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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10599]

Fine Arts Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Fine Arts Committee of the Department of State will meet on November 16, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Henry Clay Room of the Harry S. Truman Building, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520. The meeting will last until approximately 4:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

The agenda for the committee meeting will include a summary of the work of the Fine Arts Office since its last meeting on April 20, 2018 and the announcement of gifts and loans of furnishings as well as financial contributions from January 1, 2018 through October 15, 2018.

Public access to the Department of State is strictly controlled and space is limited. Members of the public wishing to take part in the meeting should telephone the Fine Arts Office at (202) 647–1990 or send an email to Curator@state.gov by November 9, 2018, providing their name, date of birth, citizenship, and a government-issued ID number (i.e., from a U.S. government agency, U.S. military ID (branch), passport (country), or driver’s license (state)) in order to gain admittance. All attendees must use the “C” Street entrance located at 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC. One of the following valid IDs will be required for admittance: Any U.S. driver’s license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. government agency or military ID. Attendees should expect to remain in the meeting for the entire session. The public may take part in the discussion as long as time permits and at the discretion of the chairperson.

Personal data is being collected pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2651a and 22 U.S.C. 4802 for the purpose of screening and pre-clearing participants to enter the host venue at the U.S. Department of State, in line with standard security procedures for events of this size. The Department of State will use this information consistent with the routine uses set forth in the System of Records Notices for Protocol Records (STATE–33) and Security Records (State–36). Provision of this information is voluntary, but failure to provide accurate information may impede your ability to register for the event.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2018–0033]

Applications for Inclusion on the Binational Panels Roster Under the North American Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Invitation for applications.

SUMMARY: The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) provides for the establishment of a roster of individuals to serve on binational panels convened to review final determinations in antidumping or countervailing duty (AD/CVD) proceedings and amendments to AD/CVD statutes of a NAFTA Party. The United States annually renews its selections for the roster. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) invites applications from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020.

DATES: USTR must receive your application by November 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You should submit your application through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov, using docket number USTR–2018–0033. Follow the submission instructions in sections 7 and 8 below. For alternatives to online submissions, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–9483 before transmitting your application and in advance of the November 26, 2018 deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Butler, Assistant General Counsel, Philip.A.Butler@ustr.eop.gov, (202) 395–5804.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Binational Panel AD/CVD Reviews Under the NAFTA

Article 1904 of the NAFTA provides that a party involved in an AD/CVD proceeding may obtain review by a binational panel of a final AD/CVD determination of one NAFTA Party with respect to the products of another NAFTA Party. Binational panels decide whether AD/CVD determinations are in accordance with the domestic laws of the importing NAFTA Party using the standard of review that would have been applied by a domestic court of the importing NAFTA Party. A panel may uphold the AD/CVD determination, or may remand it to the national administering authority for action not inconsistent with the panel’s decision. Panel decisions may be reviewed in specific circumstances by a three-member extraordinary challenge committee, selected from a separate roster composed of 15 current or former judges.

Article 1903 of the NAFTA provides that a NAFTA Party may refer an amendment to the AD/CVD statutes of another NAFTA Party to a binational panel for a declaratory opinion as to whether the amendment is inconsistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the GATT Antidumping or Subsidies Codes, successor agreements, or the object and purpose of the NAFTA with regard to the establishment of fair and predictable conditions for the liberalization of trade. If the panel finds that the amendment is inconsistent, the two NAFTA Parties must consult and seek to achieve a mutually satisfactory solution.

2. Roster and Composition of Binational Panels

Annex 1901.2 of the NAFTA provides for the maintenance of a roster of at least 75 individuals for service on Chapter 19 binational panels, with each NAFTA Party selecting at least 25 individuals. A separate five-person panel is formed for each review of a final AD/CVD determination or statutory amendment. To form a panel, the two NAFTA Parties involved each appoint two panelists, normally by drawing upon individuals from the roster. If the Parties cannot agree upon the fifth panelist, one of the Parties, decided by lot, selects the fifth panelist from the roster. The majority of individuals on each panel must consist of lawyers in good standing, and the chair of the panel must be a lawyer.

When there is a request to establish a panel, roster members from the two involved NAFTA Parties will complete a disclosure form that is used to identify possible conflicts of interest or appearances thereof. The disclosure form requests information regarding financial interests and affiliations, including information regarding the identity of clients of the roster member and, if applicable, clients of the roster member’s firm.

3. Criteria for Eligibility for Inclusion on Roster

Section 402 of the NAFTA Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103–182,