DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board

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

ACTION: Notice of extended deadline for application for membership on the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: On November 25, 2013, the Department of Commerce’s International Trade Administration published a notice in the Federal Register (78 FR 70275) soliciting applications for membership on the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board). The November 25, 2013 notice provided that all applications must be received by the Office of Advisory Committees of the Department of Commerce by close of business on December 18, 2013. This notice extends the deadline for application for membership on the Board through close of business on January 17, 2014. The eligibility and evaluation criteria contained in the November 25, 2013 notice shall continue to apply.

DATES: All applications must be received by the Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach by close of business on Friday, January 17, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Please submit application information by email to oacie@trade.gov, attention: Jennifer Pilat, Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach, United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board Executive Secretariat or by mail to Jennifer Pilat, Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach, United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board Executive Secretariat, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Suite 4043, Washington, DC 20230. Mailed applications must be postmarked by January 17, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Pilat, United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202–482–4501, email: jennifer.pilat@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach, is accepting applications for United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board) members. The Board was established pursuant to the Department of Commerce’s authority under 15 U.S.C. 1512 and under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. (FACA), to advise the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industry. The Board provides a means of ensuring regular contact between the U.S. Government and the travel and tourism industry. The Board advises the Secretary on government policies and programs that affect United States travel and tourism, including the implementation of the National Travel and Tourism Strategy, and the Board serves as a forum for discussing and proposing solutions to industry-related problems. The Board acts as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership and provides a forum for those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the travel and tourism sector. The Board recommends ways to ensure that the United States remains the preeminent destination for international visitation and tourism throughout the world.

Members shall represent companies and organizations in the travel and tourism sector from a broad range of products and services, company sizes, and geographic locations and shall be drawn from large, medium, and small travel and tourism companies, private-sector organizations involved in the export of travel and tourism-related products and services, and other tourism-related entities.

Members shall serve as the representative of a U.S. company in the travel and tourism industry, a private sector U.S. organization involved in the export of travel and tourism-related products and services, or a tourism-related U.S. entity. For eligibility purposes, a “U.S. company” is a for-profit firm that is incorporated in the United States (or an unincorporated U.S. firm with its principal place of business in the United States) that is controlled by U.S. citizens or by other U.S. companies. A company is not a U.S. company if 50 percent plus one share of its stock (if a corporation, or a similar ownership interest of an unincorporated entity) is known to be controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. companies. For eligibility purposes, a “U.S. organization” is an organization, including trade associations and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), established under the laws of the United States, that is controlled by U.S. citizens, by another U.S. organization (or organizations), or by a U.S. company (or companies), as determined based on its board of directors (or comparable governing body), membership, and funding sources, as applicable. For eligibility purposes, a U.S. entity is a tourism-related entity that can demonstrate U.S. ownership or control, including but not limited to state and local tourism marketing entities, state government tourism offices, state and/or local government-supported tourism marketing entities, and multi-state tourism marketing entities.

Members of the Board will be selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the Board as set forth above. Members of the Board shall be selected in a manner that ensures that the Board is balanced in terms of points of view, industry subsector, range of products and services, demographics, geography, and company size.

Additional factors which will be considered in the selection of Board members include candidates’ proven experience in the strategic development and management of travel and tourism-related or other service-related organizations; or the candidate’s proven experience in promoting, developing, and implementing advertising and marketing programs for travel-related or tourism-related industries.

Priority may be given to a Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director, or President (or comparable level of responsibility) of a U.S. company, U.S. organization, or U.S. entity in the travel and tourism sector.

Members shall serve a term of two years from the date of appointment, at the pleasure of the Secretary of Commerce. Although the Board’s current charter terminates in September 2015, it is anticipated that it will be rechartered.

Members shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their particular industry 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, to the extent practical, not less than twice annually, usually in Washington, DC.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following information by 5 p.m. EST on January 17, 2014 to the email address listed in the ADDRESSES section:

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.

2. A sponsor letter from the applicant on his or her company/organization/
entity letterhead or, if the applicant is to represent a company/organization-entity other than his or her employer, a letter from the company/organization-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 is to represent a company, information regarding the control of the company, including the stock holdings as appropriate, signifying compliance with the criteria set forth above.

7. If the applicant is to represent 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 is to represent a tourism-related entity, the functions and responsibilities of the entity, and information regarding the entity’s U.S. ownership or control, signifying compliance with the criteria set forth above.

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

10. Brief statement describing how the applicant will contribute to the work of the Board based on his or her unique experience and perspective (not to exceed 100 words).

Dated: December 17, 2013.

Jennifer Pilat,
Executive Secretary, United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Intent To Find That Oregon Has Failed To Submit an Approvable Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program


ACTION: Notice of intent to find that Oregon has failed to submit an approvable coastal nonpoint program.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invite public comment on the intent of the two agencies to find that Oregon has failed to submit an approvable Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program. The Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) directs states and territories with coastal zone management programs previously approved under Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs, which must be submitted to NOAA and EPA for approval. Prior to making such a finding, NOAA and EPA invite public input on the two federal agencies’ reasoning particularly because, among other things, a finding that a state has failed to submit an approvable program would lead to adverse financial consequences for the State in terms of federal grant funding.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the draft findings document should do so by March 20, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be made to: Joelle Gore, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713–3155, x177, email joelle.gore@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Castellan, Coastal Programs Division, (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713–3155, x125, email Allison.Castellan@noaa.gov.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA and EPA (federal agencies) propose to find, and invite public comment on the proposed findings, that Oregon has failed to submit an approvable coastal nonpoint program. Section 6217(a) of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b(a), requires that each state (or territory) with a coastal zone management program previously approved under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act must prepare and submit to the federal agencies a coastal nonpoint pollution control program for approval. Coastal nonpoint pollution control programs were to be submitted for approval by July 1995. Oregon submitted its program to the federal agencies for approval. The federal agencies provided public notice of and invited public comment on their proposal to approve, with conditions, the Oregon program (62 FR 6216). The federal agencies approved the program by letter dated January 13, 1998, subject to the conditions specified in the letter (63 FR 11655).

Over time, Oregon made incremental changes to its program in order to satisfy the identified conditions. As explained in the proposed findings document, however, the federal agencies propose to find that the State has not yet submitted an approvable program to meet the full range of conditions and the federal agencies intend to find that the State has failed to submit a program that is approvable under CZARA. The proposed findings document describes why the State program has not yet satisfied three of the remaining conditions that relate to controlling adverse water quality impacts from forestry, new development, and onsite sewage disposal systems. The federal agencies also invite public comment on whether the State program includes agricultural management measures necessary to achieve and maintain water quality standards as provided in CZARA section 6217(b)(3), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b(b)(3).

The federal agencies have not, in the past, found that a state has failed to submit an approvable program under CZARA. The proposed findings document would support a final determination by each federal agency of a failure is available for a 90-day public comment period. The proposed findings document and supporting information used to make this decision is available for download on the NOAA Web site at http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/ czm/6217/findings.html. Hard copies...