

Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 25 members, each representing a specific category related to agriculture. The Board was first appointed in September 1996 and at the time one-third of the original members were appointed for one, two, and three-year term, respectively. Due to the staggered appointments, the terms for 8 of the 25 members expired September 2010. One additional member position was vacant. Each member is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to a specific category on the Board, including farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, non-land grant college or university with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. Appointees by vacancy category of the 8 new members and 1 re-appointed member are as follows: Category F. "National Food Animal Science Society," Nancy M. Cox, Director, Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and Associate Dean for Research, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (re-appointment); Category G. "National Crop, Soil, Agronomy, Horticulture, or Weed," Robert W. Taylor, Dean, School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, AL; Category K. "1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities," Milo J. Shult, Vice President for Agriculture, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Little Rock, AR; Category L. "1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities," Chandra Reddy, Dean, School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, Tennessee State University; Category P. "American Colleges of Veterinary Medicine," Cyril R. Clark, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, Category T. "Rural Economic Development," Jeanette T. Ishii, Economic Development Coordinator, Fresno County Administrative Office, Fresno, CA; Category U. "National Consumer Interest Group," Rita W. Green, Family Resource Management Extension Agent, Mississippi State University, Grenada, MS; Category V. "National Forestry Group," Steven Daley-Laursen, Senior Executive to the President and Professor, Office of the President, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID; Category W. "National Conservation or Natural Resource Groups," Carrie L. Castille, Deputy Assistant

Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Baton Rouge, LA.

Done at Washington, DC, this 29th day of October 2010.

**Catherine Woteki,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Solicitation for Membership to the Forestry Research Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces solicitation for nominations to fill thirteen vacancies on the Forestry Research Advisory Council.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received on or before December 20, 2010. Send completed nomination packages to Daina Dravnieks Apple, Senior Staff Assistant, U.S. Forest Service; Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 1120; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1120, if sending by U.S. Postal Service. For Express mail use 201 14th St., SW.; Mail Stop 1120; Washington, DC 20024.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daina Dravnieks Apple, Senior Staff Assistant, U.S. Forest Service; Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; 202-205-1665.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1441 (c) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 requires the establishment of the Forestry Research Advisory Council to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a, *et seq.*), known as the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The Council is composed of 20 voting members from the following membership categories:

(1) Federal and State agencies concerned with developing and utilizing the Nation's forest resources, in particular committee membership, will

include representation from the National Forest System and Forest and Range Experiment Station leaders, Forest Service;

(2) The forest industries. These are organizations involved in the management of forest lands for which timber production is a component;

(3) The forestry schools of the State certified eligible institutions, and State agricultural experiment stations; and

(4) Volunteer public groups concerned with forests and related natural resources.

The initial Council membership was appointed with staggered terms of 1, 2, and 3 years. As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms of some members will expire during December 2010. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for 13 vacant positions are sought. Nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership and relevancy to a membership category. Geographic balance and a balanced distribution among the categories are also important. Vacancies are as follows: Federal and State—3; Industry—3; Academic—3; and Voluntary organizations—4. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Nominations are open to all individuals without regard for race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Nominations are being solicited from universities, organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of forestry research interests throughout the country. Appointments will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Each nominee must complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information (which can be obtained electronically from the USDA Chief Information Office at <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf> or from the contact person listed in the **FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice) and will be vetted before selection. Send nominee's name, resume, and the completed Form AD-755 by U.S. mail to:

Daina Dravnieks Apple, Senior Staff Assistant, Forest Service Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; Mail Stop 1120; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1120. Nominations delivered by express mail or overnight courier service should be sent to: Daina Dravnieks Apple, Senior

Staff Assistant, USDA Forest Service; Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; 201 14th St., SW., Washington, DC 20024.

Dated: October 29, 2010.

**Pearlie S. Reed,**

*Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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## Department of Commerce

### Secretarial India High Technology Business Development Mission; February 6–11, 2011

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

**SUMMARY:** Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke will lead a senior-level business development trade mission to New Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore, India, February 6–11, 2011. The overall focus of the trip will be commercial opportunities for U.S. companies, including joint ventures and export opportunities. In each city participants will have a market briefings followed by one-on-one appointments with potential buyers/partners and meetings with high level government officials.

