

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's Export Council will hold a meeting to deliberate on recommendations related to export expansion through streamlined consideration of trade legislation and through building a competitive manufacturing workforce. The final agenda will be posted in advance of the meeting on the President's Export Council Web site at <http://trade.gov/pec>.

DATES: December 6, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. (ET).

ADDRESSES: The President's Export Council meeting will be broadcast via live webcast on the Internet at <http://whitehouse.gov/live>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tricia Van Orden, Executive Secretary, President's Export Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-5876, email: tricia.vanorden@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The President's Export Council was first established by Executive Order on December 20, 1973 to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. export trade and report to the President on its activities and on its recommendations for expanding U.S. exports. The President's Export Council was renewed most recently by Executive Order 13585 of September 30, 2011, for the two-year period ending September 30, 2013. This Committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Public Submissions: The public is invited to submit written statements to the President's Export Council by C.O.B. November 30, 2012 by either of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions

Submit statements electronically via the President's Export Council Web site at <http://trade.gov/pec/peccomments.asp>; or

Paper Submissions

Send paper statements to Tricia Van Orden, Executive Secretary, President's Export Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. Statements will be posted on the President's Export Council Web site (<http://trade.gov/pec/peccomments.asp>) without change, including any business or personal information provided such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of

the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available.

Meeting minutes: Copies of the Council's meeting minutes will be available within ninety (90) days of the meeting.

Dated: November 15, 2012.

Tricia Van Orden,

Executive Secretary, President's Export Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Multi-Sector Trade Mission to South India and Sri Lanka

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Amendment to Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service is amending the Notice regarding the U.S. Multi-Sector Trade Mission to South India (Chennai and Cochin) and Sri Lanka (Colombo) February 3-8, 2013, published at 77 FR 48499, August 14, 2012 to revise the application deadline from November 30, 2012 to the new deadline of December 21, 2012, to provide for selection of applicants on a rolling basis, and to expand the eligibility to include U.S. trade associations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

San Jose (Silicon Valley) Export Assistance Center, Aileen Crowe Nandi, Commercial Officer, 55 S. Market Street, Suite 1040, San Jose, CA 95113, Tel: (408) 535-2757, ex. 102, Email: aileen.nandi@trade.gov.
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U.S. Commercial Service Washington, DC, Arica Young, U.S. Commercial Service, Washington, DC, Tel: 202.482.2833, Email: Arica.Young@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In August 2012 the Department of Commerce initiated recruitment for participation in the U.S. Multi-Sector Trade Mission to Chennai and Cochin, India and Colombo, Sri Lanka on February 3-8, 2013, published at 77 FR 48499, August

14, 2012, as previously amended by notice at 77 FR 59899 (Oct. 1, 2012) adding architectural services as a targeted sector for this mission. Due to the Thanksgiving holidays and disruptions related to Hurricane Sandy, it has been determined that additional time is needed to allow for additional recruitment and marketing in support of the mission. Applications now will be accepted through December 21, 2012. Interested firms and trade associations in the architecture, infrastructure, hospitality, healthcare, and environmental and information technologies sectors, including firms and trade associations that have not already submitted an application, are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted after the deadline only to the extent that space remains and scheduling constraints permit. In addition, to facilitate the ability of firms to take the mission into account in their business planning, US&FCS will begin to make selection decisions beginning November 15, 2012.

As originally published, the **Federal Register** notice of the trade mission stated that only U.S. companies were eligible to participate in the trade mission. In response to the interest expressed by trade associations, US&FCS is amending the notice to expand the eligibility to include U.S. trade associations.

