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The purpose of this public meeting is to obtain the views of concerned stakeholders in advance of the Council meeting in April.

**Time and Place:** The meeting of the ACPIL Study Group will take place on March 20, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EDT at 2430 E Street NW., South Building (SA 4) (Navy Hill), Room 356. Participants should arrive at the Navy Hill gate at the corner of 23rd Street NW. and D Street NW. before 10:00 a.m. for visitor screening. Participants will be met at the Navy Hill gate at 23rd and D Streets NW., and will be escorted to the South Building. Persons arriving later will need to make arrangements for entry using the contact information provided below. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and would like to participate from a remote location, teleconferencing will be available.

**Public Participation:** This meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to Navy Hill is strictly controlled. For pre-clearance purposes, those planning to attend in person are requested to email at [PII@state.gov](mailto:PII@state.gov) providing full name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, affiliation, and email address. This will greatly facilitate entry.

A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should provide an email requesting such accommodation to [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) as soon as possible. If you would like to participate by telephone, please email [pil@state.gov](mailto:pil@state.gov) to obtain the call-in number and other information.

The Data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. For further information please contact Tricia Smeltzer at [smeltzertk@state.gov](mailto:smeltzertk@state.gov) or 202-776-8423. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/103419.pdf> for additional information.

Dated: March 6, 2014.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Agreement on Government Procurement: Effective Date of Amendments

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** For the purpose of U.S. Government procurement that is covered by Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, the effective date of the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Geneva on 30 March 2012, World Trade Organization (WTO), is April 6, 2014, for the following Parties to the 1994 WTO Agreement on Government Procurement: Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Israel, Lichtenstein, Norway, European Union, Iceland, and Singapore.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 6, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Pietan ((202) 395-9646), Director of International Procurement Policy, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order 12260 (December 31, 1980) implements the 1979 and 1994 Agreement on Government Procurement, pursuant to Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511-2518). In section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260, the President delegated to the United States Trade Representative the functions vested in the President by sections 301, 302, 304, 305(c) and 306 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2511, 2512, 2514, 2515(c) and 2516).

The Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement, done at Geneva on 30 March 2012 ("Protocol"), will enter into force for those Parties to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement ("Parties"), done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 ("1994 Agreement"), that

have deposited their respective instruments of acceptance of the Protocol on the 30th day following the deposit by two-thirds (ten) of the Parties to the 1994 Agreement. Thereafter, the Protocol will enter into force for each Party to the 1994 Agreement which has deposited its instrument of acceptance, on the 30th day following the date of such deposit. The United States deposited its instrument of acceptance of the Protocol on December 2, 2013. On March 7, 2014, the tenth Party, Israel, deposited its instrument of acceptance to the Protocol. Therefore, the Protocol shall enter into force on April 6, 2014 for the United States and the following Parties: Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Israel, Lichtenstein, Norway, European Union, Iceland, and Singapore.

Pursuant to the Decision of the Committee on Government Procurement on Adoption of the Text of "The Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement", the 1994 Agreement shall continue to apply as between a Party to the 1994 Agreement which is also a Party to the Protocol and a Party only to the 1994 Agreement. Therefore, effective April 6, 2014 and with respect to those Parties for which the Protocol has entered into force, all references in Title III of the Trade Agreement Act of 1979 and in Executive Order 12260 to the Agreement on Government Procurement shall refer to the 1994 Agreement as amended by the Protocol.

With respect to those Parties which have not deposited their instruments of acceptance, all references in Title III of the Trade Agreement Act of 1979 and in Executive Order 12260 to the Agreement on Government Procurement shall continue to refer to the 1994 Agreement until 30 days following the deposit by such Party of its instrument of acceptance of the Protocol.

For the full text of the Government Procurement Agreement as amended by the Protocol and the new annexes that set out the procurement covered by all of the Government Procurement Agreement Parties, see GPA-113: <http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/GPA%20113%20Decision%20on%20the%20outcomes%20of%20the%20negotiations%20under%20Article%20XXIV%207.pdf>.

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