

related to accelerating innovation and entrepreneurship.

**DATES:** Applications must be received by the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship by the close of business on July 14, 2014 to be considered for membership in the initial formation of this Council. Applications received by July 14, 2014, will also be considered to fill vacancies which may occur after Council formation for a period of one year.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit applications electronically to [NACIE@DOC.gov](mailto:NACIE@DOC.gov), or by mail to the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Attn: Julie Lenzer Kirk, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20230. Electronic submissions are preferred.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Lenzer Kirk, The Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20230; telephone at (202) 482-5338; email at [NACIE@DOC.gov](mailto:NACIE@DOC.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship is accepting applications for membership on the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Council) for a 2-year term beginning the date of appointment. Members will be selected, in accordance with Department of Commerce guidelines, based on their ability to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to accelerating innovation and support for and expansion of entrepreneurship. This includes, but is not limited to, areas such as:

- Development of policy recommendations to support entrepreneurship and innovation across a range of business sectors;
- Insight into innovative opportunities to increase the global competitiveness of both the workforce and the economy;
- Exploration of opportunities to promote the role of employers in developing successful workforce training partnerships across multiple stakeholders;
- Encouraging creative use of technology to facilitate employee recruiting, training, career development, and business startups;
- Identify and promote best practices that accelerate the commercialization of research developments and intellectual property.

The Council will identify and recommend solutions to issues critical to driving the innovation economy, including enabling entrepreneurs and firms to successfully access and develop

a skilled, globally competitive workforce. The Council will also serve as a vehicle for ongoing dialogue with the entrepreneurship and workforce development communities, including working with business and trade associations. The duties of the Council are solely advisory, and it shall report to the Secretary of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration and the Office of the Secretary.

Members of the Council shall be selected in a manner that ensures that the Council is balanced in terms of perspectives and expertise with regard to innovation, entrepreneurship, and skills training that leads to a globally competitive workforce. To that end, the Secretary seeks diversity in size of company or organization represented and seeks to appoint members who represent diverse geographic locations and innovation and entrepreneurial experience from industry, government, academia and non-governmental organizations.

Additional factors which may be considered in the selection of Council members include candidate's proven experience in designing, creating, and/or improving innovation systems, commercialization of research and development, entrepreneurship, and job-driven skills training that leads to a globally competitive workforce. Membership affiliation may include, but is not limited to, successful executive-level business leaders; entrepreneurs; innovators; post-secondary education leaders; directors of workforce and training organizations; and other experts drawn from industry, government, academia, philanthropic foundations with a demonstrated track record of research and/or support of innovation and entrepreneurship, and non-governmental organizations. Nominees will be evaluated consistent with factors specified in this notice and their ability to carry out the goals of the Council.

Self-nominations will be accepted.

Appointments will be made without regard to political affiliation.

**Membership.** Members shall serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Because members will be appointed as experts, members will be considered special government employees. Members participating in Council meetings and events will be responsible for their travel, living, and other personal expenses. Meetings will be held regularly and not less than twice annually, usually in Washington, DC. Members are required to attend a majority of the Council's meetings. The first Council meeting for the new charter

term has not yet been established, but is targeted for November 2014.

**Eligibility.** Eligibility for membership is limited to U.S. citizens who are not full-time employees of a government or foreign entity, are not registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and are not a federally-registered lobbyist.

**Application Procedure.** For consideration, a nominee should submit: (1) A resume; (2) personal statement of interest including an outline of your abilities to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters described above; (3) 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; and (4) an affirmative statement that the applicant is not a federally-registered lobbyist. It is preferred that applications be submitted electronically to [NACIE@DOC.gov](mailto:NACIE@DOC.gov). They can also be sent to the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Attn: Julie Lenzer Kirk at 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20230.

Appointments of members of the Council will be made by the Secretary of Commerce.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is requesting nominations of individuals and organizations to the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations. The Census Bureau will consider nominations received in response to this notice, as well as from other sources. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations by July 17, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Jeri Green, Chief, Office of External Engagement, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233. Nominations also may be submitted via fax at 301-763-8609, or by email to <jeri.green@census.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Green, Chief, Office of External Engagement, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763-2070.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2). The following provides information about the committee, membership, and the nomination process.

