

the regulations, U.S. firms are required to report information on contracts for the sale of defense articles or defense services to foreign countries or foreign firms that are subject to offsets agreements exceeding \$5,000,000 in value. U.S. firms are also required to report annually information on offsets transactions completed in performance of existing offsets commitments for which offsets credit of \$250,000 or more has been claimed from the foreign representative.

Commerce's annual report to Congress includes an aggregated summary of the data reported by industry in accordance with the offsets regulation and the DPA (50 U.S.C. app. § 2172 (2009)). As provided by section 723(c) of the DPA, BIS will not publicly disclose individual firm information it receives through offsets reporting unless the firm furnishing the information specifically authorizes public disclosure. The information collected is sorted and organized into an aggregate report of national offsets data, and therefore does not identify company-specific information.

In order to enable BIS to prepare the next annual offset report reflecting calendar year 2013 data, U.S. firms must submit required information on offsets agreements and offsets transactions from calendar year 2013 to BIS no later than June 15, 2014.

Dated: March 25, 2014.

Kevin J. Wolf,

Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 140326277-4277-01]

Call for Applications for the International Buyer Program Select Service for Calendar Year 2015

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and Call for Applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) announces that it will begin accepting applications for the International Buyer Program (IBP) Select service for calendar year 2015 (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015). This announcement sets out the objectives, procedures and application review criteria for IBP Select. Under IBP Select, the International Trade

Administration (ITA) recruits international buyers to U.S. trade shows to meet with U.S. suppliers exhibiting at those shows. The main difference between IBP and IBP Select is that IBP offers worldwide promotion, whereas IBP Select focuses on promotion and recruitment in no more than five international markets. Specifically, through the IBP Select, the DOC selects domestic trade shows that will receive DOC assistance in the form of targeted promotion and recruitment in five foreign markets, export counseling to exhibitors, and export counseling and matchmaking services at the trade show. This notice covers selection for IBP Select participation during calendar year 2015. It also announces a new pilot initiative for the IBP Select, which will allow selected trade show organizers to add target markets beyond the five selected markets at a cost.

DATES: Applications for IBP Select must be received by May 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Applications may be submitted by any of the following methods: (1) Mail/Hand Delivery Service: International Buyer Program, Trade Promotion Programs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 800—Mezzanine Level—Atrium North, Washington, DC 20004; (2) Facsimile: (202) 482-7800; or (3) email: IBP2015@trade.gov. Facsimile and email applications will be accepted as interim applications, and must be followed by a signed original application that is received by the program no later than five (5) business days after the application deadline. To ensure that applications are received by the deadline, applicants are strongly urged to send applications by express delivery service (e.g., U.S. Postal Service Express Delivery, Federal Express, UPS, etc.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Rand, Director, International Buyer Program, Trade Promotion Programs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Ronald Reagan Building, Suite 800M—Mezzanine Level—Atrium North, Washington, DC 20004; Telephone (202) 482-0691; Facsimile: (202) 482-7800; Email: IBP2015@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IBP was established in the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-418, title II, § 2304, codified at 15 U.S.C. 4724) to bring international buyers together with U.S. firms by promoting leading U.S. trade shows in industries with high export potential.

The IBP emphasizes cooperation between the DOC and trade show organizers to benefit U.S. firms exhibiting at selected events and provides practical, hands-on assistance such as export counseling and market analysis to U.S. companies interested in exporting. Shows selected for the IBP Select will provide a venue for U.S. companies interested in expanding their sales into international markets.

Through the IBP, the DOC selects trade shows that DOC determines to be leading trade shows with participation by U.S. firms interested in exporting. DOC provides successful applicants with assistance in the form of targeted overseas promotion of the show by U.S. Embassies and Consulates; outreach to show participants about exporting; recruitment of potential buyers to attend the events; and staff assistance in setting up and staffing international trade centers at the events. Targeted promotion in no more than five markets can be executed through the overseas offices of ITA or in U.S. Embassies in countries where ITA does not maintain offices.

ITA is accepting applications for IBP Select from trade show organizers of trade events taking place between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. Selection of a trade show for IBP Select is valid for one event. A trade show organizer seeking selection for a recurring event must submit a new application for selection for each occurrence of the event. For events that occur more than once in a calendar year, the trade show organizer must submit a separate application for each event.

