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Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Council for Minority Business Enterprise (NACMBE) will hold its fourth meeting to discuss the work of the three subcommittees and deliverables to fulfill the NACMBE's charter mandate. The agenda may change to accommodate Council business.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt New York, Park Avenue at Grand Central Station, 109 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Demetria Gallagher, National Director's Office, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-1624, email: dgallagher@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Commerce established the NACMBE pursuant to his discretionary authority and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) on April 28, 2010. The NACMBE is to provide the Secretary of Commerce with recommendations from the private sector on a broad range of policy issues that affect minority businesses and their ability to access successfully the domestic and global marketplace.

Topics to be considered: During the meeting the three subcommittees will report on their work and the Council will discuss and deliberate on possible recommendations. The Subcommittee topics include: (1) Definition of Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and MBDA's role, (2) Creation of an MBE Forum, and (3) Strategic Alliances & Exports.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Public seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Demetria Gallagher at the contact information above by 5 p.m. EST on Thursday, December 1, 2011, to preregister. Please specify any requests for reasonable accommodation at least ten (10) business days in advance of the meeting. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fulfill.

A limited amount of time, in the afternoon, will be available for pertinent brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning affairs of the NACMBE at <http://www.mbda.gov/main/nacmbe-submit-comments>. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. ET on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, to ensure transmission to the Council prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Demetria Gallagher, at (202) 482-1624, or dgallagher@mbda.gov, at least ten (10) days before the meeting date.

Copies of the NACMBE open meeting minutes will be available to the public upon request.

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David A. Hinson,

National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Board of Overseers) will meet in open session on December 13, 2011. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and

Technology and from the Chair of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Report from the Judges' Panel, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program (BPEP) Update, Baldrige Fellows Program Status Report, Baldrige Program Changes in 2011, and Recommendations for the NIST Director.

DATES: The meeting will convene December 13, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on December 13, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Advanced Chemical Sciences Laboratory (Building 227), Room A302, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, BPEP, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the Board of Overseers will meet in open session on December 13, 2011. The Board of Overseers is composed of 11 members prominent in the fields of quality, innovation, and performance management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The agenda will include: Report from the Judges' Panel, BPEP Update, Baldrige Fellows Program Status Report, Baldrige Program Changes in 2011, and Recommendations for the NIST Director.

All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Diane Harrison no later than Wednesday, December 8, 2011, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their passport number, country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, address and telephone. Ms. Harrison's email address is diane.harrison@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-2361.

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