

**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 to apply for membership on the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA), is requesting nominations to fill vacancies on the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (Committee). The Committee was established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. The Committee was first chartered on November 21, 2011, and renewed on November 20, 2013. The Committee has functioned effectively, and the Department has an on-going need for consensus advice regarding supply chain competitiveness. The Department anticipates renewing the Committee for another two-year term. The Committee advises the Secretary on the necessary elements of a comprehensive policy approach to supply chain competitiveness designed to support U.S. export growth and national economic competitiveness, encourage innovation, facilitate the movement of goods, and improve the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains for goods and services in the domestic and global economy; and provides advice to the Secretary on regulatory policies and programs and investment priorities that affect the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains. The Department is seeking nominations to fill vacancies on the Committee for the upcoming Charter term anticipated to start in November 2015.

**DATES:** Applications for immediate consideration for appointment must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. EDT on December 18, 2015. After that date, ITA will continue to accept applications under this notice for a period of up to two years from the deadline to fill any vacancies that may arise.

**ADDRESSES:** Richard Boll, Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services, Room 11014, 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).

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Professional & Business Services, Room 11014, 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). Please visit the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness Web site at: <http://trade.gov/td/services/oscpb/supplychain/acsc/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee has a maximum of 45 members. The Department of Commerce is seeking nominations for immediate consideration to fill up to 10 positions on the Committee for the upcoming 2015–2017 charter term, and will continue to accept nominations under this notice on an on-going basis for two-years for consideration to fill vacancies that may arise during the charter term. Member appointment terms run for two-years concurrently with the Committee charter. 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 policy approach to supply chain competitiveness designed to support U.S. export growth and national economic competitiveness, encourage innovation, facilitate the movement of goods, and improve the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains for goods and services in the domestic and global economy; and to provide advice to the Secretary on regulatory policies and programs and investment priorities that affect the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains. The Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding:

- (1) National, state, or local factors in trade programs and policies that affect the efficient domestic and international operation and competitiveness of U.S. global supply chains from point of origin to destination;
- (2) elements of national policies affecting the movement of goods, infrastructure, investment, and regulatory factors that affect supply chain competitiveness and sustainability; and
- (3) information and data systems to generate metrics that can be used to quantify and improve supply chain performance.

Members shall be selected in a manner that ensures that the Committee remains balanced in terms of product and service lines and reflects the diversity of the supply chain sector, including in terms of geographic location and company size.

Members of the Committee shall represent companies, organizations, and

stakeholders involved in the U.S. supply chain, with at least one individual representing each of the following: supply chain firms or their associations; users of supply chains (e.g., retailers, distributors, manufacturers or other sectors); freight transportation providers; ports; and academia. Based on the balance of viewpoints currently represented on the Committee, Representatives from the retail, airport, energy, logistics and freight forwarding, and big data analysis sectors are encouraged to apply for the immediate vacancies.

Other than the experts from academia, all members shall serve in a representative capacity, expressing the views and interests of a U.S. company or U.S. 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. Members who serve as SGEs must certify that they are not Federally-registered lobbyists.

Each member of the Committee must be a U.S. citizen 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 approximately quarterly, or as determined by the DFO.

Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

All nominations for membership on the Committee should provide the following information:

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

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

In addition to the above requirements for all nominations, nominations for representatives of companies, organizations, and stakeholders involved in the U.S. supply chain, including supply chain firms or their associations; users of supply chains (e.g., retailers, distributors, manufacturers, or other sectors); freight transportation providers; and ports, should also provide the following information:

(1) A sponsor letter on the letterhead of the sponsoring U.S. company or U.S. organization to be represented, containing a brief description why the nominee should be considered for membership;

(2) Short biography of nominee including credentials;

(3) Brief description of the U.S. company or U.S. organization to be represented and its activities and size (number of employees or members and annual sales, if applicable); and

(4) 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.

In addition to the above requirements for all nominations, nominations for experts from academia should also provide the following information:

(1) A description of the nominee's area(s) of expertise;

(2) A concise Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume that covers education, experience, and relevant publications and summarizes how this expertise addresses supply chain competitiveness;

(3) An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all Committee eligibility requirements.

Please do not send company or organization brochures.

Nominations may be emailed to [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov), faxed to the attention of Richard Boll at 202-482-2669, or mailed to Richard Boll, Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services, Room 11014, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, and must be received on or before December 18, 2015. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified.

Dated: November 5, 2015.

**David Long,**

Director, Office of Supply Chain and Professional & Business Services, November 5, 2015.

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Renew Collection Number 3038-0080, Annual Report for Chief Compliance Officer of Registrants

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA"), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on the collections of information mandated by Commission regulation 3.3 (Chief Compliance Officer).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 11, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by "Annual Report for Chief Compliance Officer of Registrants," and Collection Number 3038-0080 by any of the following methods:

- *The Agency's Web site, at <http://comments.cftc.gov/>.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.
- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Portal. Please submit your comments using only one method.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacob Chachkin, Special Counsel, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418-5496, email: [jchachkin@cftc.gov](mailto:jchachkin@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA,<sup>1</sup> Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of Information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

*Title:* Annual Report for Chief Compliance Officer of Registrants (OMB Control No. 3038-0080). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* On April 3, 2012, the Commission adopted Commission regulation 3.3 (Chief Compliance Officer)<sup>2</sup> under sections 4d(d) and 4s(k)<sup>3</sup> of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). Commission regulation 3.3 requires each futures commission merchant ("FCM"),<sup>4</sup> swap dealer ("SD"),<sup>5</sup> and major swap participant ("MSP")<sup>6</sup> to designate, by filing a form 8-R, a chief compliance officer who is responsible for developing and administering policies and procedures that fulfill certain duties of the SD, MSP, or FCM and that are reasonably designed to ensure the registrant's compliance with the CEA and Commission regulations; establishing procedures for the remediation of noncompliance issues identified by the chief compliance officer; establishing procedures for the handling, management response, remediation, retesting, and closing of noncompliance issues; preparing, signing, certifying and filing with the Commission an annual compliance report that contains the information specified in the regulations; amending the annual report if material

<sup>1</sup> 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 3.3.

<sup>3</sup> 7 U.S.C. 6d(d) and 6s(k).

<sup>4</sup> For the definition of FCM, *see* section 1a(28) of the CEA and Commission regulation 1.3(p). 7 U.S.C. 1a(28) and 17 CFR 1.3(p).

<sup>5</sup> For the definition of SD, *see* section 1a(49) of the CEA and Commission regulation 1.3(ggg). 7 U.S.C. 1a(49) and 17 CFR 1.3(ggg).

<sup>6</sup> For the definitions of MSP, *see* section 1a(33) of the CEA and Commission regulation 1.3(hhh). 7 U.S.C. 1a(33) and 17 CFR 1.3(hhh).