### Objectives and Duties

1. The Advisory Committee provides insight, perspectives, expertise and advice to the Director of the Census Bureau on the full spectrum of Census surveys and programs. The Committee assists the Census Bureau in developing appropriate research/methodological, operational, and communication strategies to reduce program/survey costs, improve coverage and operational efficiency, improve the quality of data collected, protect the public's and business units' privacy, enhance public participation and awareness of Census programs and surveys, and make data products more useful and accessible.

2. The Committee advises on topics such as hidden households, language barriers, students and youth, aging populations, American Indian and Alaska Native tribal considerations, new immigrant populations, populations affected by natural disasters, highly mobile and migrant populations, complex households, poverty populations, race/ethnic minorities, rural populations, and population segments with limited access to technology. The Committee also advises on data privacy and confidentiality concerns, the dynamic nature of new businesses, minority ownership of businesses, as well as other concerns impacting Census survey design and implementation.

3. The Advisory Committee discusses census policies, research and methodology, tests, operations, communications/messaging and other activities and advises regarding best practices to improve censuses, surveys, operations and programs. The Committee's expertise and experiences help identify cost-efficient ways to

increase participation among hard-to-count segments of the population as well as ensuring that the Census Bureau's statistical programs are inclusive and continue to provide the Nation with accurate, relevant, and timely statistics.

4. The Committee uses formal advisory committee meetings, webinars, web conferences, working groups, and other methods to accomplish its goals, consistent with the requirements of the FACA. The Committee is encouraged to use Census Regional Office knowledge to help identify regional, local, tribal, and grass roots issues, and capture regional and local perspectives about Census Bureau surveys and programs. The Committee should use technology and video/web conferencing to reduce meeting and travel costs and to more fully engage working groups and hard to count populations.

5. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body under the FACA.

### Membership

1. The Committee will consist of up to 32 members who serve at the discretion of the Director.

2. The Committee aims to have a balanced representation among its members, considering such factors as geography, age, gender, race, ethnicity, technical expertise, community involvement, knowledge of hard-to-count populations, and familiarity with Census Bureau programs and/or activities.

3. The Committee aims to include members from diverse backgrounds, including state, local, and tribal governments, academia, research, national and community-based organizations, and the private sector.

4. Membership shall include individuals, Special Government Employees (SGEs), who are selected for their personal expertise with the topics highlighted above and/or representatives of organizations (Representatives) reflecting diverse populations; national, state, local, and tribal interests; organizations serving hard-to-count populations, and community-based organizations. SGEs will be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs. Members will be individually advised of the capacity in which they will serve through their appointment letters.

5. Membership is open to persons who are not seated on other Census Bureau stakeholder entities (e.g., State Data Centers, Census Information Centers, Federal State Cooperative on Populations Estimates program, other Census Advisory Committees, etc.). No employee of the federal government can

serve as a member of the Advisory Committee.

6. Generally, members will serve for a three-year term. All members will be reevaluated at the conclusion of each term with the prospect of renewal, pending advisory committee needs. Active attendance and participation in meetings and activities (e.g., conference calls and assignments) will be considered when determining term renewal or membership continuance. Generally, members may be appointed for a second three-year term at the discretion of the Director.

7. Members are selected in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines.

### Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Advisory Committee serve without compensation, but receive reimbursement for committee-related travel and lodging expenses.

2. The Advisory Committee meets at least twice a year, budget permitting, but additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Census Director or Designated Federal Official. All Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public in accordance with the FACA.

### Nomination Process

1. Nominations should satisfy the requirements described in the Membership section above.

2. Individuals, groups, and/or organizations may submit nominations on behalf of candidates. All nominations *must* include a summary of the candidate's qualifications (resume or curriculum vitae), along with the nomination letter. Nominees must be able to actively participate in the tasks of the Advisory Committee, including but not limited to regular meeting attendance, committee meeting discussant responsibilities, review of materials, as well as participation in conference calls, webinars, working groups, and/or special committee activities.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks diverse Advisory Committee membership.

Dated: June 9, 2014.

**John H. Thompson,**

*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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