

tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of 2010 with an estimated duration of construction of 1 year.

RUS is the lead agency for the federal environmental review with Division of Resource Management of the Leech Lake Reservation, the Chippewa National Forest, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers participating as cooperating agencies. In addition to federal review, the project is subject to Power Plant Siting Act (Minn. Stat. 216E). Accordingly OES and RUS have collaborated to create a joint draft EIS for this project. A Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and Hold a Scoping Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** at 73FR41312, on July 18, 2008, and local newspapers. Scoping meetings for the EIS were held in the project area in August, 2008, and public comments were accepted from July 22, 2008, through September 30, 2008. The OES issued an EIS scoping decision on March 31, 2009, and modified it on February 5, 2010. RUS issued a Scoping Decision/Report in December, 2009.

As part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposal on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(d)(3), RUS is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during Section 106 review. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to scoping will inform RUS' decision making in Section 106 review. Any party wishing to participate more directly with RUS as a "consulting party" in Section 106 review may submit a written request to the RUS contact provided in this notice.

Alternatives to the proposed project considered by RUS, OES, and Minnesota included (a) no action, (b) generation alternatives, (c) load management, (d) alternative transmission line configurations, and (e) alternative transmission routes. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that describes the proposal in detail and discusses its anticipated environmental impacts has been prepared and is available for public review at the addresses provided in this Notice.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS or OES at the mailing or e-mail addresses provided in this Notice. RUS should receive comments on the Draft EIS in writing by April 19, 2010 to ensure that they are considered in the Final EIS. Once available, the final EIS will be noticed in the **Federal Register**

and local newspapers. The Federal Agencies will then issue a Record of Decision following a 30-day public comment period on the Final EIS.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, and completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Red Bluff, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Chairman's Perspective, (5) Elect Vice Chairmen, (6) Next Agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 25, 2010 from 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Pine Room, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA. Individuals wishing to speak or propose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Jero, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, 825 N. Humboldt Ave, Willows, CA 95988. (530) 934-1269; e-mail rjero@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by March 22, 2010 will

have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

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Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Caribbean Trade Mission

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The Commerce Department's International Trade Administration (ITA) and the U.S. Commercial Service (USCS) post in Santo Domingo—Dominican Republic, will organize a matchmaking trade mission in June 2010.

The matchmaking trade mission will include representatives from a variety of U.S. manufacturing companies and service providers. These mission participants will be introduced to international agents, distributors and end-users whose capabilities are targeted to each U.S. participants' needs in that particular market. Mission participants will also meet with key local industry contacts that can advise on local market conditions and opportunities. In addition to the above-mentioned services, the U.S. Commercial Service industry specialist will be on hand to discuss market trends and opportunities in the Dominican Republic and Jamaica.

Commercial Setting

The Caribbean is more than just a vacation destination; it is also a steadily growing market full of business opportunities for U.S. companies. The Caribbean Region is a natural commercial partner of the United States, tied closely together by geography, history, and culture. The region as a whole represents a market of about 41 million people who collectively imported over \$20.3 billion of U.S. goods in 2008! As a result, the Caribbean Region is the 3rd largest export market for U.S. manufactured goods in Latin America behind only Mexico and Brazil. The United States enjoys a cooperative trading relationship with the region. Agreements such as The Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI)—launched in 1983 and renewed in 2000 through legislation

enacted by Congress established trade programs to facilitate the economic development and export diversification of the Caribbean Basin economies. U.S. exports to the CBI countries have more than tripled since the CBI's creation, from \$6.5 billion in 1984 to over \$25 billion in 2000.

Additionally, on August 5, 2004, the United States and the Dominican Republic signed a Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). The agreement was implemented on March 1, 2007, allowing more than 80% of U.S. manufactured goods enter duty free to the DR. In addition to tariff reduction, CAFTA-DR also provides unprecedented access to government procurement, liberalizes the services sectors, protects U.S. investments, and strengthens protections for U.S. patents, trademarks, and trade secrets in the DR. The U.S. has a 60% market share of Dominican imports. The Dominican Republic is the 7th largest market in the Western Hemisphere for U.S. exports after Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, and Chile. The United States is also Jamaica's primary trading partner with 40.1% of imports coming from the United States in 2008. Jamaica's GDP is US\$12.7 billion, with 20% from tourism and 20% from remittances from Europe and North America. There is a trend of significant investment in the hotel and tourism sector. New highways, increased energy production and port modernization will likely lead to higher GDP growth. Additional development is expected with a new provision in 2008 to allow 3 casinos on the island.

Jamaica's JLP-led government, elected in 2007 on a platform of pro-business and good governance is championing

the elimination of corruption, tax reform, and reducing red tape for business. Proximity, quality, and the use of the same language have encouraged Jamaican business people to purchase from the United States.

Companies that intend to export goods and services in Building Products; Hotel & Restaurant Equipment; Medical Equipment & Supplies; Automotive Parts & Accessories; and Renewable Energy possess great potential for success. Other companies will be considered as well based on their market potential in both countries.

