

via email to veteransbusiness@sba.gov. The submission deadline for nominations is December 15, 2017. Submissions should include the following information:

- Name and contact information of the individual
- Name and contact information of represented organization
- Federal Committee that nominee is interested in serving on, stated clearly
- If VSO or MSO nomination, include a description of how the organization supports veteran and service-disabled owned small business issues
- If nominee is a member of a local chapter of VSO, a national-level endorsement letter from the VSO is required

The SBA Administrator will appoint individuals who will serve on the ACVBA for a period of three years and, on the IATF, for a period of two years.

The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999—Public Law 106–50—established the ACVBA to serve as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations on veteran owned small business opportunities. Through an annual report, the ACVBA reports to the SBA Administrator, SBA's Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development, the Congress, the President, and other U.S. policy makers. The ACVBA is comprised of 15 members—eight members represent veteran owned small business and seven members represent veteran service or military organizations.

The Interagency Task Force for Small Business Development (Task Force) was established February 14, 2008 by Public Law 110–186 and executed by Executive Order. The Task Force is chaired by the SBA and is comprised of representatives appointed by SBA's Administrator from: SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD), the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of Labor (DOL), the Department of Treasury (Treasury), the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), the General Services Administration (GSA), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and four representatives from veterans service organizations and/or military service organizations.

Additional information for the ACVBA and IATF and SBA resources for veteran owned small business is located at www.sba.gov/ovbd. On Aug. 13, 2014, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published revised guidance, in the **Federal Register**, on individuals who are not eligible to serve on federal advisory committees. In accordance with OMB guidance, the

President directed agencies and departments in the Executive Branch not to appoint or re-appoint federally registered lobbyists to advisory committees and other boards and commissions.

Dated: November 21, 2017.

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SBA Committee Management Officer.

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Notice of Preparation and Request for Input for the United States-Chile Environmental Cooperation Agreement Work Program

ACTION: Notice of preparation of the 2018–2020 United States-Chile Environmental Cooperation Agreement Work Program and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State is providing notice that the United States and Chile intend to establish a 2018–2020 Work Program pursuant to the United States-Chile Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA). The Department of State invites the public, including nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions, private sector enterprises, and other interested persons to submit written comments or suggestions regarding items for inclusion in a new Work Program for implementing the United States-Chile ECA, which entered into force in 2004.

DATES: To be assured of timely consideration, all comments or questions are requested by December 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: If you have access to the Internet, you can view and comment on this notice by going to <http://www.regulations.gov> and entering [DOS–2017–0043] or the title of this Notice into the search field and following the prompts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All comments or inputs should be directed to Keri Holland, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues by email at HollandKJ@state.gov with the subject line “UNITED STATES-CHILE Work Program” or by fax to (202) 647–5947 or by phone at (202) 647–6777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States and Chile negotiated the United States-Chile FTA and United States-Chile ECA in concert, signing the FTA on June 6, 2003 in Miami, U.S.A. and the ECA on June 17, 2003 in Santiago, Chile. Article 19.3 of the FTA establishes an Environment Affairs Council (Council). The Joint Commission on Environmental Cooperation (Commission) was established in Article II of the ECA. The Council and Commission last met in August 2015 in Washington, DC. The Council reviewed the implementation of the Environment Chapter of the FTA. The Commission signed the 2015–2017 Work Program, which built on previous successes and identified activities to achieve the long-term goals of: (1) Strengthening effective implementation and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations; (2) encouraging development and adoption of sound environmental practices and technologies, particularly in business enterprises; (3) promoting sustainable development and management of environmental resources, including wild fauna and flora, protected wild areas, and other ecologically important ecosystems; and (4) encouraging civil society participation in the environmental decision-making process and environmental education.

We encourage submitters to refer to: (1) The United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Environment Chapter; (2) the United States-Chile ECA; and (3) the United States-Chile 2015–2017 ECA Work Program. Documents are available at:

- Chapter 19 of the United States-Chile FTA, https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/agreements/fta/chile/asset_upload_file482_4013.pdf.

- United States-Chile ECA and the 2015–2017 Work Program, <https://www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/chile/index.htm>.

These and other useful documents are available at: <https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/chile-fta> and at <https://www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/chile/index.htm>.

Carol Volk,

Acting Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

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