

(5) Administrative. The Administrator may assign up to 25 additional points to an application to account for the following items not adequately covered by the other priority criteria set out in this section. The items that will be considered are the amount of funds requested in relation to the amount of need; a particularly successful affordable housing development record; a service area with no other PRLF coverage; a service area with severe affordable housing problems; a service area with emergency conditions caused by a natural disaster; an innovative proposal; the quality of the proposed program; economic development plan from the local community, particularly a plan prepared as part of a request for an Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community designation; or excellent utilization of an existing revolving loan fund program. The Administrator will document the reasons for the particular point allocation.

## VI. Appeal Process

All adverse determinations regarding applicant eligibility and the awarding of points as part of the selection process are appealable. Instructions on the appeal process will be provided at the time an applicant is notified of the adverse action.

### *Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Requirements*

(1) In accordance with the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Executive Order 12898, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, neither the intermediary nor Rural Development will discriminate against any employee, proposed intermediary or proposed ultimate recipient on the basis of sex, marital status, race, familial status, color, religion, national origin, age, physical or mental disability (provided the proposed intermediary or proposed ultimate recipient has the capacity to contract), because all or part of the proposed intermediary's or proposed ultimate recipient's income is derived from public assistance of any kind, or because the proposed intermediary or proposed ultimate recipient has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act, with respect to any aspect of a credit transaction anytime Rural Development loan funds are involved.

(2) The policies and regulations contained in 7 CFR Part 1901, Subpart E apply to this program.

(3) The Rural Housing Service (RHS) Administrator will assure that equal opportunity and nondiscrimination requirements are met in accordance with the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Executive Order 12898, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

(4) All housing must meet the accessibility requirements found at 7 CFR Section 3560.60(d).

(5) To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. The U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

Dated: August 16, 2011.

**Robert Lewis,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing 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:* International Trade Administration (ITA).

*Title:* Application for the President's "E" and "E" Star Awards for Export Expansion.

*Form Number(s):* ITA-725P.

*OMB Control Number:* 0625-0065.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (revision and extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Burden Hours:* 600.

*Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Average Hours per Response:* 20.

*Needs and Uses:* Expanding the U.S. exports is a national priority and essential to improving U.S. trade performance. The Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service serves as the key U.S. government agency responsible for promoting exports of goods and services from the United States and assisting U.S. exporters in their dealings with foreign governments.

The "E" Award Program was established by Executive Order 10978 (EO), to afford suitable recognition to persons, firms, or organizations that contribute significantly in the effort to increase U.S. exports and to encourage U.S. companies to sell their products and services internationally. The EO authorized the Secretary of Commerce, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and the heads of other Government departments and agencies, to establish procedures for the nomination and the granting of awards. A second Presidential award, the "E Star" Award, was authorized by the Secretary of Commerce, to afford continuing recognition of noteworthy export promotion efforts.

The application form is used to determine eligibility for the "E" Award and the "E Star" Award within established criteria. In addition to the application form and written justification, applicants can submit supporting materials that show their qualification for the respective awards, although supporting materials are not required. Examples of supporting materials can include: Translated company and product literature; promotional materials; client impact statements; or anything the company or organization deems relevant to its qualification for the respective award.

The "E" and "E Star" Awards are the highest honors that our nation bestows upon American exporters and organizations that contribute to exporting. These awards recognize firms and organizations for their competitive achievements in world markets, as well as the benefits of their success to the U.S. economy. The purpose of this information collection is to determine the applicant's eligibility to receive a Presidential award.

Respondents benefit from the collection of this information because it affords them with recognition of their exporting success from the U.S. government; and can use this recognition to further market themselves and thereby increase business and reputation.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Wendy Liberante, (202) 395-3647.

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 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Wendy Liberante, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at [Wendy\\_L\\_Liberante@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Wendy_L_Liberante@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: August 16, 2011.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of Industry and Security**

**Transportation and Related Equipment; Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting**

The Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee will meet on September 14, 2011, 9:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to transportation and related equipment or technology.

**Public Session**

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Status Reports by Working Groups Chairs.
3. Public Comments/Proposals.

**Closed Session**

4. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at [Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov) no later than September 7, 2011.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via e-mail.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 15, 2010, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ (10)(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters the disclosure of portion of the meeting dealing with matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of an agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)1 and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482-2813.

Dated: August 15, 2011.

**Yvette Springer,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of Industry and Security**

**Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting**

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet September 13, 2011, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The

Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

**Agenda**

**Public Session**

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Opening remarks by Bureau of Industry and Security.
3. Export Enforcement update.
4. Regulations update.
5. Working group reports.
6. Automated Export System (AES) update.
7. Presentation of papers or comments by the Public.

**Closed Session**

8. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at [Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov](mailto:Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov) no later than September 6, 2011.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via e-mail.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 9, 2011, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 (10)(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of an agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 10(a)1 and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482-2813.