

201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils; in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks. The SEDAR Steering Committee meets regularly to provide oversight of the SEDAR process, establish assessment priorities, and provide coordination between assessment efforts and management activities.

During this meeting the Steering Committee will receive reports on recent SEDAR activities, consider benchmark and update assessment scheduling for 2011-15, and discuss the SEDAR budget and process.

#### Meeting Schedule:

October 5, 2010: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

October 6, 2010: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

October 7, 2010: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 21, 2010.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of an Opportunity To Apply for Membership on the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is currently seeking applications to fill three vacant positions on the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board). The purpose of the Board is to

advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the travel and tourism industry.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit application information via e-mail to [jennifer.pilat@trade.gov](mailto:jennifer.pilat@trade.gov) or by mail to Jennifer Pilat, Office of Advisory Committees, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**DATES:** All applications must be received by the Office of Advisory Committees by close of business on October 8, 2010.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Pilat, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-5896, e-mail: [jennifer.pilat@trade.gov](mailto:jennifer.pilat@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Advisory Committees is accepting applications for three vacant positions on the Board for the current two-year charter term that began September 2009. Members shall serve until the Board's charter expires on September 20, 2011. Members will be selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based on their ability to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industries, to act as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership and to provide a forum for those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the travel and tourism industry. Members of the Board shall be selected in a manner that ensures that the Board is balanced in terms of points of view, industry sector or subsector, range of products and services, demographics, geographic locations, and company size. Additional factors which may be considered in the selection of Board members include candidates' proven experience in promoting, developing, and implementing advertising and marketing programs for travel-related or tourism-related industries; or the candidates' proven abilities to manage tourism-related or other service-related organizations.

Each Board member shall serve as the representative of a U.S. entity or U.S. organization in the travel and tourism sector. For the purposes of eligibility, a U.S. entity shall be defined as a firm incorporated in the United States (or an unincorporated firm with its principal place of business in the United States) that is controlled by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity. An entity is not a U.S. entity if 50 percent plus one share of its stock (if a corporation, or a similar

ownership interest of an unincorporated entity) is controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. entities. For the purposes of eligibility, a U.S. organization shall be defined as an organization, including a trade association or government unit or body, established under the laws of the United States that is controlled by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. organization or entity, as determined based on board of directors (or comparable governing body), membership, and revenue sources.

Priority may be given to a Chief Executive Officer or President (or comparable level of responsibility) of a U.S. organization or U.S. entity in the travel and tourism sector. Priority may also be given to individuals with international tourism marketing experience.

Officers or employees of state and regional tourism marketing entities are eligible for consideration for Board membership as representatives of U.S. organizations. A state and regional tourism marketing entity may include, but is not limited to, state government tourism offices, state and/or local government supported tourism marketing entities, or multi-state tourism marketing entities. Again, priority may be given to a Chief Executive Officer or President (or comparable level of responsibility) of a state and regional tourism marketing entity.

Members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Board members shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their particular business sector or subsector. Board members are not special government employees and will receive no compensation for their participation in Board activities. Members participating in Board meetings and events will be responsible for their travel, living and other personal expenses. Meetings will be held regularly and not less than twice annually, usually in Washington, DC. Members are required to attend a majority of the Board's meetings. The current Board met initially on April 12, 2010 in Washington DC and again on July 26, 2010 in New Orleans. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in Las Vegas on October 26, 2010.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following:

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.
2. A sponsor letter from the applicant on his or her organization/entity letterhead or, if the applicant is to represent an entity other than his or her employer, a letter from the entity to be

represented, containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the Board. This sponsor letter should also address the applicant's travel and tourism-related experience.

3. The applicant's personal resume.

4. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

5. An affirmative statement by the applicant that he or she is not a federally registered lobbyist, and that the applicant understands that he or she, if appointed, will not be allowed to continue to serve as a Board member if the applicant becomes a federally registered lobbyist.

6. If the applicant represents a state or regional tourism marketing entity, the functions and responsibilities of the entity.

