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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (RE&EEAC) will meet via conference call on May 2 and May 3, 2012 to consider and vote on proposed recommendations from the Domestic Policy, Finance and Trade Subcommittees that address issues affecting U.S. competitiveness in exporting renewable energy and energy efficiency (RE&EE) products and services, such as access to finance and removal of trade barriers. The RE&EEAC will also review and vote on a draft letter to Secretary of Commerce, John Bryson, regarding the need for a strong domestic policy to encourage growth in the U.S. RE&EE markets as a strong base for exports. RE&EEAC members will review and discuss recommendations on May 2, 2012. Members will reconvene on May 3, 2012 to vote on recommendations.

DATES: May 2, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); May 3, 2012 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian O'Hanlon, Office of Energy and Environmental Technologies Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-3492; email: brian.ohanlon@trade.gov. This conference call is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to OEEI at (202) 482-3889 at least 3 working days prior to the event.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Commerce established the RE&EEAC pursuant to his discretionary authority and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) on July 14, 2010. The RE&EEAC provides the Secretary of Commerce with consensus advice from the private

sector on the development and administration of programs and policies to enhance the international competitiveness of the U.S. RE&EE industries. The RE&EEAC held its first meeting on December 7, 2010 and several subsequent meetings throughout 2011 and 2012.

The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public wishing to attend the conference call must notify Mr. Brian O'Hanlon at the contact information above by 5 p.m. EDT on Thursday, April 26, in order to pre-register and receive call-in instructions. Please specify any request for reasonable accommodation by Thursday, April 26. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the RE&EEAC's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to brian.ohanlon@trade.gov or to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee, Office of Energy and Environmental Technologies Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, Room 4053; 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT on Thursday, April 26, 2012, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members, but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of RE&EEAC meeting minutes will be available within 30 days of the meeting.

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Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Request for Technical Input—Standards in Trade Workshops

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for Workshop Recommendations.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites all interested parties, including

U.S.-based manufacturers, U.S. industry and trade associations and federal government agencies, to submit recommendations and suggestions for workshops covering specific sectors and targeted countries or regions of the world where training in the U.S. approaches to development and use of standards, including assessment of conformity to standards, may facilitate trade, increase U.S. exports, and/or benefit U.S. industry. Standards in Trade (SIT) workshops are designed to introduce U.S. stakeholders to emerging standards and conformity assessment issues in other countries and regions; identify regulatory information and market access issues; and provide timely information to foreign officials on U.S. practices in standards, metrology and conformity assessment. Interested parties must consider Administration priorities outlined in the current National Export Strategy. NIST will offer a limited number of workshops each year. Most workshops will be scheduled for a 3 to 5 day period at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. NIST will evaluate all recommendations and may use the suggested topics in planning its workshops, subject to the availability of resources. Additional guidance is available on the NIST Standards in Trade (SIT) workshop program Web page. This notice is not an invitation for proposals to fund grants, contracts or cooperative agreements of any kind.

DATES: Recommendations may be submitted at any time and will be considered on a quarterly basis.

ADDRESSES: All recommendations must be submitted to the Standards in Trade Workshop Program through a webform at <http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-4/L2-14>. The *National Export Strategy: Powering the National Export Initiative* is available at <http://trade.gov/publications/pdfs/nes2011FINAL.pdf>. NIST's Three-Year Programmatic Plan is available at <http://www.nist.gov/director/upload/nist-master-3-year-plan-fy2012-fy2014.pdf>. Additional information about the NIST Standards in Trade Workshop Program is available at <http://gsi.nist.gov/global/index.cfm/L1-4/L2-14>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Standards in Trade Workshop Program Coordinator, Mary Jo DiBernardo, (301) 975-5503, sit@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In June 2011, the Secretary of Commerce released the *National Export Strategy: Powering the National Export Initiative*. The report reinforces the importance of U.S. exports of goods and services, which in 2010 totaled \$1.84 trillion, an