

practices; and information, marketing, advocacy needs of their sector. Thirteen ITACs provide advice and information on issues that affect specific sectors of U.S. industry. Three ITACs focus on cross-cutting, functional issues that affect all industry sectors: customs matters and trade facilitation (ITAC 14); intellectual property rights (ITAC 15); and standards and technical trade barriers (ITAC 16). In addition to members appointed exclusively to these three ITACs, ITACs 1–13 each may select a member to represent their ITAC on each of these three cross-cutting ITACs so that a broad range of industry perspectives is represented. Other trade policy issues, e.g., government procurement, subsidies, etc., are handled in ad hoc policy meetings.

Committees meet an average of six times a year in Washington, DC. Some ITACs meet more often depending on the work of a particular committee.

Membership

Members serve without compensation and are responsible for all expenses incurred to attend the meetings. ITAC members are appointed jointly by the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR. Appointments are made at the chartering of each Committee and periodically throughout the four-year charter term. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary and the USTR. Appointments to an ITAC expire at the end of the Committee's charter term, in this case, February 17, 2010.

Each Committee elects a chairperson from the membership of the Committee, and that chairperson serves on the Committee of Chairs of the ITACs.

Eligibility

Eligibility for membership on any Committee is limited to U.S. citizens who are not full-time employees of a governmental entity and are not registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Members must represent a U.S. entity that (a) is directly engaged in the import or export of goods or that sells its services abroad, or (b) is an association of such entities. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a "U.S. entity" is an organization incorporated in the United States (or if unincorporated, having its principal place of business in the United States) that is controlled by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity. An entity is not a U.S. entity if 50 percent plus one share of its stock (if a corporation, or a similar ownership interest of an unincorporated entity) is controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. entities. If the nominee is to

represent an entity or corporation with ten percent or greater non-U.S. ownership, the nominee must demonstrate at the time of nomination that this ownership interest does not constitute control and will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve as a trade advisor to the United States.

In addition to the industry representatives, the ITACs on Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Health/Science Products and Services (ITAC 3) and on Forest Products (ITAC 7) have environmental representatives. The Secretary of Commerce and the USTR also are soliciting nominations for the appointment of public health or health care community representatives to the ITACs on Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Health/Science Products and Services (ITAC 3) and on Intellectual Property Rights (ITAC 15). Commerce solicited nominations for public health or health care community representatives in December 2005 (70 FR 74776, Dec. 16, 2005). Commerce is still in the process of considering nominations received in response to that solicitation. Anyone who submitted a nomination in response to that announcement does not need to submit an additional nomination in response to this broader announcement. Environmental representatives and public health and health care community representatives must represent a U.S. entity interested in issues relevant to the work of the specific ITAC. A nongovernmental organization is a "U.S. entity" if the organization is (1) Incorporated in the United States (or, if unincorporated, having its headquarters in the United States), (2) the organization is controlled by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity, and (3) at least 50 percent of the organization's annual revenue is attributable to nongovernmental U.S. sources. Regarding the controlled by factor, a nongovernmental organization is not a U.S. entity if more than 50 percent of its Board of Directors or membership is made up of non-U.S. citizens. If the nominee is to represent an organization more than ten percent of whose Board of Directors or membership is made up of non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. entities, the nominee must demonstrate at the time of nomination that this non-U.S. interest does not constitute control and will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve as a trade advisor to the United States.

Members are selected to represent their respective sponsoring U.S. entity's interests on trade matters and thus nominees are considered foremost based upon their ability to carry out the goals of section 135(c) of the Trade Act of

1974, as amended. Other criteria are the nominee's knowledge of and expertise in international trade issues as relevant to the work of the committee and ensuring that the Committees are balanced in terms of sectors, product lines, demographics, geographic representation, and company size. Appointments to all ITACs are made without regard to political affiliation. All ITAC members must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance.

Application Procedures

For consideration, a nominee should send (1) A sponsor letter, (2) a resume, with demonstrated knowledge of international trade issues, and (3) company or organization information to the Director, Industry Trade Advisory Center, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4043, Washington, DC 20230. Sponsor letters must be on the company or organization letterhead. Company or organization information must address the activities, products, or services of the U.S. entity to be represented and certify that the entity is a U.S. entity as defined in the Eligibility section above. Additional requirements exist for nominations of consultants, legal advisors, and trade associations. The specific requirements will vary depending on the nature of the organization and interests to be represented. Interested consultants, legal advisors, and trade associations should contact the Industry Trade Advisory Center or consult the ITAC Web site for additional information on the submission requirements.

