Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Foreign-Trade Zone 249—Pensacola, Florida: Application for Reorganization and Expansion Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Pensacola-Escambia County Promotion & Development Commission, grantee of FTZ 249, requesting authority to reorganize and expand the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the FTZ Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on May 26, 2021.

FTZ 249 was approved by the FTZ Board on May 23, 2001 (Board Order 2001–9000; 66 FR 27155, May 29, 2001). It was formally docketed on May 23, 2001 (Board Order 2001–9000; 66 FR 27155, May 29, 2001). The current zone includes the following sites: Site 1 (40 acres)—Port of Pensacola, 700 S. Barracks Street, Pensacola; Site 2 (1,400 acres)—Pensacola Regional Airport Complex, 2430 Airport Boulevard, Pensacola; and, Site 3 (70 acres)—Pensacola Shipyard Marine Complex, 700 South Myrick Street, Pensacola; Site 4 (10 acres)—FDC Industrial Warehouse, 10 Spruce Street, Pensacola; and, Site 5 (140 acres)—Century Industrial Park, Escambia County Road 4 and Industrial Boulevard, Century.

The grantee’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Escambia, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties, Florida, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Pensacola U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone to include Sites 1, 2, 3 and 5 as “magnet” sites and that Site 4 be removed. The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site from the “sunset” time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant proposes that Site 1 be so exempted. The applicant is also requesting approval of the following “usage-driven” sites for SnackCrate, Inc.: Site 6 (1 acre)—201 East Wright Street, Pensacola; Site 7 (1 acre)—3330 Bill Metzger Lane, Pensacola; and, Site 8 (1 acre)—3867 Palatka Street, Pensacola. The application would have no impact on FTZ 249’s previously authorized subzone.

In accordance with the FTZ Board’s regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board. Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is August 2, 2021. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 16, 2021.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the “Reading Room” section of the FTZ Board’s website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov.

Dated: May 26, 2021.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Acting Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness: Notice of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed topics of discussion for the upcoming public meeting of the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (Committee).

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 24, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Webex.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Boll, Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services (OSCPBS), International Trade Administration. Telephone: 202–482–1135. Email: richard.boll@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Committee was established under the discretionary authority of the Secretary of Commerce and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). It provides advice to the Secretary of Commerce on the necessary elements of a comprehensive policy approach to supply chain competitiveness and on regulatory policies and programs and investment priorities that affect the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains. For more information about the Committee visit: https://www.trade.gov/acsc.

Matters To Be Considered: Committee members are expected to continue discussing the major competitiveness-related topics raised at the previous Committee meetings, including supply chain resilience and congestion; trade and competitiveness; freight movement and policy; trade innovation; regulatory issues; finance and infrastructure; and workforce development. The Committee’s subcommittees will report on the status of their work regarding these topics. The agenda may change to accommodate other Committee business. The Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services will post the final detailed agenda on its website, https://www.trade.gov/acsc, at least one week prior to the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. Please contact Richard
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
District Export Council Nomination Opportunity

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for appointment to serve as a District Export Council member.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is currently seeking nominations of individuals for consideration for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to serve as members of one of the 61 District Export Councils (DECs) nationwide. DEC members are not special government employees. DEC members are volunteers.

NOMINATION PROCESS: Each DEC has a maximum membership of 35. Approximately half of the positions are open on each DEC for the four-year term that begins on January 1, 2022 and runs through December 31, 2025. All potential nominees must complete an online nomination form and consent to sharing of the information on that form with the DEC Executive Committee for its consideration, and consent, if appointed, to sharing of their contact information with other DEC members and relevant government agencies and private sector organizations with a focus on trade.

DATES: Nominations for individuals to a DEC must be received by the local USEAC Director by 5:00 p.m. local time on July 1, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact the Director of your local USEAC for more information on DEC membership or reappointment. DEC membership is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States. As representatives of the local exporting community, DEC Members must reside in, or conduct the majority of their work in, the territory that the DEC covers.

Selection Process: Nominations of individuals who have applied for DEC membership will be forwarded to the local USEAC Director for the respective DEC for that Director’s consideration. The local USEAC Director ensures that all nominees meet the membership criteria. The local USEAC Director then, in consultation with the local DEC Executive Committee, evaluates all nominations to determine their interest, commitment, and qualifications. In reviewing nominations, the local USEAC Director strives to ensure a balance among exporters from a manufacturing or service industry and export service providers. A fair representation should be considered from companies and organizations that support exporters, representatives of local and state government, and trade organizations and associations.

Eligibility and Appointment Criteria: Appointment is based upon an individual’s international trade leadership in the local community, ability to influence the local environment for exporting, knowledge of day-to-day international operations, interest in export development, and willingness and ability to devote time to DEC activities.

For current DEC members seeking reappointment, the local USEAC Director, in consultation with the DEC Executive Committee, also carefully considers the nominee’s activity level during the previous term and demonstrated ability to work cooperatively and effectively with other DEC members and U.S.&FCS staff. As appointees of the Secretary of Commerce in high-profile positions, though volunteers, DEC Members are expected to actively participate in the DEC and support the work of local U.S.&FCS offices. Those that do not support the work of the office or do not actively participate in DEC activities will not be considered for re-nomination.