DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprises; Meeting

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Council for Minority Business Enterprise (NACMBE) will hold its inaugural meeting to provide an orientation of new committee members and future work products to fulfill the NACMBE's charter mandate. The meeting was originally scheduled on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 but was postponed due to inclement weather.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 in Room 4830.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bria Bailey, Office of Legislative, Education and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482–2943; e-mail: bbailey@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Commerce established the NACMBE pursuant to his discretionary authority and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) on April 28, 2010. The NACMBE is to provide the Secretary of Commerce with consensus advice from the private sector on a broad range of policy issues that affect minority businesses and their ability to successfully access the domestic and global marketplace.

Topics to be considered: The agenda for the March 11, 2011, NACMBE meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome and introduction of council members.
2. Discussion of NACMBE priorities.
3. Establish working groups.
4. Public comment period.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Public seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Bria Bailey at the contact information above by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, March 4, 2011, in order to preregister for clearance into the building. Please specify any requests for reasonable accommodation at least five (5) business days in advance of the meeting. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. A limited amount of time, from 4:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. will be available for pertinent brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the NACMBE’s affairs at http://www.mbda.gov/main/nacmbe-submit-comments. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on Friday, March, 4, 2011, to ensure transmission to the Council prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Bria Bailey, at (202) 482–2943; or bbailey@mbda.gov, at least five (5) days before the meeting date.

Copies of the NACMBE open meeting minutes will be available to the public upon request.

Dated: February 17, 2011.

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Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Membership to National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise (NACMBE)

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In March 2010, the Department of Commerce established the National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise (Council) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on key issues pertaining to the growth and competitiveness of the nation’s Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs). The Council’s charter provides for not more than 25 members. In October 2010, 21 individuals accepted appointments from the Secretary to serve on the Council. The Department of Commerce is publishing this notice to solicit nominations for the four open Council membership positions for the 2-year charter term, which began in April 2010.

DATES: Complete nomination packages for the four open Council membership positions must be received by the Department of Commerce on or before March 30, 2011 at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). MBDA will continue to accept nominations on an ongoing basis and will consider nominations received after the due date if the four open Council membership positions are not filled and as future Council vacancies arise.

ADDRESSES: Nomination packages may be submitted through the mail or may be submitted electronically. Interested persons are encouraged to submit nominations electronically. The deadline is the same for nominations submitted through the mail and for nominations submitted electronically.

1. Submission by Mail: Nominations sent by mail should be addressed to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Office of Legislative, Education and Intergovernmental Affairs, Attn: Bria Bailey, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5063, Washington, DC 20230. Applicants are advised that the Department of Commerce’s receipt of mail sent via the United States Postal Service may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery due to security measures. Applicants may therefore wish to use a guaranteed overnight delivery service to ensure nomination packages are received by the Department of Commerce by the deadline set forth in this notice.

2. Electronic Submission: Nomination can be submitted online at: www.mbda.gov/nacmbe.nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bria Bailey, MBDA Office of Legislative, Education and Intergovernmental Affairs at NACMBe nominations@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Council was established in the Department of Commerce as a discretionary advisory...