**DATES:** Applications should be submitted to the Office of Business Liaison by November 30, 2010.

Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Contact: Office of Business Liaison; Room 5062; Department of Commerce; Washington, DC 20230; Tel: (202) 482-1360; Fax: (202) 482-4054

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Mission Description:** U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke will lead a senior-level U.S. business development mission to Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore from February 6–11, 2011 to discuss market development policies and promote U.S. exports in the following advanced industrial sectors: The civil nuclear, defense and security, civil aviation, and information and communications technology (ICT).

The mission will help U.S. companies already doing business in India increase their current level of exports and business interests, and it will focus on helping experienced U.S. exporters which have not yet done business in India enter the market in support of creating jobs in the United States. Participating firms will gain market information, make business and government contacts, solidify business strategies, and/or advance specific projects. In each of these important

sectors, participating U.S. companies will meet with prescreened potential partners, agents, distributors, representatives, and licensees. The agenda will also include meetings with high-level national and local government officials, networking opportunities, country briefings, and seminars.

The delegation will be composed of 20–25 U.S. firms representing a cross-section of U.S. high technology industries. Representatives of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im) and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) will be invited to participate (as appropriate) to provide information and counseling on their programs, as they relate to the Indian market.

**Commercial Setting:** India's sustained economic growth of around 5.5 percent in 2009 and dynamic expansion in several of its regional markets has created wide and diverse business prospects for U.S. exporters and investors. With 2010 growth estimates hovering at about 9.7 percent, India remains one of the fastest growing, largest, and most dynamic economies in the world. The global economic downturn did not affect India to the same extent as the United States, though most Indian companies remain cautious about making large investments. Worldwide economic difficulties notwithstanding, U.S. multinationals are expanding and deepening their market penetration. U.S. firms with advanced and niche-market products and services are entering the market for the first time, or are replacing legacy distributors appointed in the slow-growth past with more capable and aggressive representatives. The recent rise of U.S. exports to India, the daily business press announcements, and the rapidly expanding demand for Commercial Service India matchmaking programs and due-diligence services all point to India being open for business.

In fact, the pace of the United States' trade and investment relationship with India is accelerating. In 2009, U.S. exports to India amounted to \$16.4 billion. Advanced technologies, including aerospace, specialized materials, information and communications technologies, electronics and flexible manufacturing systems underpinned this growth. U.S. exports to India are up 24 percent through the first six months of 2010. India is expected to play a major role in the Obama Administration's National Export Initiative (NEI), which aims to double U.S. exports over the next five years. Commercial Service India, with

its seven offices across India, is actively implementing the NEI on the ground and will assist U.S. firms across a range of sectors including, but not limited to civil nuclear energy, defense, civil aviation, defense and security, and ICT.

In terms of long-range economic forecasts, some major consulting companies project that more than 500 million people, a full 50 percent of the population, will enter India's middle class over the next 15 years. One noted firm expects India to have and sustain the fastest growing economy in the world in the next three to five years. Another well-known consultancy believes that India will become the 3rd largest economy in the world by 2032. India's "demographic dividend" (71 percent of the population is under the age of 35, and the median age is 25) will ensure that India retains strong production and knowledge-based competitiveness for many years to come. India necessitates multiple marketing efforts that address differing regional opportunities, standards, languages, cultural differences, and levels of economic development. Gaining access to India's markets requires careful analysis of consumer preferences, existing sales channels, and changes in distribution and marketing practices, all of which are continually evolving.

**Industry Focus:** The mission will focus on four industry sectors—civil nuclear, defense and security equipment/systems/services, civil aviation, and ICT. It is designed to take advantage of these four strategic growth sectors and advance the discussion of U.S. market access, regulatory, and export control issues.

**Civil Nuclear:** This mission would represent the first Department-led civil-nuclear event in five years to India. Industry assessments suggest the Indian nuclear power market in total is worth as much as \$150 billion. In September 2009, the Government of India (GOI) officially designated two site locations for U.S. commercial nuclear technology. The Indian cabinet reserved sites at Mithi Virdi in Gujarat and at Kovada in Andhra Pradesh to host the U.S. "reactor parks." The U.S. government has worked closely with the GOI to implement the U.S.-India nuclear cooperation agreement. U.S. reactor companies are on track to do business in India's expanding civil nuclear sector which provides opportunities along the civil nuclear supply chain for small- and medium-size civil nuclear suppliers.

**Defense and Security:** Over the next three years, India is expected to procure more than \$10 billion in state-of-the-art commercial and homeland security