

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****National Agricultural Statistics Service****Notice of Invitation for Nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics**

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of Nominations for Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics Membership.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this notice announces an invitation from the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture for nominations to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics.

On April 3, 2007, the Secretary of Agriculture re-established the Advisory Committee charter for another 2 years. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the scope, timing, content, etc., of the periodic censuses and surveys of agriculture, other related surveys, and the types of information to obtain from respondents concerning agriculture. The Committee also prepares recommendations regarding the content of agriculture reports and presents the views and needs for data of major suppliers and users of agriculture statistics.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received by August 8, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be mailed to Joe Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5041A South Building, Washington, DC 20250-2000. In addition, nominations may be mailed electronically to [hq\\_aa@nass.usda.gov](mailto:hq_aa@nass.usda.gov). In addition to mailed correspondence to the addresses listed above, nominations may also be faxed to (202) 720-9013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, (202) 720-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Nominations should include the following information: name, title, organization, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. Each person nominated is required to complete an Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form. This form may be requested by telephone, fax, or e-mail using the information above. Forms will also be available from the NASS home page

<http://www.nass.usda.gov> by selecting "About NASS," "Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics." The "Advisory Committee for Agriculture Statistics" button is in the right column. Completed forms may be faxed to the number above, mailed, or completed and e-mailed directly from the Internet site.

The Committee draws on the experience and expertise of its members to form a collective judgment concerning agriculture data collected and the statistics issued by NASS. This input is vital to keep current with shifting data needs in the rapidly changing agricultural environment and keeps NASS informed of emerging issues in the agriculture community that can affect agriculture statistics activities.

The Committee, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, consists of 25 members representing a broad range of disciplines and interests, including, but not limited to, producers, representatives of national farm organizations, agricultural economists, rural sociologists, farm policy analysts, educators, State agriculture representatives, and agriculture-related business and marketing experts.

Members serve staggered 2-year terms, with terms for half of the Committee members expiring in any given year. Nominations are being sought for 10 open Committee seats. Members can serve up to 3 terms for a total of 6 consecutive years. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by members to serve a 1-year term.

Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture with regards to the agricultural statistics program of NASS, and such other matters as it may deem advisable, or which the Secretary of Agriculture; Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics; or the Administrator of NASS may request. The Committee will meet at least annually. All meetings are open to the public. Committee members are reimbursed for official travel expenses only.

Send questions, comments, and requests for additional information to

the e-mail address, fax number, or address listed above.

Signed at Washington, DC, June 27, 2008.

**Joseph T. Reilly,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Mission Statement; Aerospace Supplier Development Mission to China; October 26–November 4, 2008**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Mission Description**

The Aerospace Supplier Development Mission to China was developed in response to requests from many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) supplying the aviation industry, and is intended to include representatives from a variety of U.S. aerospace industry manufacturers and service providers. The mission will introduce these suppliers to end-users and prospective partners whose needs and capabilities are targeted to each U.S. participant's strengths. Participating in an official U.S. industry delegation will enhance the companies' ability to secure meetings in China. The mission will include appointments and briefings in Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, and Guangzhou, some of China's major aerospace industry hubs, as well as participation in Airshow China in Zhuhai to conclude the mission. The mission participants will also have opportunities to interact extensively with CS China aviation specialists.

**Commercial Setting**

The Chinese aerospace sector ranks among the world's most dynamic, going far beyond the country's massive investment in aircraft (mainland carriers anticipate doubling the size of their fleets to 1,500 by 2010, reaching 4,000 by 2025). Chinese aerospace companies have rapidly developed into serious players in the industry's global value chain. Chinese aerospace firms, including those linked to U.S. and European "primes," now frequently make their own sourcing decisions, participate as "risk sharing partners" in new airframe and engine development programs, or take on the role of first-tier suppliers on Chinese programs.

The evolution of China's aerospace industry is part of a broader industry