There is no fee required to submit an application. For IBP Select in calendar year 2015, ITA expects to select approximately 10 events from among the applicants. ITA will select those events that are determined to most clearly support the statutory mandate in 15 U.S.C. 4721 to promote U.S. exports, especially those of small- and medium-sized enterprises, and that best meet the selection criteria articulated below. Once selected, applicants will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the DOC, and submit payment of the \$6,000 2015 participation fee within 30 days of written notification of acceptance into IBP Select. The MOA constitutes an agreement between the DOC and the show organizer specifying which responsibilities for international promotion and export assistance services at the trade shows are to be undertaken by the DOC as part of the IBP Select and, in turn, which responsibilities are to be undertaken by the show organizer. Anyone requesting

application information will be sent a sample copy of the MOA along with the application form and a copy of this **Federal Register** Notice. Applicants are encouraged to review the MOA closely, as IBP Select participants are expected to comply with all terms, conditions, and obligations in the MOA. Trade show organizer obligations include the construction of an International Trade Center at the trade show, production of an export interest directory, and provision of complimentary hotel accommodations for DOC staff as explained in the MOA. The responsibilities to be undertaken by the DOC will be carried out by ITA. ITA responsibilities include targeted promotion of the trade show and, where feasible, recruitment of international buyers to that show from the five target markets identified, provision of on-site export assistance to U.S. exhibitors at the show, and the reporting of results to the show organizer.

Selected show organizers will also be able to procure the services of our staff in the Embassies and Consulates beyond the five already agreed-upon markets to (1) escort buyers from those markets to the show, and (2) provide at-show services such as translation, logistical support, and introductions to U.S. suppliers. This secondary level of service for markets beyond the original five markets *does not include* recruitment of the delegations from those markets. The cost for this additional service is based on the cost of the Embassy or Consulate staff person, i.e., delegation leader, escorting the delegation to the show and providing at-show services. This secondary service will be priced at \$1,250 per each additional delegation, and the total fee to be charged will not exceed \$9,750 (meaning no more than three additional delegations are acceptable) for participating in the IBP Select. The show organizer will also be responsible for providing complimentary lodging for the delegation leader providing this secondary service.

Selection as an IBP Select show does not constitute a guarantee by DOC of the show's success. IBP Select participation status is not an endorsement of the show except as to its international buyer activities. Non-selection of an applicant for IBP Select status should be viewed as a determination that the event will not be successful in promoting U.S. exports.

Eligibility: 2015 U.S. trade events, through the show organizer, with 1,200 or fewer exhibitors are eligible to apply for IBP Select participation. First-time events will also be considered.

Exclusions: U.S. trade shows with over 1,200 exhibitors will not be considered for IBP Select.

General Evaluation Criteria: ITA will evaluate applicants for IBP Select participants using the following criteria:

(a) **Export Potential:** The trade show promotes products and services from U.S. industries that have high export potential, as determined by DOC sources, including industry analysts' assessment of export potential, ITA best prospects lists, and U.S. export analysis.

(b) **Level of International Interest:** The trade show meets the needs of a significant number of overseas markets and corresponds to marketing opportunities as identified by ITA. Previous international attendance at the show may be used as an indicator.

(c) **Scope of the Show:** The event must offer a broad spectrum of U.S. made products and services for the subject industry. Trade shows with a majority of U.S. firms as exhibitors are given priority.

(d) **U.S. Content of Show Exhibitors:** Trade shows with exhibitors featuring a high percentage of products produced in the United States or products with a high degree of U.S. content will be preferred.

(e) **Stature of the Show:** The trade show is clearly recognized by the industry it covers as a leading event for the promotion of that industry's products and services both domestically and internationally, and as a showplace for the latest technology or services in that industry.

(f) **Level of Exhibitor Interest:** There is significant interest on the part of U.S. exhibitors in receiving international business visitors during the trade show. A significant number of U.S. exhibitors should be new-to-export or seeking to expand their sales into additional export markets.

(g) **Level of Overseas Marketing:** There has been a demonstrated effort by the applicant to market prior shows overseas. In addition, the applicant should describe in detail the international marketing program to be conducted for the event, and explain how efforts should increase individual and group international attendance.

(h) **Level of Cooperation:** The applicant demonstrates a willingness to cooperate with ITA to fulfill the program's goals and adhere to the target dates set out in the MOA and in the event timetables, both of which are available from the program office (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above). Past experience in the IBP will be taken into account in evaluating the applications received.

