

requirements presented in this ROD and shall be binding on the Alliance, as if they were included in this ROD.

Through this process of future site characterization and NEPA activities, DOE will reconsider the potential environmental impacts analyzed in this EIS and may require the Alliance to implement the avoidance and mitigation measures required by a Supplement Analysis determination or Supplemental ROD as a condition to continued financial assistance.

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**Victor K. Der,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment as a Member of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the U.S. Department of Energy is soliciting nominations for candidates to fill vacancies on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Deadline for Technical Advisory Committee member nominations is August 20, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The nominee's name, resume, biography, and any letters of support must be submitted via one of the following methods:

1. E-mail to [laura.neal@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.neal@ee.doe.gov) or [theibel@bcs-hq.com](mailto:theibel@bcs-hq.com).

2. Facsimile to 202-586-1640, Attn: Laura Neal.

3. Overnight delivery service to the Designated Federal Official for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Stop EE-2E, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Neal, Designated Federal Official for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-0937; E-mail: [laura.neal@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.neal@ee.doe.gov) or T.J. Heibel at (410) 997-7778 ext. 223; E-mail: [theibel@bcs-hq.com](mailto:theibel@bcs-hq.com).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Biomass Research and Development Act

of 2000 (Biomass Act) [Pub. L. 106-224] requires cooperation and coordination in biomass research and development (R&D) between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Biomass Act was repealed in June 2008 by Section 9001 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) [Pub. L. 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651, enacted June 18, 2008, H.R. 6124].

FCEA Section 9008(d) establishes the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) and lays forth its meetings, coordination, duties, terms and membership types. The Committee must meet quarterly and should not duplicate the efforts of other Federal advisory committees. The Committee advises the DOE and USDA points of contact with respect to the Biomass R&D Initiative (Initiative) and also makes written recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board (Board). Those recommendations regard whether: (A) Initiative funds are distributed and used consistent with Initiative objectives; (B) solicitations are open and competitive with awards made annually; (C) objectives and evaluation criteria of the solicitations are clear; and (D) the points of contact are funding proposals selected on the basis of merit, as determined by an independent panel of qualified peers.

The Committee members must include: (A) An individual affiliated with the biofuels industry; (B) an individual affiliated with the biobased industrial and commercial products industry; (C) an individual affiliated with an institution of higher education who has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (D) 2 prominent engineers or scientists from government or academia who have expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (E) an individual affiliated with a commodity trade association; (F) 2 individuals affiliated with environmental or conservation organizations; (G) an individual associated with State government who has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (H) an individual with expertise in energy and environmental analysis; (I) an individual with expertise in the economics of biofuels and biobased products; (J) an individual with expertise in agricultural economics; (K) an individual with expertise in plant biology and biomass feedstock development; (L) an individual with expertise in agronomy, crop science, or soil science; and (M) at the option of the points of contact, other members (REF: FCEA 2008 Section 9008(d)(2)(A)). All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and

relevance to an expertise. Appointments will be made for three-year terms as dictated by the legislation.

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, universities and companies that represent a wide variety of biomass research and development interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must submit their resume and biography along with any letters of support by the deadline above. All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Appointments to the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee will be made by the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE U.S.

[Public Notice 122]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Final Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review and comments request.

*Form Title:* Application for Exporter Short Term Single Buyer Insurance

**SUMMARY:** The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as a part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Our customers will be able