Amendments

The Fees and Expenses, Conditions for Participation, Selection Criteria for Participation, and Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications sections of the U.S. Multi-Sector Trade Mission to Chennai and Cochin, India and Colombo, Sri Lanka are amended to read as follows:

Fees and Expenses

After a company or trade association has been selected to participate on the mission, a payment to the U.S. Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The participation fee is \$4,481 for large firms and \$4,303 for small or medium-sized enterprises (SME) ¹ and trade associations. The fee for each additional representative (large firm or SME/trade association) is \$750. Expenses for travel,

¹ An SME is defined as a firm with 500 or fewer employees or that otherwise qualifies as a small business under SBA regulations (see <http://www.sba.gov/services/contracting opportunities/sizestandardsttopics/index.html>). Parent companies, affiliates, and subsidiaries will be considered when determining business size. The dual pricing reflects the Commercial Service's user fee schedule that became effective May 1, 2008 (see <http://www.export.gov/newsletter/march2008/initiatives.html> for additional information).

lodging, some meals, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

Conditions for Participation

Applicants must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's (or in the case of a trade association, member companies') products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may either: reject the application, request additional information/clarification, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.

Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are either produced in the United States, or, if not, are marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least fifty-one percent U.S. content. In the case of a trade association, the applicant must certify that for each company to be represented by the association, the products and/or services the represented company seeks to export are either produced in the United States or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least fifty-one percent U.S. content.

Selection Criteria for Participation

- Suitability of the company's (or in the case of a trade association, member companies') products or services to the mission goals.
- Applicant's (or in the case of a trade association, member companies') potential for business in India and Sri Lanka, including likelihood of exports resulting from the mission.
- Consistency of the applicant's (or in the case of a trade association, member companies') goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission.

Additional factors, such as diversity of company size, type, location, and demographics, may also be considered during the review process.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission

calendar—<http://export.gov/trademissions/index.asp>—and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices to industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

Recruitment for the mission began in August 2012 and will conclude December 21, 2012 for U.S. company and trade association participants. The U.S. Department of Commerce will be reviewing applications and making selection decisions on a rolling basis beginning November 15, 2012, until the maximum of 20 participants is selected. Applications received by U.S. companies after October 12, 2012 and by U.S. trade associations after November 12, 2012, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing, Scientific Research, Display, and Chartering Permits; Letters of Acknowledgment

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intent to issue Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs), Scientific Research Permits (SRPs), Display Permits, Letters of Acknowledgment (LOAs), and Chartering Permits for the collection of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) in 2013. In general, EFPs and related permits would authorize collection of a limited number of tunas, swordfish, billfishes, and sharks from Federal waters in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico for the purposes of scientific data collection and public display. Chartering Permits allow the collection of HMS on the high seas or in the Exclusive Economic Zone of other nations. Generally, EFPs and related permits will be valid from the date of issuance through December 31,

2013, unless otherwise specified, subject to the terms and conditions of individual permits.

DATES: Written comments on these activities received in response to this notice will be considered by NMFS when issuing EFPs and related permits and must be received on or before December 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* HMSEFP.2013@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following identifier: 0648-XC266.
- *Mail:* Craig Cockrell, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.
- *Fax:* (301) 713-1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Cockrell or Michael Clark, phone: (301) 427-8503, fax: (301) 713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Issuance of EFPs and related permits are necessary for the collection of HMS for public display and scientific research that is exempt from regulations (e.g., fishing seasons, prohibited species, authorized gear, closed areas, and minimum sizes) that may prohibit the collection of live animals or biological samples. Collection for scientific research and display represents a small portion of the overall fishing mortality for HMS, and this mortality is counted against the quota of the species harvested, as appropriate and applicable. The terms and conditions of individual permits are unique; however, all permits will include reporting requirements, limit the number and species of HMS to be collected, and only authorize collection in Federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea.

EFPs and related permits are issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations at § 600.745 and § 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, chartering arrangements, and exempted educational activities with respect to Atlantic HMS. Since the Magnuson-Stevens Act does not consider scientific research to be "fishing," scientific research is exempt from this statute, and NMFS does not issue EFPs for bona fide research activities (e.g., research conducted from a research vessel and not a commercial or recreational fishing vessel) involving species that are only regulated under the Magnuson-Stevens