(i) **Delegation Incentives:** Waived or reduced admission fees are required for international attendees who are participating in IBP Select. Delegation leaders also must be provided complimentary admission to the event. In addition, show organizers should offer a range of incentives to delegations and/or delegation leaders recruited by the DOC overseas posts. Examples of incentives to international visitors and to organized delegations include: Special organized events, such as receptions, meetings with association executives, briefings, and site tours; or complimentary accommodations for delegation leaders.

Review Process: ITA will vet all applications received based on the criteria set out in this notice. Vetting will include soliciting input from ITA industry analysts, as well as domestic and international field offices, focusing primarily on the export potential, level of international interest, and stature of the show. In reviewing applications, ITA will also consider sector and calendar diversity in terms of the need to allocate resources to support selected events.

Application Requirements: Show organizers submitting applications for 2015 IBP Select are required to submit: (1) A narrative statement addressing each question in the application, OMB 0625-0151 (found at www.export.gov/ibp); and (2) a signed statement that "The above information provided is correct and the applicant will abide by the terms set forth in this Call for Applications for the International Buyer Program Select (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015);" on or before the deadline noted above. There is no fee required to apply. ITA expects to issue the results of this process in July 2014.

Legal Authority: The statutory program authority for ITA to conduct the IBP is 15 U.S.C. 4724. ITA has the legal authority to enter into MOAs with show organizers under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (MECEA), as amended (22 U.S.C. sections 2455(f) and 2458(c)). MECEA allows ITA to accept contributions of funds and services from firms for the purposes of furthering its mission. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements of the application to this program (0625-0151) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) (OMB Control No. 0625-0151). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

For further information please contact: Gary Rand, Director, International Buyer Program (IBP2015@trade.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 3-day meeting on April 22–24, 2014 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22; and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 23 and 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355-1900. The telephone number is (860) 572-0731. Information can be found online at www.hiltonmystic.com/.

Council Address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

The Council meeting will begin with introductions and brief reports from the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director, the NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and NOAA Law Enforcement, and representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the U.S. Coast Guard. A report from the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Chairman will follow. Topics to be

discussed include committee comments on the proposed NOAA stock assessment prioritization process, recommendations on the use of multiple models in assessments and the development of catch advice, and a summary of the SSC's discussion on the role of social scientists on the SSC. Following a lunch break, the Council Chairman will provide a briefing on the recent East Coast Climate Change and Fisheries Governance Workshop. The Northeast Regional Planning Body will report on its activities to coordinate and manage the range of activities that occur in the marine and coastal environment in New England waters. The NEFMC Herring Committee will ask the Council to take final action on Framework Adjustment 4 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). During the discussion, the NEFMC will consider alternatives to address several measures disapproved in Herring Amendment 5 (dealer weighing requirements and measures to address net slippage). The discussion also will include input from the Herring Committee and its Advisory Panel, and the Council's Enforcement Committee.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

During the second day of the meeting, the Enforcement Committee will provide its comments on NOAA Fisheries revised penalty schedule for fishery violations and possibly review any comments on a proposed rule about revised trawl gear stowage provisions. A presentation will follow that will detail Council and Greater Northeast Regional Fisheries Office staff recommendations on improvements to the preparation of fishery management actions. The Northeast Fisheries Science Center's Science and Research Director will present information on costs associated with the Northeast Observer Program. Prior to a lunch break, the Council intends to give its approval for an omnibus amendment that would modify New England and Mid-Atlantic FMPs with respect to the use of standardized bycatch reporting methodology.

Following the break, there will be an opportunity for the public to provide brief comments on items that are relevant to Council business but are otherwise not listed on the published agenda. The Council will review and discuss a revised timeline and process to complete an amendment that will address monitoring to be funded by the fishing industry. The last two agenda items for this day will include a presentation on electronic monitoring and other technologies with potential for use in Northeast fisheries. During the second item, the Council's Research

Steering Committee will discuss and request input on and approval of recommendations on research questions that address groundfish fishery information needs.

Thursday, April 24, 2014

Council actions on the final day of the meeting will focus on the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) FMP. As part of the development of Amendment 18, the Council will consider alternatives to address fleet diversity and accumulation limits in the groundfish fishery and could approve the range of alternatives to be analyzed in the associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). During discussions on Framework Adjustment 52, an action to revise the commercial groundfish fishery accountability measures for southern and northern windowpane flounder stocks, the NEFMC may approve the range of alternatives to be analyzed in a DEIS for this action. The Council also may consider an emergency action request to implement an experimental cooperative research program.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 1, 2014.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and