

Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and close March 4, 2009. Applications are available on-line on the mission Web site at <http://www.buyusa.gov/globaldesignbuild/futurebuildmission.html>. They can also be obtained by contacting the Mission Project Officer listed below. Applications received after March 4, 2009 will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Mission Statement; European Port Infrastructure and Security Trade Mission to Germany, Belgium and Italy May 4-8, 2009

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, is organizing a Trade Mission to Germany, Belgium and Italy, May 4-8, 2009. This event is intended to tap immediate opportunities in port infrastructure, and security and logistics in Hamburg, Germany; Antwerp, Belgium; and Genoa, Italy. Because these ports are key gateways to the Western European market, companies from countries beyond Germany, Belgium, and Italy will be informed about the mission and encouraged to meet with the U.S. participants.

The program will focus on several major areas, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Port safety and security, including container tagging, chemical and radiation detection equipment, electronic container seals, tracking equipment, virtual simulation products and other high-technology security items, and training (such as first responder);

(2) Port logistics and infrastructure, including supply chain, communications, crisis management, risk management products, disaster control shore-based electricity, inland connections, terminal railroad infrastructure, pipelines and other solutions for liquid bulk and petrochemical products;

(3) Port environment, including reduced emissions, clean engine developments and GreenPorts Certification; and

(4) European maritime policies.

The trade mission will expose participating companies to procurement opportunities in maritime ports and showcase U.S. technology, which is highly regarded and maintains a competitive edge in Europe.

Commercial Setting

As in other markets, Europe places a strong emphasis on homeland security, transportation, environmental safety and critical infrastructure development. The need for information exchange and security concerning the maritime industry continues to create opportunities in the maritime sector in Europe. Approximately 90 percent of the transport of goods to and from the European Union is by sea. The European Union has adopted rules regarding maritime safety and security to ensure quality shipping that respects the environment and guarantees an optimal level of protection. The current European maritime transport policy calls for safety and security measures that will allow the European maritime industry to continue making the most of its already prominent role to maximize its competitive position. The major focus is on environmental impact, safety, unification and simplification of procedures. This scenario will provide excellent opportunities for U.S. companies operating in a variety of areas.

End-users consider the U.S. security equipment industry to be a leader in the global marketplace. U.S. producers will continue to have a competitive advantage because of their know-how and technological edge. Solutions to be considered will include, among many other items, handheld scanners, pagers, portal monitors, radiation identification devices, cargo and baggage screening equipment, non-intrusive inspection technology, access control and identification systems, video surveillance equipment and communication software for data integration.

In European ports, a strong demand is developing for emissions-reducing technologies. This demand is triggered

mainly by European Union legislation pushing for important reductions in gaseous emissions, especially greenhouse gases, CO, NO_x and SO_x. The underlying political drivers are the EU's commitment to the Kyoto Protocol and its Clean Air For Europe (CAFE) program. As EU Member states have some freedom in the actual implementation of the EU legislation, and they will likely pass on the burden to execute the national emission-reduction targets to the port areas, which are notorious polluters. Key commercial leads will include any and all technologies that lead to higher energy efficiency of both onshore (port facilities and infrastructure) and offshore (vessels) equipment. Examples are shore-based electricity networks ("cold ironing"), exhaust filters for diesel engines and power plants, and low-sulfur fuels. As the legislative process is ongoing, companies interested in this area could benefit from developing relations with port authorities and other semi-public stakeholders as direct sources of information in the future.

Mission Goals

The trade mission's goal is to introduce U.S. exporters of port-related equipment, systems, and services to potential public and private end-users and partners, including potential agents, distributors, and licensees, with the aim of creating business partnerships that will contribute to increasing U.S. exports to European markets.

Mission Scenario

The mission will include meetings with individuals from both the public sector (e.g., port authorities and customs officials) and private business (e.g., shipping agents, marine terminal operators, and local security systems companies). In each country, participants will receive a briefing that will include market intelligence, as well as an overview of the country's economic and political environment. A networking reception is planned at each stop. The mission will also include a brief tour of the ports of Hamburg, Antwerp and Genoa, briefings by port authorities on planned projects and expected infrastructure and security needs, and one-on-one business meetings between U.S. participants and potential end-users and partners. Follow-on business meetings in other countries in the region can be set up before or after the trade mission for an additional price, depending on participants' wishes.

Proposed Timetable

The proposed schedule allows for about a day and a half in each port area.

Sunday, May 3, through Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Mission begins in Hamburg, Germany.

Welcome briefing.
Business matchmaking: 1 full day of appointments.
Tour of port.
Networking reception.
Participants will depart Hamburg the morning of Tuesday, May 5, by air, and proceed to Brussels, Belgium.

