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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0041]

General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Solicitation for Membership

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture is soliciting nominations for the election of regional membership for the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

DATES: Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before June 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be addressed to Mr. Andrew R. Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, 1498 Klondike Road, Suite 101, Conyers, GA 30094-5104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew R. Rhorer at the above address or by telephone at (770) 922-3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Conference Committee (the Committee) of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is the Secretary's Advisory Committee on poultry health. The Committee serves as a forum for the study of problems relating to poultry health and, as necessary, makes specific recommendations to the Secretary concerning ways the U.S. Department of Agriculture may assist the industry in addressing these problems. The Committee assists the Department in planning, organizing, and conducting the Biennial Conference of the NPIP. The Committee recommends whether new proposals should be considered by

the delegates to the Biennial Conference and serves as a direct liaison between the NPIP and the United States Animal Health Association.

Terms will expire for current regional members of the Committee in June 2008. We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals to replace members on the Committee for the South Atlantic Region (Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico), the South Central Region (Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas), and the West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota). There must be at least two nominees for each position. To ensure the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent underrepresented groups (minorities, women, and persons with disabilities). At least one nominee from each of the three regions must have a demonstrated ability to represent an underrepresented group. The voting will be by secret ballot of official delegates from the respective region, and the results will be recorded.

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of April 2008.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Southwest Region Vessel Identification Requirements.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0361.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,348.

Number of Respondents: 1,750.

Average Hours per Response: Purse seine vessel marking, 1 hour and 15 minutes; all other vessel marking, 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The vessels in certain federally-regulated fisheries off the U.S. west coast are required to display the vessel's official number in three locations (port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and an appropriate weather deck). For the purse seine vessels, the vessel's official number is required on the above locations, one skiff, and one helicopter.

These requirements are necessary to aid enforcement of fishery regulations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: April 10, 2008.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration Mission Statement

Mission Statement; Business Development Mission to Erbil, Iraq June, 2008 *

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA) is organizing a Business Development Mission to Erbil, Iraq, June 2008.* The business development mission will focus on establishing business meetings between U.S. companies and Iraqi companies, for both export and investment. The mission will be open to U.S. companies from all non-petroleum sectors. Companies with interests in the housing, financial services, agri-business/food processing, healthcare, tourism, IT, transportation, or franchising sectors will be preferred. This mission will be led by a Senior Commerce Department official. ITA will provide participating U.S. companies an opportunity to meet with key officials from the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), local chambers of commerce and other business groups, and various Iraqi companies. ITA also seeks to provide participating U.S. companies an opportunity to visit key commercial sites in Erbil. Security will be furnished by the U.S. Embassy Regional Reconstruction Team in Erbil, private hotel security, and the KRG.

Commercial Setting: This mission will take place in the midst of an economic and investment boom occurring in the region. The Kurdistan region is an autonomous region within Iraq with special authorities enshrined in Iraq's 2005 constitution. It has many of its own laws and its own security force, which has enabled it to largely escape the violence seen in other parts of Iraq since 2004. Indeed, not a single coalition troop member has died in Iraqi Kurdistan since 2003.

The economy of Iraqi Kurdistan has been growing from 8–25% a year over the past several years. Companies from neighboring countries, led by Turkey, currently dominate investment and trade in Iraqi Kurdistan, followed by companies from Gulf countries, Asia, and Europe. Private investment in the region was \$7.6 billion in 2007. U.S. trade and investment in this region remains remarkably low in comparison, however, at less than 2% of the total. However, U.S. companies are beginning to take notice of the opportunities in Iraqi Kurdistan. A Coca-Cola bottling facility recently opened up near Erbil, while Ford and General Motors (Chevrolet) have active dealerships in the region. Furthermore, pro-American sentiment runs high in Iraqi Kurdistan, and both Iraqi Kurdish businesses and KRG officials are very supportive of U.S. business activity in the region. Recently passed legislation on investments provide exemption from income taxes for the first ten years of an investment, unhindered repatriation of project investment funds and accrued profits, 100 percent foreign ownership of land, provision of basic services (water, electricity, sewage, public road access and telecommunications) on a cost-free basis up to the boundary of a foreign investor's project site, and other attractive financial incentives.

This mission builds on previous Commerce Department engagements with the Government of Iraq, the KRG, and with Iraq's private sector. In February 2008, Secretary Gutierrez traveled to Baghdad with representatives from the U.S. private sector and former ITA Under Secretary Lavin traveled to Erbil in February 2007

with a similar delegation. Additionally, Iraqi Kurdistan has hosted numerous business delegations from Italy, Korea, Japan, Germany and other advanced economies seeking to get a foothold in one of the world's newest, most dynamic markets.

Mission Goals: The mission will facilitate business-to-business meetings between U.S. companies and their private sector counterparts in Iraq, as well as improve U.S. industries' understanding of the commercial opportunities in Iraq. The mission will also facilitate commercial policy dialogue with the KRG and Iraqi business groups. The mission aims to:

- Improve U.S. industries' understanding of the commercial opportunities in Iraq, and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in particular.
- Facilitate business meetings between U.S. and Iraqi businesses, to expand U.S. exports to Iraq and U.S. investment in Iraq.
- Provide Iraqi Kurdish policymakers with U.S. industry feedback on the direction of commercial reforms.
- Introduce U.S. industry to the Kurdistan Region's business and government leaders.

