

transportation. Participants will, however, be able to take advantage of U.S. Government rates for hotel rooms. Business or entry visas may be required to participate in the mission. Applying for and obtaining such visas will be the responsibility of the mission participant. Government fees and processing expenses to obtain such visas are not included in the participation fee. However, the Department of Commerce will provide instructions to each participant on the procedures required to obtain necessary business visas.

#### Timeline for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://export.gov/trademissions>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than July 25, 2016. Applications received after July 25, 2016 will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

#### Conditions for Participation

Targeted mission participants are U.S. companies or organizations providing oil and gas equipment, technology, or services. The participants' products or services must be either produced in the United States or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent U.S. content of the value of the finished product/service.

The following criteria will be evaluated in selecting participants:

- An applicant must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.

- Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are either

produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent U.S. content of the value of the finished product or service.

- Suitability of the firm or service provider's products or services to the market.
- Firm's or service provider's (or in the case of a trade association/organization, represented firm or service provider's) potential for business in the markets, including likelihood of exports resulting from the mission.
- Consistency of the firm's or service provider's (or in the case of a trade association/organization, represented firm or service provider's) goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission.

Diversity of company or organization size and location may also be considered during the review process.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Renewable Energy Trade Mission to Mexico; May 16-19, 2016

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) is organizing an Executive-led Renewable Energy Trade Mission to Mexico from May 16 to 19, 2016. The Renewable Energy Trade Mission offers a timely and cost-effective means for U.S. firms to engage with key stakeholders and to enter the promising Mexican market for renewable energy equipment, technology, and services.

A senior ITA official will lead a delegation of 15 to 20 companies for a series of meetings with government officials, power sector decision makers, potential buyers and other commercial partners in Mexico City. Delegates will receive discounted access to Mexico's premier trade show and congress for the clean energy industries, MIREC WEEK, including exclusive networking opportunities facilitated by the International Trade Administration. Participating companies will also have the option for a *second-city* mission extension for solar and wind power sub-sector briefings in Monterrey; pre-screened business-to-business meetings with local agents, distributors, or potential buyers facilitated by the Commercial Service; and local networking opportunities.

The mission will target near- and medium-term opportunities for U.S. equipment suppliers, technology providers and integrators, and a wide range of service providers operating in the solar, wind, renewable fuels, geothermal, and hydro power sub-sectors. In addition to exclusive meetings with Mexican energy sector officials, delegates will benefit from exposure to the hundreds of businesses and high-level decision makers participating in MIREC WEEK. The U.S. Commercial Service in Mexico will organize a complete package of country briefings, business and government meetings, sub-sector seminars, and networking opportunities led by U.S. government officials during MIREC WEEK. Delegates participating in the Monterrey extension will also receive business-to-business services designed to capitalize on unique opportunities in the local market and connect mission delegates with potential buyers.

## SCHEDULE

Monday, May 16, 2016 .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Participants Arrive in Mexico City <i>by 4 p.m.</i></li> <li>■ Country Briefing: by U.S. Embassy staff on Mexico's renewable energy sector and business opportunities.</li> <li>■ Evening Reception: with USG officials, renewable energy stakeholders, and potential partners from Mexico's industry.</li> </ul>
Tuesday, May 17, 2016 .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Meetings and Roundtables: with government agencies and renewable energy sector decision makers, including translation services.</li> <li>■ Evening Reception: with key stakeholders at MIREC WEEK.</li> </ul>
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 ..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MIREC WEEK: One-day participation in Mexico's premier trade show and congress for the clean energy industries.</li> <li>■ U.S. Government-led Networking Opportunities: delegation tour of the show and facilitated networking.</li> <li>■ Optional Second-City: Evening travel to Monterrey.</li> </ul>
Thursday, May 19, 2016 .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Monterrey Sub-Sector Roundtables: with local leaders and business community in wind and solar industries.</li> <li>■ Monterrey Business Meetings: Commercial Service facilitated business-to-business meetings in Monterrey.</li> </ul>

*Web site:* Please visit our official mission Web site for more information: <http://www.export.gov/trademissions/>.

### Participation Requirements

All parties interested in participating in the trade mission must complete and submit an application package for consideration by the Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated, on a rolling basis, on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below (*see Conditions for Participation*). A minimum of 15 and maximum of 20 companies will be selected to participate in the Mexico City mission from the applicant pool. For specialized business to business meetings in Monterrey, a maximum of 10 companies will be selected to participate.

### Fees and Expenses

After a company or organization has been selected to participate on the mission, a payment to the Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The participation fee for the basic Trade Mission, including a discounted one-day all-access pass to MIREC WEEK, will be \$1,900, for a small or medium-sized firm (SME), and \$2,250 for large firms. The additional fee for participants in the extended Mission for pre-screened business to business meetings in Monterrey will be \$1,400 for a SME and \$1,700.00 for a large firm. The fee for each additional company representative participating in the Mission will be \$1,600.00 for Mexico City and \$500 for Monterrey.

### Application

All interested firms and associations may register via the following link: <http://emenuapps.ita.doc.gov/ePublic/TM/6R0R>.

### Exclusions

The mission fee does not include any personal travel expenses such as lodging, most meals, local ground

transportation (except for transportation to and from meetings), and air transportation. Participants will, however, be able to take advantage of U.S. Government rates for hotel rooms.

Business or entry visas may be required to participate on the mission. Applying for and obtaining such visas will be the responsibility of the mission participant. Government fees and processing expenses to obtain such visas are not included in the participation fee. However, the Department of Commerce will provide instructions to each participant on the procedures required to obtain necessary business visas.

