DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration

Manufacturing Council

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

ACTION: Notice of an Opportunity To Apply for Membership on the Manufacturing Council.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is currently seeking applications to fill two vacant positions on the Manufacturing Council (Council). The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the competitiveness of the U.S. manufacturing sector and to provide a forum for regular communication between Government and the manufacturing sector.

ADDRESSES: Please submit application information via e-mail to jennifer.pilat@trade.gov or by mail to Jennifer Pilat, Office of Advisory Committees, Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

DATES: All applications must be received by the Office of Advisory Committees by close of business on June 30, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Pilat, Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202–482–4501, e-mail: jennifer.pilat@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Advisory Committees is accepting applications for two vacant positions on the Council for the current two-year charter term that began April 8, 2010. The member shall serve until the Council’s charter expires on April 8, 2012. The member will be selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based on his or her ability to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing sector, to act as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership and to provide a forum for those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the manufacturing sector. The Council’s membership shall reflect the diversity of American manufacturing by representing a balanced cross-section of the U.S. manufacturing industry in terms of industry sectors, geographic locations, demographics, and company size, particularly seeking the representation of small- and medium-sized enterprises. Based on the diversity of the manufacturing industry currently represented on the Council for this charter term, the Department is particularly encouraging applicants from the high-tech or bio-tech manufacturing and alternative energy manufacturing sectors. Additional factors that may be considered in the selection of these Council members include the candidate’s proven experience in promoting, developing and marketing programs in support of manufacturing industries, in job creation in the manufacturing sector, and the candidate’s proven abilities to manage manufacturing organizations. Given the duties and objectives of the Council, the Department particularly seeks applicants who are active manufacturing executives (Chief Executive Officer, President, or a comparable level of responsibility) and who are leaders within their local manufacturing communities and industries.

Each Council member serves as the representative of a U.S. entity in the manufacturing sector. For the purposes of eligibility, an entity is defined as a firm incorporated in the United States (or an unincorporated firm with 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.

Appointments to the Council will be made by the Secretary of Commerce. All Council members serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Council members shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their particular subsector within the manufacturing sector. Council members are not Special Government Employees.

Council members receive no compensation for their participation in Council activities. Members participating in Council meetings and events are responsible for their travel, living and other personal expenses. Meetings are held regularly and not less than annually, usually in Washington, DC. Members are required to attend a majority of the Council’s meetings. The current Council last met on April 7, 2011 in Washington, DC. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in July 2011 in Oregon.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following:

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration. A sponsor letter from the applicant on his or her entity’s letterhead or, if the applicant is to represent an entity other than his or her employer, a letter from the entity to be represented, containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the Council. This sponsor letter should also address the applicant’s manufacturing-related experience, including any manufacturing trade policy experience.

2. The applicant’s personal resume.

3. An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria.

4. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

5. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not a federally registered lobbyist, and that the applicant understands that, if appointed, the applicant will not be allowed to continue to serve as a Council member if the applicant becomes a federally registered lobbyist.

6. Information regarding the control of the entity to be represented, including the governing structure and stockholdings, as appropriate, signifying compliance with the criteria set forth above.
7. The entity’s size and ownership, product or service line and major markets in which the entity operates.
8. Please include all relevant contact information such as mailing address, fax, e-mail, phone number, and support staff information where relevant.

Dated: June 2, 2011
Jennifer Pilat,
Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprises; Meeting


ACTION: Notice of an Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Council for Minority Business Enterprise (NACMBE) will hold its second meeting to discuss the work of selected subcommittees and deliverables to fulfill the NACMBE’s charter mandate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, June 24, 2011, from 9 to 11 a.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST).

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027, Chairman Boardroom.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Demetria Gallagher, National Directors Office, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482–1624; e-mail: dgallagher@mbda.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA466 Endangered Species; File No. 15135

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Blake Price, 132 Conch Court, Emerald Isle, NC 28594, has been issued a permit to take threatened and endangered sea turtles for purposes scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713–2289; fax (301) 713–0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824–5312; fax (727) 824–5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Carrie Hubard or Amy Hapeman, (301) 713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 12, 2010, notice was published in the Federal Register (75 FR 11863) that a request for a scientific research permit to take sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The permit authorizes tests of modified large mesh (> 5 inches) commercial gillnets targeting southern flounder (Paralichthys lethostigmus) in shallow waters of Core Sound, North Carolina. The objective of the research is to determine if gear modifications can eliminate or reduce sea turtle bycatch. Two contracted commercial gillnet vessels will conduct a total of 60 fishing trips, setting five matched (control vs. experimental) sets of gillnets each day. Each matched set would consist of 100 yards of control net (gillnet without illuminated lights) and 100 yards of experimental net (gillnet with illuminated lights), for a total of 1,000 yards of net a day. With the exception of illuminated, green Lindgen-Pitman Electraule lights, the gillnets will be identical in all other respects (e.g., twine material/size; hanging ration; stretch mesh). Turtles will be identified to species, measured, photographed, and flipper and passive integrated transponder tagged before released beyond the fishing area. Any comatose or debilitated turtles will be transported to a rehabilitation center. The permit authorizes capture of 18 Kemp’s ridley (Lepidochelys kempii), 15 loggerhead (Caretta caretta), 31 green (Chelonia mydas), 2 hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata), and 2 leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea) sea turtles over the life of the permit. Of the captured turtles, 5 Kemp’s ridleys, 5 loggerheads, 15 greens, 2 hawksbills, and 2 leatherbacks may be mortalities. The permit is valid through December 31, 2012.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that