DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC), Notice of Reestablishment and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment of the Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) and solicitation of nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to provisions under Title IV of the Jobs Through Trade Expansion Act, and under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Commerce announces the reestablishment of the Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC), as of August 16, 2018. ETTAC was first chartered on May 31, 1994. ETTAC serves as an advisory body to the Environmental Trade Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC), reporting directly to the Secretary of Commerce in his/her capacity as Chairman of the TPCC. ETTAC advises on the development and administration of policies and programs to expand U.S. exports of environmental technologies, goods, and services.

DATES: Nominations for membership must be received on or before October 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Please send nominations by post, email, or fax to the attention of Amy Kreps, Designated Federal Officer/ETTAC, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 28018, Washington, DC 20230; phone 202–482–3835; email amy.kreps@trade.gov; fax 202–482–5665. Electronic responses should be submitted in Microsoft Word format.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Nominations: The Secretary of Commerce invites nominations to ETTAC of U.S. citizens who will represent U.S. environmental goods and services companies that trade internationally, or trade associations and non-profit organizations whose members include U.S. companies that trade internationally. Companies must be at least 51 percent owned by U.S. persons. No member may represent a company that is majority-owned or controlled by a foreign government entity or foreign government entities. Members in a committee operating under the Federal Advisory Committee Act must be balanced in terms of economic subsector, geographic location, and company size. Committee members serve in a representative capacity and must be able to generally represent the views and interests of a certain subsector of the U.S. environmental industry. Candidates should be senior executive-level representatives from environmental technology companies, trade associations, and non-profit organizations. Members of the ETTAC must have experience in the exportation of environmental goods and/or services, including:

(1) Air pollution control and monitoring technologies;
(2) Analytic devices and services;
(3) Environmental engineering and consulting services;
(4) Financial services relevant to the environmental sector;
(5) Process and pollution prevention technologies;
(6) Solid and hazardous waste management technologies; and/or
(7) Water and wastewater treatment technologies.

Nominees will be evaluated based upon their ability to carry out the goals of the ETTAC’s enabling legislation. A copy of ETTAC’s current Charter is available on www.export.gov/ettac. Appointments will be made to create a balanced Committee in terms of subsector representation, product lines, firm size, geographic area, and other criteria. Nominees must be U.S. citizens. All appointments are made without regard to political affiliation. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary from the date of appointment to the Committee to the date on which the Committee’s charter terminates (normally two years).

If you are interested in becoming a member of ETTAC, please provide the following information (2 pages maximum):

(1) Name
(2) Title
(3) Work phone; fax; and email address
(4) Organization name and address, including website address
(5) Short biography of nominee, including written certification of U.S. citizenship (this may take form of the statement “I am a citizen of the United States”) and a list of citizenships of foreign countries
(6) Brief description of the organization and its business activities, including
(7) Company size (number of employees and annual sales)
(8) Exporting experience
(9) An affirmative statement that the nominee will be able to meet the expected time commitments of Committee work. Committee work includes (1) attending in-person committee meetings approximately four times per year, (2) undertaking additional work outside of full committee meetings including subcommittee conference calls or meetings as needed, and (3) drafting or commenting on proposed recommendations to be evaluated at Committee meetings. Please do not send company or trade association brochures or any other information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Kreps, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, Room 28018, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202–482–3835; Fax: 202–482–5665; email: amy.kreps@trade.gov).

Dated: September 13, 2018.

Edward O’Malley,
Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the
following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


Title: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield; Invitation for Applications for Inclusion on the Supplemental List of Arbitrators.

OMB Control Number: 0625–0278.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Average Hours per Response: 240 Minutes.

Burden Hours: 80.

Needs and Uses: Under the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Swiss Administration have committed to implement an arbitration mechanism to provide Swiss individuals with the ability to invoke binding arbitration to determine, for residual claims, whether an organization has violated its obligations under the Privacy Shield. The DOC and the Swiss Administration will work together to implement the arbitration mechanism, including developing a list of up to 5 arbitrators. While the DOC is not currently seeking applications for inclusion on the list, it may do so in the future to maintain the list. The arbitrators are chosen on the basis of independence, integrity, and expertise. Parties to a binding arbitration under this Privacy Shield mechanism may only select arbitrators from the list of arbitrators developed under the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework, as supplemented by the list of arbitrators developed under the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework. The arbitrational mechanism is a critical component of the Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework. More than 3,700 U.S.-based organizations currently rely on the EU-U.S. and Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield frameworks to transfer the personal data from EU and Switzerland to the United States necessary to do business across the Atlantic. Such a data transfer mechanism is critically important, because it protects individual privacy while meeting the legitimate needs of companies thereby facilitating over $1 trillion in transatlantic trade.

Affected Public: Private individuals.

Frequency: Recurrent, depending on the number of arbitrators required to retain an active list of up to five arbitrators.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Sheleen Dumas, Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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Meeting of the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board

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

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board or TTAB) will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018. The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industry. This will be the first meeting of the newly appointed 2018–2020 Board. The purpose of the meeting is for Board members to discuss key issues related to the importance of international travel and tourism to the United States and for the Secretary of Commerce to provide an overview of the Administration’s priorities in travel and tourism. The final agenda will be posted on the Department of Commerce website for the Board at http://trade.gov/ttab at least one week in advance of the meeting.

DATES: Thursday, October 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. EDT. The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 4, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Washington, DC. The exact location will be provided by email to registrants. Requests to register (including to speak or for auxiliary aids) and any written comments should be submitted to: National Travel and Tourism Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 10003, Washington, DC 20230 or by email to TTAB@trade.gov. Members of the public are encouraged to submit registration requests and written comments via email to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Beall, the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, National Travel and Tourism Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 10003, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202–482–0140; email: TTAB@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industry.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to the public and will be accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public requesting to join the meeting is asked to register in advance by the deadline identified under the DATES caption. Requests for auxiliary aids must be submitted by the registration deadline. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. There will be fifteen (15) minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name and address of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the International Trade Administration may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 4, 2018, for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to the members of the Board.

In addition, any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the Board’s affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to Brian Beall at the contact information indicated above. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 4, 2018, to ensure transmission to the Board prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date and time will be distributed to the members but may not be considered during the meeting. Copies of Board