

the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to Mr. Todd DeLelle at the contact information indicated above. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Friday, February 17, 2012, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

**Edward A. O'Malley,**

*Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Request for Applicants for the Appointment to the United States-India CEO Forum

**AGENCY:** Market Access and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In 2005, the Governments of the United States and India established the U.S.-India CEO Forum. This notice announces membership opportunities for appointment or reappointment as representatives to the U.S. Section of the Forum's private sector Committee.

**DATES:** Applications should be received no later than 45 days after publication of this Notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send requests for consideration to Linda Droker, Awinash Bawle, and Jed Diamond at the Office of South Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce, either by email at [linda.droker@trade.gov](mailto:linda.droker@trade.gov), [awinash.bawle@trade.gov](mailto:awinash.bawle@trade.gov), and [jed.diamond@trade.gov](mailto:jed.diamond@trade.gov) or by mail to U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 2310, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Linda Droker, Director, Office of South Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: (202) 482-2955.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S.-India CEO Forum, consisting of both private and public sector members, brings together leaders of the respective business communities of the United States and India to discuss issues of mutual interest, particularly ways to strengthen the economic and commercial ties between the two

countries, and to communicate their joint recommendations to the U.S. and Indian governments. The Forum will have U.S. and Indian co-chairs; the Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs, together with the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India, co-chair the Forum. The Forum will include a Committee comprising private sector members. The Committee will be composed of two Sections, each consisting of 10-12 members from the private sector representing the views and interests of the private sector business community in the United States and India. Each government will appoint the members to its respective Section. The Committee will provide recommendations to the two governments and their senior officials that reflect private sector views, needs, and concerns about the creation of an environment in which their respective private sectors can partner, thrive, and enhance bilateral commercial ties to expand trade and economic links between the United States and India. The Committee will continue to build on the work done by the Committee to date, including the Forum's April 2008 and November 2010 reports.

Candidates are currently being sought for membership on the U.S. Section of the Forum. Each candidate must be the Chief Executive Officer or President (or have a comparable level of responsibility) of a U.S.-owned or controlled company that is incorporated in and has its main headquarters located in the United States and is currently doing business in both India and the United States. Each candidate also must be a U.S. citizen or otherwise legally authorized to work in the United States and be able to travel to India and locations in the United States to attend official Forum meetings as well as Section meetings on the U.S. side. In addition, the candidate may not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Evaluation of applications for membership in the U.S. Section by eligible individuals will be based on the following criteria:

- A demonstrated commitment by the individual's company to the Indian market either through exports or investment.
- A demonstrated strong interest in India and its economic development.
- The ability to offer a broad perspective and business experience to the discussions.
- The ability to address cross-cutting issues that affect the entire business community.

- The ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Forum will be active.

- Prior work by the applicant on the U.S. Section of the Committee.

The evaluation of applications for membership in the U.S. Section will be undertaken by a committee of staff from multiple U.S. Government agencies. Members will be selected on the basis of who best will carry out the objectives of the Forum as stated in the last paragraph under Supplementary Information, above. The U.S. Section of the Committee should also include members who represent a diversity of business sectors and geographic locations. To the extent possible, Section members also should represent a cross-section of small, medium, and large firms.

U.S. Section members will receive no compensation for their participation in Forum-related activities. Individual members will be responsible for all travel and related expenses associated with their participation in the Forum, including attendance at Committee and Section meetings. It is anticipated that the next Forum meeting will be held in the first half of 2012 [in conjunction with senior level government exchanges]. The U.S. and Indian Sections should be prepared to work together ahead of that time to prepare recommendations to the U.S. and Indian governments. Only appointed members may participate in official Forum meetings; substitutes and alternates will not be designated. U.S. Section members will normally serve for two-year terms but may be reappointed. In the event of a vacancy after members of the U.S. Section are appointed, candidates not previously selected may be considered to fill the vacancy based on material submitted in response to this notice. To be considered for membership in the U.S. Section, please submit the following information as instructed in the **ADDRESSES** and **DATES** captions above: Name and title of the individual requesting consideration; name and address of company's headquarters; location of incorporation; size of the company; size of company's export trade, investment, and nature of operations or interest in India; and a brief statement of why the candidate should be considered, including information about the candidate's ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Forum will be active. Candidates that have previously been members of the U.S. Section need only provide a letter expressing their interest in re-applying and indicating any changes to the application materials previously supplied. All candidates will

be notified of whether they have been selected.

