

Authorization Act of 2008 which became Public Law 110–181 on 28 January 2008. Section 1248(c) of this Act requires the Secretary of State to request from each Department of State prime contractor, grantee, or cooperative agreement partner that has performed work in Iraq since March 20, 2003, under a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the Department that is valued in excess of \$25,000, information that can be used to verify the employment of Iraqi citizens and nationals by such contractor, grantee or cooperative agreement partner. To the extent possible, biographical information, to include employee name, date(s) of employment, biometric, and other data must be collected and used to verify employment for the processing and adjudication of refugee, asylum, special immigrant visa, and other immigration claims and applications.

#### Methodology

The Department of State will collect the information via electronic submission.

#### Additional Information

This information collection will be used to fulfill the requirements under Section 1248(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–181).

Dated: July 1, 2009.

#### William H. Moser,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Logistics Management, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Office of the United States Trade Representative

[Public Notice 6693]

#### Notice of Public Meeting and Solicitation of Written Comments

*Title:* Written Comments Concerning the Administration's Review of the U.S. Model Bilateral Investment Treaty.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), co-leads of the U.S. bilateral investment treaty (BIT) program, are soliciting written comments and will hold a public meeting concerning the Administration's review of the U.S. model BIT. The review is intended to ensure that the model BIT is consistent with the public interest and the overall U.S. economic agenda. The key question is whether the current model text, last

updated in 2004, achieves these objectives or whether there are changes that should be made.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on July 29, 2009, from 9 a.m.–12 noon and 2 p.m.–5 p.m. (or until business is concluded) in the Loy Henderson Auditorium of the Harry S. Truman Building of the Department of State (Truman Building). Representatives from the Department of State and USTR will chair the meeting. To provide for efficient conduct of the meeting, persons wishing to speak at the meeting are requested to provide a written summary of their remarks in advance; however, failure to do so will not bar a person from speaking. Speakers will be asked to limit their remarks to five minutes. Written comments submitted under this notice are due by 5 p.m. on July 31.

**ADDRESSES:** To gain admission to the Department of State for the meeting, RSVP by 5 p.m. on July 23 with the following information, which will be used to expedite admission to the Truman Building:

- Full name.
- Date of birth.
- Driver's license state and number or passport number.

We request that RSVPs also include the organization, agency, or company affiliation of each individual (if any). RSVPs should also include any requests for reasonable accommodation, which should be made before July 23. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill. To support full and effective participation of persons with disabilities, the Loy Henderson is equipped with wheelchair accessible podiums and ramps. RSVPs should be sent by e-mail to [Model\\_BIT\\_RSVP@state.gov](mailto:Model_BIT_RSVP@state.gov) or by fax to (202) 647–0320. The Truman Building is located at 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20520. PERSONS ATTENDING THE JULY 29 PUBLIC MEETING MUST ENTER THE STATE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE 23rd STREET ENTRANCE OF THE TRUMAN BUILDING.

Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to [Model\\_BIT\\_Review@state.gov](mailto:Model_BIT_Review@state.gov) and [jonathan\\_kallmer@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:jonathan_kallmer@ustr.eop.gov) or, for those with access to the Internet, may be submitted at the following address: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. If needed, comments may be submitted by fax to (202) 647–0320 or (202) 395–3891. Please note that all comments submitted under this notice will be posted on [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and will be accessible to the general public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Tracton, State Department BIT Coordinator, at (202) 736–4060, or Jonathan (Josh) Kallmer, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Investment, at (202) 395–9451.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The United States negotiates BITs on the basis of a model text, last updated in 2004. The model may be viewed on the State Department Web site (<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/117601.pdf>) or the USTR Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/U.S.%20model%20BIT.pdf>). The United States is presently a Party to BITs with 40 countries (list available at: <http://www.state.gov/e/eeb/ifd/bit/117402.htm>). In addition to the above-mentioned public meeting and the opportunity to submit written comments, the Administration is seeking advice from State Department's Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy and from statutory advisory committees that advise USTR and the Department of Commerce.

Dated: July 8, 2009.

#### Wesley S. Scholz,

*Director, Office of Investment Affairs, Department of State.*

Dated: July 8, 2009.

#### Jonathan S. Kallmer,

*Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Investment, Office of the United States Trade Representative.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements With Respect to Goods and Services of Taiwan (Known in the World Trade Organization as “the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu” (Chinese Taipei))

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

**ACTION:** Determination regarding waiver of discriminatory purchasing requirements under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 15, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395–9476.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 9, 2008, the WTO Committee