7. If the applicant represents an organization, information regarding the control of the organization, including the governing structure, members, and revenue sources as appropriate signifying compliance with the criteria set forth above.

8. If the applicant represents a company, information regarding the control of the company, including the governing structure and stock holdings as appropriate signifying compliance with the criteria set forth above.

9. The entity's or organization's size and ownership, product or service line and major markets in which the entity or organization operates.

Appointments of members to the Board will be made by the Secretary of Commerce.

Dated: September 21, 2010.

**Jennifer Pilat,**

*Executive Secretary, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No.: 100914450-0452-02]

#### Solicitation of Applications for the MBDA Business Center (MBC) Program

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate a MBDA

Business Center (MBC). This notice specifies the thirty (30) MBC projects and their respective locations are being individually competed. The MBC program delivers strategic business consulting services to eligible minority business enterprise (MBE) clients through the use of business consultants and the leveraging of strategic partnerships. Responsibility for ensuring that applications in response to this competitive solicitation are complete and received by MBDA on time is the sole responsibility of the applicant. Applications submitted must be for the operation of a MBC and to provide business consulting services to eligible MBEs. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be rejected. This is not a grant program to help start or to further an individual business.

A link to the full text of the Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) for this solicitation may be accessed at: <http://www.Grants.gov>, or at <http://www.mbda.gov>. The FFO contains a full and complete description of the application and programmatic requirements under the MBC Program. In order to receive proper consideration, applicants must comply with the requirements contained in the FFO.

**DATES:** The closing date for receipt of applications is November 10, 2010 at 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Complete applications must be submitted electronically through <http://www.Grants.gov>. The date that applications will be deemed to have been submitted electronically shall be the date and time received by [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). Applicants should save and print the proof of submission they receive from Grants.gov. Applications received after the closing date and time will not be considered. Anticipated time for processing is approximately one hundred-forty (140) days from the closing date for receipt of applications. MBDA anticipates that awards made pursuant to this notice will be made with a start date of April 1, 2011.

Pre-Application Conference: In connection with this solicitation, two pre-application conferences are scheduled for October 20 and 25, 2010. The time and location of the pre-application conference have yet to be determined. Participants must register at least 24 hours in advance of the conference and may participate in person or by telephone. Please visit the MBDA Internet Portal at <http://www.mbda.gov> (MBDA Portal) or contact an MBDA representative listed

below for the specific time and location of the pre-application conference and for registration instructions.

**ADDRESSES:** Applicants are required to submit their proposal electronically through <http://www.Grants.gov>. MBDA will not accept hard-copy, facsimile or email transmissions of applications.

Electronic submissions should be made in accordance with the instructions available at Grants.gov (see <http://www.grants.gov/applicants/resources.jsp> for detailed information). Applicants should register as organizations, not as individuals. As part of the registration process the person submitting the application must be registered as an Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) of the organization. AORs registered at <http://www.Grants.gov> are the only officials with the authority to submit applications at <http://www.Grants.gov>. If the application is submitted by anyone other than the organization's AOR it will be rejected and cannot be considered for the competition. Note that a given organization may designate multiple individuals as AORs for purposes of <http://www.Grants.gov> purposes. MBDA strongly recommends that applicants not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through Grants.gov as, in some cases, the process for completing an online application may require 3-5 working days. Before beginning to apply through <http://www.Grants.gov>, please review fully the application instructions posted at <http://www.Grants.gov> and in Section IV. of the FFO.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, please visit MBDA's Minority Business Internet Portal at <http://www.mbda.gov>.

**Agency Contacts:** MBDA Office of Business Development, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5085, Washington, DC 20230. **Contact:** Ms. Rita Gonzales, Program Manager, 202-482-1940.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. Section 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA):** 11.805, MBDA Business Center.

**Program Description:** The MBC program is a key component of MBDA's overall portfolio of minority business development services, focusing on securing large public and/or private contracts and financing transactions, stimulating job creation and facilitating entry to global markets for "eligible minority-owned businesses." For this