

• Satisfaction of special conditions, if required.

• A change in or temporary absence of the project director.

• The assignment of an employee or consultant to a key staff position whose qualifications were not described in the application, or a change in a person assigned to a key project staff position.

• A change in or temporary absence of the person responsible for managing and reporting on the grant's finances.

• A change in the name of the grantee organization.

• A transfer or contracting out of grant-supported activities.

• A transfer of the grant to another recipient.

• Pre-agreement costs.

• The purchase of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) equipment and software.

• Consultant rates.

• A change in the nature or number of the products to be prepared or the way a product would be distributed.

#### *b. Requests for Grant Adjustments*

All grantees must promptly notify SJI, in writing, of events or proposed changes that may require adjustments to the approved project design. In requesting an adjustment, the grantee must set forth the reasons and basis for the proposed adjustment and any other information the program manager determines would help SJI's review. All requests for Grant Adjustments must be submitted via the SJI GMS.

#### *c. Notification of Approval or Disapproval*

If the request is approved, the grantee will be sent a Grant Adjustment signed by the SJI Executive Director. If the request is denied, the grantee will be sent a written explanation of the reasons for the denial.

#### *d. Changes in the Scope of the Grant*

Major changes in scope, duration, training methodology, or other significant areas must be approved in advance by SJI. A grantee may make minor changes to methodology, approach, or other aspects of the grant to expedite achievement of the grant's objectives with subsequent notification to SJI.

#### *e. Date Changes*

A request to change or extend the grant period must be made at least 30 days in advance of the end date of the grant. A revised task plan must accompany a request for an extension of the grant period, along with a revised budget if shifts among budget categories will be needed. A request to change or

extend the deadline for the Final Financial Report or Final Progress Report must be made at least 14 days in advance of the report deadline.

#### *f. Temporary Absence of the Project Director*

Whenever an absence of the project director is expected to exceed a continuous period of 1 month, the plans for the conduct of the project director's duties during such absence must be approved in advance by SJI. This information must be provided in a letter signed by an authorized representative of the grantee or subgrantee at least 30 days before the departure of the project director or as soon as it is known that the project director will be absent. The grant may be terminated if arrangements are not approved in advance by SJI.

#### *g. Withdrawal of or Change in Project Director*

If the project director relinquishes or expects to relinquish active direction of the project, SJI must be notified immediately. In such cases, if the grantee or subgrantee wishes to terminate the project, SJI will forward procedural instructions upon notification of such intent. If the grantee wishes to continue the project under the direction of another individual, a statement of the candidate's qualifications should be sent to SJI for review and approval. The grant may be terminated if the qualifications of the proposed individual are not approved in advance by SJI.

#### *h. Transferring or Contracting Out of Grant-Supported Activities*

No principal activity of a grant-supported project may be transferred or contracted out to another organization without specific prior approval by SJI. All such arrangements must be formalized in a contract or other written agreement between the parties involved. Copies of the proposed contract or agreement must be submitted for prior approval to SJI at the earliest possible time. The contract or agreement must state, at a minimum, the activities to be performed, the time schedule, the policies and procedures to be followed, the dollar limitation of the agreement, and the cost principles to be followed in determining what costs, both direct and indirect, will be allowed. The contract or other written agreement must not affect the grantee's overall responsibility for the direction of the project and accountability to SJI.

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#### **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

#### **Notice of Establishment and Request for Nominations for the Seasonal and Perishable Agricultural Products Advisory Committee**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have established a new trade advisory committee known as the Seasonal and Perishable Agricultural Products Advisory Committee (Committee) to provide advice and recommendations to the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with U.S. trade policy that concerns administrative actions and legislation that would promote the competitiveness of Southeastern U.S. producers of seasonal and perishable agricultural products. USTR is accepting applications from qualified individuals interested in serving a four-year term as a Committee member.

**DATES:** USTR will accept nominations on a rolling basis for Committee membership for an initial four-year charter term.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ethan Holmes, Director for Private Sector Engagement, at *Ethan.M.Holmes@ustr.eop.gov*, (202) 881-9185.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****1. Background**

Section 135(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2155(c)(2)), authorizes the President to establish appropriate sectoral or functional trade advisory committees. The President delegated that authority to the U.S. Trade Representative in Executive Order 11846, section 4(d), issued on March 27, 1975.

Pursuant to this authority, the U.S. Trade Representative, jointly with the Secretary of Agriculture, established the Committee to provide advice and recommendations to them on trade policy and development matters that have a significant relationship to administrative actions and legislation that would promote the competitiveness of Southeastern U.S. producers of seasonal and perishable agricultural products.

The Committee meets as needed in person or by virtual or telephone conference, generally four times per year, at the call either of the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture or their designee, depending on various factors such as the level of activity of trade negotiations and the needs of the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture.

**II. Membership**

The U.S. Trade Representative and Secretary of Agriculture jointly appoint up to 25 members who represent the views and interests of Southeast U.S. producers of seasonal and perishable agricultural products. In addition to general trade, investment, and development issues, members must have expertise in areas such as:

- growing and selling seasonal and perishable fruits and vegetables.
- understanding the needs and market dynamics affecting producers of seasonal and perishable fruits and vegetables in the Southeastern United States.
- understanding the existing State and Federal support programs and resources for producers of seasonal and perishable fruits and vegetables.
- developing and presenting actionable recommendations to U.S. Government officials.

To ensure that the Committee is broadly representative, USTR and USDA will consider qualified representatives of key sectors and groups of the economy with an interest

in seasonal and perishable produce within the Southeastern United States. Fostering diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) is one of the top priorities.

The U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture appoint members jointly and members serve at their discretion. Members serve for a term of up to four years or until the Committee is scheduled to expire. The U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture may reappoint individuals for any number of terms.

