

*Topic to be considered:* The agenda for the January 10 & 11, 2017 meeting includes providing the newly chartered committee with introductions to the U.S. interagency Environmental Technology Working Group (ETWG). The committee also will discuss its priorities and objectives and deliberate on committee and subcommittee leadership as well as subcommittee topics.

*Background:* The ETTAC is mandated by Section 2313(c) of the Export Enhancement Act of 1988, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 4728(c), to advise the Environmental Trade Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, through the Secretary of Commerce, on the development and administration of programs to expand U.S. exports of environmental technologies, goods, services, and products. The ETTAC was originally chartered in May of 1994. It was most recently re-chartered until August 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Kreps, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, Room 4053, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202-482-3835; Fax: 202-482-5665; email: amy.kreps@trade.gov).

Dated: December 8, 2016.

**Edward A. O'Malley,**

*Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness: Notice of Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed topics of discussion for public meetings of the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (Committee).

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on January 25, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and January 26, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings on January 25 and 26 will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Research

Library (Room 1894), Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Boll, Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services (OSCPBS), International Trade Administration. (Phone: (202) 482-1135 or Email: richard.boll@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The Committee was established under the discretionary authority of the Secretary of Commerce and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). It provides advice to the Secretary of Commerce on the necessary elements of a comprehensive policy approach to supply chain competitiveness designed to support U.S. export growth and national economic competitiveness, encourage innovation, facilitate the movement of goods, and improve the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains for goods and services in the domestic and global economy; and provides advice to the Secretary on regulatory policies and programs and investment priorities that affect the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains. For more information about the Committee visit: <http://trade.gov/td/services/oscpb/supplychain/acsccl/>.

*Matters to Be Considered:* Committee members are expected to continue to discuss the major competitiveness-related topics raised at the previous Committee meetings, including trade and competitiveness; freight movement and policy; trade innovation; regulatory issues; finance and infrastructure; and workforce development. The Committee's subcommittees will report on the status of their work regarding these topics. The agendas may change to accommodate

*Committee business.* The Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services will post the final detailed agendas on its Web site, <http://trade.gov/td/services/oscpb/supplychain/acsccl/>, at least one week prior to the meeting.

The meetings will be open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. The public meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Mr. Richard Boll, at (202) 482-1135 or [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov) five (5) business days before the meeting.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the Committee at any time before and after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by

the Committee in advance of this meeting must send them to the Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services, 1401 Constitution Ave NW., Room 11014, Washington, DC, 20230, or email to [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov).

For consideration during the meetings, and to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meetings, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on January 18, 2017. Comments received after January 18, 2017, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be considered at the meetings. The minutes of the meetings will be posted on the Committee Web site within 60 days of the meeting.

Dated: December 8, 2016.

**Maureen Smith,**

*Director, Office of Supply Chain.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

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#### Request for Information on Identification of New Capabilities Needed by the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) plans to publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in fiscal year 2017 (FY17), subject to the availability of appropriated funding, to competitively fund grants and/or cooperative agreements (hereinafter referred to as awards) to existing Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Centers to add capabilities to the MEP program, including the development and conduct of projects to solve new or emerging manufacturing problems. This notice is not the NOFO; 15 U.S.C. 287k(f), the statute under which NIST expects to conduct the future award program, requires the NIST Director to consult with small and mid-sized manufacturers regarding their needs and, in turn, for NIST to use the information provided to develop one or more themes for future NOFOs, which will be disseminated through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Through this notice, NIST requests information from small- and medium-sized U.S. manufacturers