### Timeline for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://export.gov/trademissions>), the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency exporter portal (<http://www.export.gov/reee/>) and newsletter, and other Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and the U.S. Department of Commerce will review applications and make selection decisions on a rolling basis until the maximum of 20 participants for Mexico City and 10 participants for Monterrey are selected. Applications received after March 4, 2016, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit and participation fees must be paid by March 14, 2016.

### Conditions for Participation

Targeted mission participants are U.S. companies or trade associations providing renewable energy equipment,

technology and services with export interests in Mexico's market.

Certification of products and/or services being manufactured or produced in the United States is required, or if manufactured/produced outside of the United States, the product/service must be marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished good or service.

The following criteria will be evaluated in selecting participants:

- Suitability of a firm's or service provider's (or in the case of a trade association/organization, represented firm or service provider's) products or services to Mexico's market.
- Firm's or service provider's (or in the case of a trade association/organization, represented firm or service provider's) potential for business in the markets, including likelihood of exports resulting from the mission.
- Consistency of the firm's or service provider's (or in the case of a trade association/organization, represented firm or service provider's) goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission.

Diversity of company size and location may also be considered during the review process.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**Trade Mission to Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico and Argentina in Conjunction With Trade Winds—Latin America Business Forum**

September 6–13, 2016.

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade

Administration is organizing a trade mission to Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico and Argentina that will include the Trade Winds—Latin America business forum in Santiago, Chile on September 7–9, 2016. U.S. trade mission members will participate in the Trade Winds—Latin America business forum in Santiago, Chile, which is also open to U.S. companies not participating in the trade mission. Trade mission participants may also choose to participate in their choice of trade mission stops based on recommendations from the USFCS, including in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico and Argentina. Each trade mission stop will include one-on-one business appointments with pre-screened potential buyers, agents, distributors or joint-venture partners. Trade mission participants in the Trade Winds—Latin America business forum may attend regional and industry-specific sessions and consultations with USFCS Senior

Commercial Officers and other government officials representing the Western Hemisphere region during the business forum in Santiago, Chile on September 7–9, 2016.

This mission is open to U.S. companies and trade associations from a cross-section of industries with growth potential in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico and Argentina, including, but not limited to the following industries: Power generation, transmission and distribution technology and equipment; oil and gas equipment and technology; mining and construction equipment; building products; agricultural equipment and technology; information communications technology and equipment; healthcare and medical products, equipment, and services; water technologies; environmental technologies; consumer products; and safety and security products and services.

**SCHEDULE**

Monday, September 5, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arrive in Mexico City, Mexico; Santa Cruz, Bolivia; or Asuncion, Paraguay (if electing to participate in one of these mission stops).</li> </ul>
Tuesday, September 6, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mexico City, Mexico; Santa Cruz, Bolivia; or Asuncion, Paraguay (choice of one mission stop).</li> <li>▪ Business to Business meetings and networking with government and business officials.</li> <li>▪ Arrive in Santiago, Chile.</li> </ul>
Wednesday, September 7, 2016.	
Thursday and Friday, September 8–9, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Santiago, Chile: Trade Winds Business Forum and SCO Consultations.</li> </ul>
Saturday, September 10, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Market Briefings, Business to Business meetings, consultations with U.S. Government trade representatives and networking with U.S. and foreign government and business officials.</li> <li>▪ Travel Day.</li> </ul>
Sunday, September 11, 2016.	
Monday and Tuesday, September 12–13, 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arrive in Montevideo, Uruguay; Buenos Aires/Cordoba, Argentina; or Lima, Peru (if electing to participate in one of these mission stops).</li> <li>▪ Montevideo, Uruguay; Buenos Aires/Cordoba, Argentina; or Lima, Peru (choice of one mission stop).</li> <li>▪ Business to Business meetings and networking with government and business officials.</li> </ul>

*Web site:* Please visit our official mission Web site for more information: [http://www.export.gov/eac/show\\_detail\\_trade\\_events.asp?EventID=36416&InputType=EVENT](http://www.export.gov/eac/show_detail_trade_events.asp?EventID=36416&InputType=EVENT).

**Participation Requirements**

All parties interested in participating in the trade mission to Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico and Argentina must complete and submit an application package for consideration by the Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below.

A minimum of 30 companies and/or trade associations will be selected to participate in the mission from the applicant pool on a first-come, first-

served basis. Mission stop participation will be limited as follows: The Bolivia mission stop is limited to 15 companies; the Paraguay mission stop is limited to 5 companies; the Uruguay mission stop is limited to 15 companies; the Argentina mission stop is limited to 20 companies; Peru mission stop is limited to 10 companies; Mexico mission stop is limited to 20 companies; and the Chile mission stop is limited to 30 companies.

Additional delegates may be accepted based on available space. U.S. companies and/or trade associations already doing business in or seeking business in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico and Argentina for the first time may apply.

**Fees and Expenses**

After a company has been selected to participate in the mission, a payment to the Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required.

- For one mission stop, the participation fee will be \$1,900 for a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) and \$2,900 for large firms.
- For two mission stops, the participation fee will be \$2,900 for a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) and \$3,900 for large firms.
- For three mission stops, the participation fee will be \$3,900 for a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) and \$4,900 for large firms.

The above trade mission fees include the \$950 participation fee for the Trade Winds business forum to be held in Santiago, Chile on September 7–9, 2016.