The U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture are committed to a trade agenda that advances racial equity and supports underserved communities and will seek advice and recommendations on trade policies that eliminate social and economic structural barriers to equality and economic opportunity, and to better understand the projected impact of proposed trade policies on communities of color and underserved communities. USTR and USDA strongly encourage diverse backgrounds and perspectives and makes appointments to the Committee without regard to political affiliation and in accordance with equal opportunity practices that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. USTR and USDA strive to ensure balance in terms of sectors, demographics, and other factors relevant to USTR's needs.

Committee members serve without either compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Members are responsible for all expenses they incur to attend meetings or otherwise participate in Committee activities. Committee members must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance in order to serve and have access to classified and trade sensitive documents. They must meet the eligibility requirements at the time of appointment and at all times during their term of service.

Committee members are appointed to represent their sponsoring U.S. entity's interests on U.S. trade policy that affects the competitiveness of Southeastern U.S. producers of seasonal and perishable agricultural products, and thus the foremost consideration for applicants is their ability to carry out the goals of section 135(c) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. Other criteria include the applicant's knowledge of and expertise in international trade issues as relevant to the work of the Committee, USTR and USDA. USTR anticipates that almost all Committee members will serve in a representative capacity with a limited number serving in an individual capacity as subject matter experts. These members, known

as special government employees, are subject to conflict of interest rules and may have to complete a financial disclosure report.

**III. Request for Nominations**

USTR is soliciting nominations for membership on the Committee. To apply for membership, an applicant must meet the following eligibility criteria at the time of application and at all times during their term of service as a Committee member:

1. The person must be a U.S. citizen.
2. The person cannot be a full-time employee of a U.S. Governmental entity.
3. If serving in an individual capacity, the person cannot be a federally registered lobbyist.
4. The person cannot be registered with the U.S. Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.
5. The person must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance.
6. For representative members, who will comprise almost all of the Committee, the person must represent a U.S. organization whose members (or funders) have a demonstrated interest in issues relevant to trade and the environment or have personal experience or expertise in trade and the environment.

7. For eligibility purposes, a "U.S. organization" is an organization established under the laws of the United States, that is controlled by U.S. citizens, by another U.S. organization (or organizations), or by a U.S. entity (or entities), determined based on its board of directors (or comparable governing body), membership, and funding sources, as applicable. To qualify as a U.S. organization, more than 50 percent of the board of directors (or comparable governing body) and more than 50 percent of the membership of the organization to be represented must be U.S. citizens, U.S. organizations, or U.S. entities. Additionally, at least 50 percent of the organization's annual revenue must be attributable to nongovernmental U.S. sources.

8. For members who will serve in an individual capacity, the person must possess subject matter expertise regarding international trade and environmental issues.

In order to be considered for Committee membership, interested persons should submit the following to Ethan Holmes, Director for Private Sector Engagement, at *Ethan.M.Holmes@ustr.eop.gov*:

- Name, title, affiliation, and contact information of the individual requesting consideration.

• If applicable, a sponsor letter on the organization's letterhead containing a brief description of the manner in which international trade affects the organization and why USTR should consider the applicant for membership.

- The applicant's personal resume.
- An affirmative statement that the applicant and the organization they represent meet all eligibility requirements.

USTR will consider applicants who meet the eligibility criteria in accordance with equal opportunity practices that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, based on the following factors:

- Ability to represent the sponsoring U.S. entity's or U.S. organization's and its subsector's interests on trade and environmental matters.
- Knowledge of and experience in U.S. trade policy that affects the competitiveness of Southeastern U.S. producers of seasonal and perishable agricultural products trade and environmental matters, as described in more detail in part II above, that is relevant to the work of the Committee, USTR and USDA.
- How they will contribute to trade policies that eliminate social and economic structural barriers to equality and economic opportunity and to understanding of the projected impact of proposed trade policies on communities of color and underserved communities.
- Ensuring that the Committee is balanced in terms of points of view, demographics, geography, and entity or organization size.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Highway Administration**

[Docket No. FHWA-2023-0038]

**Agency Information Collection**

**Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's

(OMB) approval for an information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Please submit comments by December 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0038 by any of the following methods:

*Website:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Berg, (202) 740-4602, Office of Freight Management and Operations, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Certification of Enforcement of Vehicle Size and Weight Laws.

*Background:* Title 23, U.S.C., section 141, requires each State, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to file an annual certification that they are enforcing their size and weight laws on Federal-aid highways and that their Interstate System weight limits are consistent with Federal requirements to be eligible to receive an apportionment of Federal highway trust funds. Failure of a State to file a certification, adequately enforce its size and weight laws, and enforce weight laws on the Interstate System that are consistent with Federal requirements, could result in a specified reduction of its Federal highway fund apportionment for the next fiscal year. In addition, section 123 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-599, 92 Stat. 2689, 2701) requires each jurisdiction to inventory annually (1) its penalties for violation of its size and weight laws, and (2) the term and cost of its oversize and overweight permits. Section 141 also authorizes the Secretary to require States to file such information as is

necessary to verify that their certifications are accurate. To determine whether States are adequately enforcing their size and weight limits, FHWA requires that each State submit to the FHWA an updated plan for enforcing their size and weight limits. The plan goes into effect at the beginning of each Federal fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year, States must submit their certifications and sufficient information to verify that their enforcement goals established in the plan have been met.

*Respondents:* The State Departments of Transportation (or equivalent) in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

*Frequency:* Annually in separate collections: one certification and one plan.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Each response will take approximately 40 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,160 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection of information in the plan and in the certification is necessary for the U.S. DOT's performance, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the U.S. DOT's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology or reduced frequency of collection of the plan, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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**Jazmyne Lewis,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the United States Treasury Department, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC on October 31, 2023, at