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**Andrew McGilvray,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 27—Boston, Massachusetts; Application for Subzone, Barrett Distribution Centers, Inc., Franklin, Massachusetts**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Massachusetts Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 27, requesting subzone status for the facility of Barrett Distribution Centers, Inc., located in Franklin, Massachusetts. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on February 17, 2016.

The proposed subzone (20 acres) is located at 15 Freedom Way, Franklin, Massachusetts. No authorization for production activity has been requested at this time.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Kathleen Boyce of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is April 4, 2016. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to April 18, 2016.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the FTZ Board's Web site, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Kathleen Boyce at [Kathleen.Boyce@trade.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Boyce@trade.gov) or (202) 482-1346.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### **Notice of Imminent Establishment of the United States-Mexico Energy Business Council and Solicitation of Nominations for U.S. Private Sector Members**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Imminent Establishment of the United States-Mexico Energy Business Council and Solicitation of Nominations for U.S. Private Sector Members.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce announces the imminent establishment of the United States-Mexico Energy Business Council (the "Council") with U.S. Department of Energy, the Ministry of Economy of the United Mexican States, and the Ministry of Energy of the United Mexican States, and is soliciting nominations for U.S. private sector members. The Council is expected to have as its objective bringing together representatives of the respective energy industries of the United States and Mexico to discuss issues of mutual interest, particularly ways to strengthen the economic and commercial ties between energy industries in the two countries, and communicating actionable, non-binding recommendations to the U.S. and Mexican governments.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received by the Office of North America by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on April 18, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Patrick Krissek, International Trade Specialist, Office of North America, U.S. Department of Commerce either by email at [Patrick.Krissek@trade.gov](mailto:Patrick.Krissek@trade.gov) or by mail to U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 30014, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Krissek, Office of North America, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: (202) 482-4231, email [Patrick.Krissek@trade.gov](mailto:Patrick.Krissek@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Ministry of Economy of the United Mexican States, and the Ministry of Energy of the United

Mexican States anticipate formally establishing the Council following the U.S.-Mexico High-Level Economic Dialogue meeting in late February 2016. Please consult [www.trade.gov/hled](http://www.trade.gov/hled) for more information, where the Terms of Reference of the Council will be published following its formal establishment. The expected objective of the Council is to bring together representatives of the respective energy industries of the United States and Mexico to discuss issues of mutual interest, particularly ways to strengthen the economic and commercial ties between energy industries in the two countries, and communicating actionable, non-binding recommendations to the U.S. and Mexican Governments.

The Council is expected to consist of the U.S. Department of Commerce, represented by the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and the U.S. Department of Energy, represented by the Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs, for the United States Government (the "U.S. Participants"); the Ministry of Energy of the United Mexican States, represented by General Director of Investor Relations and Promotion, and the Ministry of Economy of the United Mexican States, represented by the Under Secretary of Foreign Trade, for the Government of Mexico (the "Mexican Participants"); and a Committee comprised of private sector members from both countries. The Committee would be composed of a U.S. Section and a Mexican Section, each consisting of approximately ten members from the private sector appointed by their respective Government, representing the views and interests of the private sector business community, including their respective energy industry sub-sector and the energy industry more broadly. Each Government would seek to appoint at least one representative from each of the oil and gas, renewable energy, electricity, nuclear energy, and energy efficiency industry sub-sectors. Members of the Sections would freely exchange information, best industry practices, and points of view among themselves and provide actionable, non-binding recommendations jointly addressed to both Governments that reflect their views, needs, and concerns regarding creating an environment in which their respective energy industries can participate, thrive, and enhance bilateral commercial ties that could form the basis for expanded trade and investment between the United States and Mexico.

Nominations are currently being sought for membership on the U.S.