Act. Provision of the information requested above is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information will preclude your consideration as a candidate for the NAFTA Chapter 19 roster. This information is maintained in a system of records entitled "Dispute Settlement Panelists Roster." Notice regarding this system of records was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2001. The information provided is needed, and will be used by USTR, other federal government trade policy officials concerned with NAFTA dispute settlement, and officials of the other NAFTA Parties to select well-qualified individuals for inclusion on the Chapter 19 roster and for service on Chapter 19 binational panels.

#### Daniel E. Brinza,

*Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2002-12844]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemption from the vision standard; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the FMCSA's receipt of applications from 35 individuals for an exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. If granted, the exemptions will enable these individuals to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce without meeting

the vision standard prescribed in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** You can mail or deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You can also submit comments at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document. You can examine and copy this document and all comments received at the same Internet address or at the Dockets Management Facility from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandra Zywockarte, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366-2987, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access and Filing

You may see all the comments online through the Document Management System (DMS) at: <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>.

##### Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), the FMCSA may grant an exemption for a 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The statute also allows the agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The 35 individuals listed in this notice have recently requested an exemption from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety.

#### Qualifications of Applicants

##### 1. Doris V. Adams

Mr. Adams, age 65, has had glaucomatous optic nerve atrophy in his right eye since 1988. His visual acuity

is count fingers in the right eye and 20/20 in the left. Following an examination in 2002, his ophthalmologist affirmed, "It is therefore my medical opinion that due to the stability of his overall visual function and his eye examination, that he has sufficient vision to continue to perform driving tasks related to operating a commercial vehicle." In his application, Mr. Adams reported that he has driven tractor-trailer combinations for 30 years, accumulating 4.5 million miles. He holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) from the State of Washington, and his driving record for the last 3 years shows no accidents or convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

##### 2. Thomas E. Adams

Mr. Adams, 45, has counting fingers vision in his left eye due to an injury he sustained during infancy. His vision is 20/20 in the right eye. Following an examination in 2001, his ophthalmologist certified, "In my opinion Mr. Adams has sufficient vision and full visual field in his right eye to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Adams reported that he has driven straight trucks for 25 years, accumulating 25,000 miles, and tractor-trailer combinations for 20 years, accumulating 1.5 million miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Indiana, and his driving record shows that he has had no accidents or convictions for traffic violations in a CMV during the last 3 years.

##### 3. Rodger B. Anders

Mr. Anders, 45, has a history of alternating exotropia with nystagmus since birth. His best-corrected vision in the right eye is 20/60 and in the left, 20/40. An optometrist examined him in 2002 and certified, "Mr. Anders' visual deficiency is stable, and I feel he may operate a commercial vehicle safely." Mr. Anders submitted that he has driven straight trucks for 16 years, accumulating 640,000 miles. He holds a Class A CDL from Maryland, and there are no accidents or convictions for moving violations in a CMV on his driving record for the last 3 years.

##### 4. Thomas J. Boss

Mr. Boss, 33, has amblyopia in his right eye. His best-corrected visual acuity is 20/400 in the right eye and 20/20 in the left. Following an examination in 2002, his optometrist commented, "It is my opinion that Mr. Boss has sufficient vision to perform driving tasks that are required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Boss submitted that he has driven straight