Tuesday, May 5, through Thursday, May 7 Mission's second stop: Antwerp, Belgium (via mini-bus from Brussels).

Welcome briefing.
Tour of port.
Networking reception.
Business matchmaking: 1 full day of appointments.
The delegation will depart Belgium via Brussels the morning of May 7 and proceed to Milan, Italy.

Thursday, May 7, through Friday, May 8 Mission's third and last stop: Genoa, Italy.

Welcome briefing.
Business matchmaking: 1 full day of appointments.
Tour of port.
Networking reception.
Participants are free to depart for their home destinations on the evening of May 8.

Criteria for Participation and Selection

A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 15 companies will be selected to participate in the mission from the applicant pool. The target participants will include U.S. companies specializing in security, infrastructure, environmental protection, and communications systems. As large European ports attract all sorts of industries, U.S. applicants with business interests in other sectors will also be considered.

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. The participation fee is \$3,000 per company for small or medium enterprises (SME *) and \$3,700 per company for large firms. The fee for each additional firm representative (large firm or SME) is \$500 per person. Expenses for lodging, most transportation (except, for example, bus transportation to Antwerp, Belgium), most meals, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

* An SME is defined as a firm with 500 or fewer employees or that otherwise qualifies as a small business under SBA regulations (see http://www.sba.gov/services/contracting_opportunities/sizestandardstoc/index.html). Parent companies, affiliates, and subsidiaries will be considered when determining business size. The dual pricing schedule reflects the Commercial Service's user fee schedule that became effective May 1, 2008 (see <http://www.export.gov/newsletter/march2008/initiatives.html> for additional information).

Conditions for Participation

- 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.

Selection Criteria for Participation

- Suitability of the company's products or services to the target sectors and markets;
- Applicant's potential for business in the target markets, including likelihood of exports resulting from the mission; and
- Relevance of the company's business line to the mission's goals.

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.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner. Outreach will include posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html> and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. The U.S. Commercial Service offices in Italy, Germany and Belgium, in cooperation with port area U.S. Export Assistance Centers and the Global Safety and Security, Environmental, and Europe Teams will lead recruitment activities.

The mission will open on a first come first served basis. Recruitment will begin immediately and close March 16, 2009. Applications received after March 16, 2009, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Interested U.S. firms may contact the mission project officer listed below or visit the mission Web site: http://www.buyusa.gov/europe/security_events.html#_section2.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Stock Assessment of Alaska Sablefish; Peer Review Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of peer review meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS has requested the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) to conduct a peer review of the agency's stock assessment of Alaskan sablefish. CIE is a group affiliated with the University of Miami that provides independent peer reviews of NMFS science nationwide, including reviews of stock assessments for fish and marine mammals. The Alaska sablefish stock assessment is an area-wide model that includes the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and the Aleutian Islands. The CIE review will examine whether the assessment incorporates the best available scientific information and provides a reasonable approach to understanding the population dynamics and stock status of sablefish in Alaska. The public is invited to attend and observe the presentations and discussions between the CIE panel and the NMFS scientists who collected and processed the data, and designed the underlying model.

DATES: The review will be held on March 17 through March 19, 2009, from 9 AM to 5 PM Alaska Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The review will be held at the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute, 17109 Pt. Lena Loop Rd, Juneau, AK 99801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip Rigby, 907-789-6653.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CIE panel will consist of three peer reviewers who will assess materials related to the topic, participate in a review workshop with the NMFS scientists who developed the model and the analytical approach, and produce a

report. This review will be highly technical in nature and will cover mathematical details of the analytical approach. Members of the public are invited to observe, and will be provided opportunities to contribute on March 17 and 19.

The final report is due on April 23, 2009, and will consist of individual reports from each panelist and a summary report. The meeting chair will present the results of the review during the September 2009 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Groundfish Plan Team meeting that will be announced at a later time in the **Federal Register**.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

These workshops will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Phillip Rigby, 907-789-6653, at least 10 working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to TRICARE Management Activity, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206 (703 681-0039).

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Federal Agency Retail Pharmacy Program; OMB Number 0720-0032.

Needs and Uses: The Department of Defense is extending the information collection requirements under current OMB control number 0720-0032. Specifically, under the collection of information, respondents (drug manufacturers) will base refund calculation reporting requirements on both the Federal Ceiling Price and the Federal Supply Schedule Price, whichever is lower. Previously, drug manufacturers' reporting requirements addressed only the Federal Ceiling Price. DoD will use the reporting and audit capabilities of the Pharmacy Data Transaction Service (PDTS) to validate refunds owed to the Government.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 16,000.

Number of Respondents: 250.

Responses per Respondent: 8.

Average Burden per Response: 8 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Department of Defense is extending the information collection