This notice is issued pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., app. 2), 19 U.S.C. 2155, and 21 CFR part 14 relating to advisory committees.

Dated: April 6, 2006.

Jack McDougle,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 85-12A18.

SUMMARY: On April 6, 2006, The U.S. Department of Commerce issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of

Review to U.S. Shippers Association ("USSA").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey C. Anspacher, Director, Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR Part 325 (2004).

Export Trading Company Affairs ("ETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the U.S. Department of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Amended Certificate

The original USSA Certificate (No. 85-00018) was issued on June 3, 1986 (51 FR 20873, June 9, 1986), and last amended on November 5, 2004 (69 FR 67703, November 19, 2004).

USSA's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

1. Add each of the following companies as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)):

(a) Atotech USA, Inc., Rockhill, South Carolina; Bostik, Inc., Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Hutchinson FTS, Inc., Troy, Michigan; Paulstra CRC Corporation, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Sartomer Company, Inc., Exton, Pennsylvania; Total Lubricants USA, Inc., Linden, New Jersey; and Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc., Houston, Texas. The controlling entity for these seven proposed new members is Total Holdings USA, Inc., Houston, Texas;

(b) Shell Chemical LP, Houston, Texas; Shell Chemicals Americas, Inc., Calgary, Ontario, Canada; and Shell Oil Products Company LLC, Houston, Texas. The controlling entity for these three proposed new members is Royal Dutch Shell plc, The Hague, The Netherlands; and

(c) DeSantis & Associates, Inc., Missouri City, Texas;

2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate:

ConocoPhillips, Borger, Texas; Lyondell Chemicals Worldwide, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Pecten Chemicals, Inc., Houston, Texas; and

3. Change the name of the following Member: "Resolution Performance Products, LLC, Houston, Texas" to "Hexion Specialty Chemicals, Houston, Texas" (controlling entity: Apollo Management LP, New York, New York).

The effective date of the amended certificate is January 9, 2006. A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: April 6, 2006.

Jeffrey C. Anspacher,

Director, Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No: 980901228-6099-07]

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Opportunity Center (MBOC) Program (Louisiana)

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, DOC.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. Section 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate a Minority Business Opportunity Center (MBOC) (formerly Minority Business Opportunity Committee) in the state of Louisiana. A prior solicitation in the **Federal Register** dated February 8, 2006 (71 FR 6449) for the Baton Rouge/New Orleans geographic service area was unsuccessful. The Minority Business Opportunity Center through its staff will provide brokering services and assistance to minority business enterprises (MBEs) that (a) Generate \$500,000 or more in annual gross revenues; (b) are capable of creating significant employment and long-term economic impact (commonly referred to as "rapid growth-potential" MBEs); or (c) have been displaced from Louisiana due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The MBOC will provide access to buyers of goods and services and procurement and financing opportunities within the

public and private sectors. In addition, the MBOC will assist clients by identifying, matching and fostering strategic partners and joint ventures with firms outside the designated service area in order to build client capacity.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is May 11, 2006. Completed applications must be received by MBDA no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time at the address below for paper submission or at <http://www.Grants.gov> for electronic submission. The due date and time is the same for electronic submissions as it is for paper submissions. The date the applications will be deemed to have been submitted electronically shall be the date and time received at Grants.gov. Applicants should save and print the proof of submission they receive from Grants.gov. Applications received after the closing date and time will not be considered. Anticipated time for processing is approximately forty-five (45) days from the date of publication of this notice. MBDA anticipates the award for the MBOC program will be made with a start date of June 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES:

1(a) Paper Submission—If Mailed: If the application is mailed/shipped overnight by the applicant or its representative, one (1) signed original plus two (2) copies of the application must be submitted. Completed application packages must be mailed to: Office of Business Development—MBOC Program, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

U.S. Department of Commerce delivery policies for Federal Express, UPS, and DHL overnight services require the packages to be sent to the address above.

1(b) Paper Submission—If Hand-Delivered: If the application is hand-delivered by the applicant or his/her representative, one (1) signed original plus two (2) copies of the application must be delivered to: U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Office of Business Development—MBOC Program (extension 1940), HCHB, Room 1874, Entrance #10, 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC. (Between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues).

U.S. Department of Commerce "hand-delivery" policies state that Federal Express, UPS, and DHL overnight