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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11674]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Statement of Political Contributions, Fees, and Commissions Relating to Sales of Defense Articles and Defense Services

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to May 9, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Web:** Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2022-0005" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- **Email:** DDTCPublicComments@state.gov.

- **Regular Mail:** Send written comments to: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Attn: Andrea Battista, 2401 E St. NW, Suite H-1205, Washington, DC 20522-0112.

You must include the subject (PRA 60 Day Comment), information collection title (Statement of Political Contributions, Fees, and Commissions Relating to Sales of Defense Articles and Defense Services), and OMB control number (1405-0025) in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding this collection to Andrea Battista, who may be reached at BattistaAL@state.gov or 202-663-3136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- **Title of Information Collection:** Statement of Political Contributions,

Fees, and Commissions Relating to Sales of Defense Articles and Defense Services.

- **OMB Control Number:** 1405-0025.
- **Type of Request:** Extension.
- **Originating Office:** Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC).
- **Form Number:** No Form.
- **Respondents:** Persons requesting a license or other approval for the export, reexport, or retransfer of USML-regulated defense articles or defense services valued in an amount of \$500,000 or more that are being sold commercially to or for the use of the armed forces of a foreign country or international organization or persons who enter into a contract with the Department of Defense for the sale of defense articles or defense services valued in an amount of \$500,000 or more under section 22 of the AECA.

- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 57.

- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 450.

- **Average Time per Response:** 60 minutes.

- **Total Estimated Burden Time:** 450 hours.

- **Frequency:** On occasion.

- **Obligation to Respond:** Mandatory.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

DDTC regulates the export and temporary import of defense articles and defense services enumerated on the USML in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR parts 120-130). In accordance with section 39 of the AECA, the Secretary of State must require, in part, adequate and

timely reporting of political contributions, gifts, commissions and fees paid, or offered or agreed to be paid in connection with the sales of defense articles or defense services licensed or approved under AECA sections 22 and 38. Pursuant to ITAR § 130.9(a), any person applying for a license or approval required under section 38 of the AECA for sale to the armed forces of a foreign country or international organization valued at \$500,000 or more must inform DDTC, and provide certain specified information, when they have paid, offered to, or agreed to pay, (1) political contributions in an aggregate amount of \$5,000 or greater; or (2) fees or commissions in an aggregate amount equaling or exceeding \$100,000. Similarly, ITAR § 130.9(b) requires any person who enters into a contract with the Department of Defense under section 22 of the AECA, valued at \$500,000 or more, to inform DDTC and provide the specified information, when they or their vendors, have paid, or offered or agreed to pay, in respect to any sale (1) political contributions in an aggregate amount of \$5,000 or greater; or (2) fees or commissions in an aggregate amount equaling or exceeding \$100,000. Respondents are also required to collect information pursuant to Sections 130.12 and 130.13 prior to submitting their report to DDTC.

Methodology

Respondents will submit information as attachments to relevant license applications or requests for other approval.

Michael F. Miller,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, U.S. Department of State.

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STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SJI Board of Directors Meeting, Notice

AGENCY: State Justice Institute.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The SJI Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. ET. The purpose of this meeting is to consider grant applications for the 2nd quarter of FY 2022, and other business.

ADDRESSES: The Nathan Deal Judicial Center, 330 Capitol Avenue SE, Atlanta, GA, 30334.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathan Mattiello, Executive Director, State Justice Institute, 12700 Fair Lakes

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703-660-4979, contact@sj.gov.
Authority: 42 U.S.C. 10702(f).

Jonathan D. Mattiello,
Executive Director.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2022-0002]

Request for Comments on the Proposed Fair and Resilient Trade Pillar of an Indo-Pacific Economic Framework

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 27, 2021, President Biden announced that the United States would explore the development of an Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) to deepen economic relations in the Indo-Pacific region and coordinate approaches to addressing global economic challenges. The Secretary of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative will co-chair the U.S. team leading the IPEF negotiations. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) will lead the IPEF's pillar on Fair and Resilient Trade, and the Department of Commerce will lead the IPEF's pillars on: (1) Supply Chain Resiliency; (2) Clean Energy, Decarbonization, and Infrastructure; and (3) Taxation and Anti-Corruption. Accordingly, USTR is seeking public comments on matters relevant to the Fair and Resilient Trade pillar, including U.S. interests and priorities, in order to develop U.S. negotiating objectives and positions and identify potential partners.

DATES: The deadline for the submission of written comments is April 11, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You should submit written comment through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the instructions for submissions in parts II and III below. For procedural questions concerning written comments, please contact Spencer Smith at Spencer.L.Smith2@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395-2974 in advance of the deadline and before transmitting a comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct all other questions to Colette Morgan, Director for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, at Colette.M.Morgan@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395-9535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On October 27, 2021, President Biden announced that the United States would explore the development of an IPEF that will contain multiple pillars covering key areas of interest, including fair and resilient trade. Negotiating an agreement under the Fair and Resilient Trade pillar is an important step towards strengthening U.S. economic engagement in the Indo-Pacific region and promoting durable, broad-based economic growth. Under the Fair and Resilient Trade pillar, the Administration aims to develop high-standard, worker-centered commitments in the following areas:

- Labor
- Environment and climate
- Digital economy
- Agriculture
- Transparency and good regulatory practices
- Competition policy
- Trade facilitation

The United States will build upon high-standard trade commitments and develop new approaches in trade policy to advance a broad set of worker-centered priorities, and promote durable, broad-based economic growth. At this time, the Administration is not seeking to address tariff barriers.

II. Public Comment

The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) invites interested parties to submit comments to assist USTR as it develops negotiating objectives and positions for the IPEF trade pillar. In particular, the TPSC invites interested parties to comment on issues that USTR should address in the negotiations, including the following:

1. General negotiating objectives for the proposed agreement.
2. Labor-related matters.
3. Environment and climate-related matters.
4. Digital economy-related matters.
5. Agriculture-related matters.
6. Transparency and good regulatory practice issues.
7. Competition-related matters.
8. Customs and trade facilitation issues.
9. Issues of particular relevance to small and medium-sized businesses that should be addressed in the negotiations.
10. Other measures or practices, including those of third-country entities, which undermine fair market opportunities for U.S. workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses.

USTR requests small businesses (generally defined by the Small Business Administration as firms with fewer than 500 employees) or

organizations representing small business members that submit comments to self-identify as such, so that USTR is aware of issues of particular interest to small businesses.

III. Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting written comments must do so in English and must identify on the first page of the submission 'Comments Regarding Fair and Resilient Trade Pillar'. The submission deadline is April 11, 2022.

USTR strongly encourages commenters to make online submissions, using *Regulations.gov*. To submit comments via *Regulations.gov*, enter docket number USTR-2022-0002 on the home page and click 'search.' The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled 'Comment Now.' For further information on using *Regulations.gov*, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on 'How to Use This Site' on the left side of the home page.

Regulations.gov allows users to submit comments by filling in a 'type comment' field, or by attaching a document using an 'upload file' field. USTR prefers that you provide comments in an attached document. If you attach a document, please identify the name of the country to which the submission pertains in the 'type comment' field, e.g., see attached comments with respect to (name of country). USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If you use an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the 'type comment' field.

Filers submitting comments containing no business confidential information (BCI) should name their file using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. For any comments submitted electronically containing BCI, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters 'BCI.' Clearly mark any page containing BCI with 'BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL' on the top of that page. Filers of submissions containing BCI also must submit a public version of their comments that USTR will place in the docket for public inspection. The file name of the public version should begin with the character 'P.' Follow the 'BCI' and 'P' with the name of the person or entity submitting the comments.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might