Dated: February 3, 2012.

**Linda S. Droker,**

*Director of the Office of South Asia.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an Opportunity for Representatives of Public or Semi-Public Organizations or Entities, Including Ports, To Apply for Membership on the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is currently seeking applications for public or semi-public organizations or entities, including ports, to serve as members of the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (Committee). Representatives of ports are particularly encouraged to apply. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary on the necessary elements of a comprehensive, holistic national freight infrastructure and a national freight policy designed to support U.S. export growth and competitiveness, foster national economic competitiveness, and improve U.S. supply chain competitiveness in the domestic and global economy.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership must be received on or before February 24, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Richard Boll, Office of Service Industries, Room CC307, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; phone 202-482-1135; email: [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Boll, Office of Service Industries, Room CC307, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; phone 202-482-1135; email: [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of Commerce invites nominations to the Committee of representatives of ports for the charter term that began November 21, 2011, for appointments for a two-year term

concurrent with the charter term. The Committee charter was recently amended to allow for representatives of public or semi-public organizations or entities, including ports, to serve as members of the Committee, and nominations of such representatives are being sought through this notice. Representatives of ports are particularly encouraged to apply.

All Committee members will be selected in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based upon their ability to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the necessary elements of a comprehensive, holistic national freight infrastructure and a national freight policy designed to support U.S. export growth and competitiveness, foster national economic competitiveness, and improve U.S. supply chain competitiveness in the domestic and global economy. Members shall represent a balanced and broad range of interests, including representatives from supply chain firms or their associations (including shippers and all modes of freight transportation (trucking, rail, maritime, and air)), ports, stakeholders, community organizations, and others directly affected by the supply chain as well as experts from academia. ITA previously solicited nominations for representatives of other points of view and academia. See 76 FR 77778 (Dec. 14, 2011) for more information.

The membership should reflect the general composition of the U.S. supply chain industry.

Other than the experts from academia, all members shall serve in a representative capacity, expressing their views and interests of a U.S. entity or organization, as well as its particular sector. Members serving in such a representative capacity are not Special Government Employees. The members from academia serve as experts and therefore are Special Government Employees (SGEs) and shall be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs.

Each member of the Committee must be a U.S. citizen, not a federally registered lobbyist, and not registered as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. All appointments are made without regard to political affiliation. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Members of the Committee will not be compensated for their services or reimbursed for their travel expenses. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary as determined by the DFO, but not less than once per year.

Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary from the date of

appointment to the Committee to the date on which the Committee's charter terminates.

Nominations for membership on the Committee to represent public or semi-public organizations or entities, including ports, should provide the following information:

(1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, fax, and email address) of the individual requesting consideration;

(2) An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938;

(3) An affirmative statement that the applicant is not a federally registered lobbyist, and that the applicant understands that if appointed, the applicant will not be allowed to continue to serve as a Committee member if the applicant becomes a federally registered lobbyist;

(4) A *sponsor letter on the sponsoring entity's letterhead* containing a brief description why the nominee should be considered for membership;

(5) Short biography of nominee including credentials;

(6) Brief description of the entity to be represented and its activities and size (number of employees or members and annual sales, if applicable); and

(7) An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all Committee eligibility requirements for representative members, including that the applicant represents a U.S. company or U.S. organization.

a. For purposes of Committee eligibility, a U.S. company is at least 51 percent owned by U.S. persons.

b. For purposes of Committee eligibility, a U.S. organization is controlled by U.S. persons, as determined based on its board of directors (or comparable governing body), membership, and funding sources, as applicable.

Nominations may be emailed to: [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov) or faxed to the attention of Richard Boll at 202-482-0316, or mailed to Richard Boll, Office of Service Industries, Room CC118, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, and must be received on or before February 24, 2012. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified.

Dated: February 6, 2012.

**David Long,**

*Director, Office of Service Industries.*

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