be notified of whether they have been selected.

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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. 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.

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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.

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