Mission Scenario: In Iraq, the International Trade Administration will:

- Organize roundtable events, briefings, networking events, and matchmaking meetings between the delegation and key U.S. Government officials, key officials of the KRG, local companies, and industry groups.
- Arrange for selected site visits to key commercial sites. (Subject to security conditions at the time.)

PROPOSED MISSION TIMETABLE *

Day 1	• Arrive, late afternoon. • Evening trade mission briefing from U.S. Government (USG) representatives.
Day 2	• Morning reception with Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), representatives from various Ministries. • Luncheon roundtable w/U.S. company reps already in Kurdistan. • Afternoon trip to Erbil city center—convention center, citadel, etc. • Evening dinner with banking/services sector reps.
Day 3	• Morning briefing from Erbil Chamber of Commerce, followed by networking and meeting time. • Afternoon briefing from Iraqi Businessmen's Union-Kurdistan, followed by one-on-one meeting time.
Day 4	• Morning time for one-one-one meetings, free time for trade mission delegates. • Leave, late afternoon.

Participation Requirements

All parties interested in participating in the Business Development Mission to Erbil, Iraq 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. This trade mission is

designed for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 qualified companies.

After a company 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 will be \$2,445 per company. Participating companies will be restricted to one representative. Additional representatives from a single

company will be considered only as space permits. The fee for an additional representative will be \$1,410. Expenses for travel, lodging, some meals, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

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 we receive an incomplete application, we may either reject the application or take the lack of information into account when we evaluate the applications.

- Each applicant must also:
 - Certify that any export of the products and services that it wishes to export through the mission would be in compliance with U.S. export controls and regulations;
 - Certify that it has identified to the Department of Commerce for its evaluation any business pending before the Department of Commerce that may present the appearance of a conflict of interest;
 - Certify that it has identified any pending litigation (including any administrative proceedings) to which it is a party that involves the Department of Commerce; and
 - Sign and submit an agreement that it and its affiliates (1) have not and will not engage in the bribery of foreign officials in connection with company's/participant's involvement in this mission, and (2) maintain and enforce a policy that prohibits the bribery of foreign officials.

Selection Criteria for Participation

- Relevance of the company's business line to the mission description and goals;
- Company's primary business objectives for participating on this mission;
- Potential for business in the Iraqi market;
- Diversity of sectors represented, with preference given to companies in the housing, financial services, agribusiness/food processing, healthcare, tourism, IT, transportation, or franchising sectors; [**Note:** This trade mission is open only to companies promoting non-petroleum industry sectors.]

• Capacity and intent to export goods and/or services from the United States to Iraq, or capacity and intent to invest in Iraq.

Additional factors, such as diversity of company size, type, location, demographics, and traditional underrepresentation in business, may also be considered during the review process.

As noted in the criteria above, this mission is not open to companies promoting goods or services in the petroleum sector.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents, including the

application, 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, including publication in the **Federal Register**, 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 Office of Business Liaison and the International Trade Administration will explore and welcome outreach assistance from other interested organizations, including other U.S. Government agencies. Applications for the Mission will be made available April 9, 2008 through May 8, 2008. Applications can be completed on-line on the Iraq Investment and Reconstruction Task Force Web site at <http://www.trade.gov/iraq> or can be obtained by contacting the U.S. Department of Commerce Iraq Investment and Reconstruction Task Force at 202-482-5228, IraqInfo@mail.doc.gov, or via the contact information below.

The application deadline is May 8, 2008. Completed applications should be submitted to the Iraq Investment and Reconstruction Task Force. Applications received after May 8, 2008 will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Disclaimer, Security, and Transportation

Trade mission members participate in the trade mission and undertake related travel at their own risk and are advised to obtain insurance accordingly. Any question regarding insurance coverage must be resolved by the participant and its insurer of choice. The U.S. Government does not make any representations or guarantees as to the safety or security of participants. Companies should consult the State Department's travel warning for Iraq: http://travel.state.gov/trave/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_921.html.

ITA will coordinate with the U.S. Embassy Regional Reconstruction Team in Erbil to arrange for transportation of the mission participants to and from the airport and hotel. Transportation for certain optional activities, including

visits to commercial sites in Erbil, may be provided by the KRG. The hotel that will be the primary venue for the mission is a luxury hotel and does have strong security measures in place. Security will be furnished by the U.S. Embassy Regional Reconstruction Team in Erbil, private hotel security, and the KRG.

The U.S. Government does not make any representations or guarantees as to the commercial success of businesses which participate in this trade mission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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*Specific dates redacted. Please contact Adam Choppin (adam.choppin@mail.doc.gov or (202) 482-5228) for further information.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

2010 Census Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the 2010 Census Advisory Committee. Committee members will address policy, research, and technical issues related to 2010 Decennial Census Programs. Working groups will be convened to assist in planning efforts for the 2010 Census and the American Community Survey (ACS). Last-minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance notification of schedule changes.

DATES: May 15-16, 2008. On May 15, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:15 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. On Friday, May 16, 2008, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 12 noon.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Auditorium and Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.