Mission Goals

The goal of the Caribbean Trade Mission is to facilitate an effective presence for small and medium sized companies to export to companies in the Dominican Republic and Jamaica. The mission will enable U.S. companies to familiarize themselves with these important markets, to conduct market research, and to explore export opportunities through pre-arranged meetings with potential partners. The companies will be able to network with Government and Industry professionals, providing them with an enhanced image and level of engagement. Knowledgeable Commercial Service Specialists who are familiar with the firms' objectives will support the mission participants.

Mission Scenario

ITA Trade Specialists will promote the Trade Mission. This promotion will take place nation-wide and will largely be handled by the ITA Southern Network Hub. Companies interested in

the mission will apply to the program, and once accepted (see 'Criteria for Participant Selection') will work with the mission leader(s) to develop their business goals in the Dominican Republic and Jamaica.

U.S. Export Assistance Center trade specialists and particularly members of the Southern Network Hub will recruit and counsel prospective participants for the trade mission. Company information and literature will be forwarded by the companies to CS Santo Domingo and its affiliates in Jamaica. The two offices will then begin the partner search, and will provide management and logistical coordination of the program.

The mission leader(s) will use email and conference calls to communicate with U.S. participants prior to the mission. Mission leader(s) will be available for information and assistance throughout the duration of the mission. Prior to the end of the program, CS staff will advise and counsel participants on appropriate follow-up procedures.

In summary, participation in the Trade Mission includes:

- Economic/Business briefing in both countries;
- Transportation from airport to hotel in both countries;
- Pre-scheduled meetings with potential partners, distributors, and/or end users as well as with local industry contacts;
- Participation in mission reception at the Ambassadors' residences in both countries;
- U.S. Embassy rates at local hotels in both countries;
- Conference calls with U.S. Embassy staff to review your specific goals/objectives.

PROPOSED MISSION TIMETABLE

Day of week	Date	Activity
Sunday	June 13, Santo Domingo	Arrive in Santo Domingo No-host dinner.
Monday	June 14, Santo Domingo	Business Breakfast Briefing. One-on-One Business Meetings. Luncheon organized by the American Chamber. Evening Welcome Reception.
Tuesday	June 15	One-on-One Business Meetings. Follow-up meetings or site visits.
Wednesday	June 16	Travel to and arrival in Kingston, Jamaica.
Thursday	June 17	Business Breakfast Briefing. One-on-One Business Meetings. Luncheon organized by the American Chamber. Evening Welcome Reception.
Friday	June 18	One-on-One Business Meetings. Follow-up meetings or site visits.
Saturday	June 19	Check out hotel. Return to the United States.

Participation Requirements

All persons interested in participating in the Caribbean Trade Mission to the Dominican Republic and Jamaica must

complete and submit an application package for consideration by the Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated on their ability to meet certain conditions and

best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. Target recruitment for the Trade Mission is between 12 and 15 companies.

Fees and Expenses:

Two Stops	SME Company ¹	\$3,250
Two Stops	Large Company	3,800
One Stop	SME Company	1,950
One Stop	Large Company	2,250
Participation fee for each additional company representative	500

¹ An SME is defined as a firm with 500 or fewer employees or that otherwise qualifies as a small business under SBA regulations (*see http://www.sba.gov/services/contracting_opportunities/sizestandardsttopics/index.html*). Parent companies, affiliates, and subsidiaries will be considered when determining business size. The dual pricing schedule reflects the Commercial Service's user fee schedule that became effective May 1, 2008 (for additional information *see http://www.export.gov/newsletter/march2008/initiatives.html*).

Expenses for travel, lodging, most meals, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

Conditions for Participation:

An applicant must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the U.S. Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.

A company's products or services must be either produced in the United States or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51% U.S. content of the value of the finished product/service.

Selection Criteria for Participation:

Each applicant to the program will be screened for the following:

- Relevance of the company's business line to the mission's goals.
- Timeliness of company's signed application and participation agreement including fees.
- Timely and adequate provision of company and product/service information and literature, in order to enable communication of company's objectives and scheduling of business appointments.
- Provision of adequate information on company's products and/or services, and company's primary market objectives, in order to facilitate appropriate matching with potential business partners.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

Timeframe For Recruitment And Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner on a first come first serve basis, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade missions calendar—<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmc.html>—and other Internet websites, publication in domestic trade publications and association newsletters, mailings from internal mailing lists, win-faxes to internal database of clients, email to sector distribution lists, through posting in the **Federal Register**, and at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, trade shows, etc. The Trade Mission will also be promoted by USCS and by team members in U.S. Export Assistance Centers.

Recruitment for the mission is to begin immediately and conclude no later than March 19, 2010. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review all applications immediately after the deadline. We will inform applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after March 19, 2010. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Contacts:

Southern Network Hub:

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Civil Nuclear Policy Mission to Central and Eastern Europe

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration is organizing a Civil Nuclear Policy Mission to Warsaw, Poland; Prague, Czech Republic and Bratislava, Slovakia from April 18-23, 2010. Led by a senior Department of Commerce official, the mission will focus on: (1) Infrastructure and tender development, to include the safe, secure and proliferation-resistant trade in goods and services; (2) promotion of the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damages (CSC) nuclear liability regime; (3) bilateral cooperation on civil nuclear commercial opportunities, and (4) ensuring opportunities for U.S. firms. The mission will demonstrate significant U.S. support for its civil nuclear industry and the wide range of