

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁷

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Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date, time, and agenda for a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs (ACVBA).

DATES: Thursday, September 2, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams using a call-in number listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The meeting is open to the public; however advance notice of attendance is strongly encouraged. To RSVP and confirm attendance, the general public should email veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line—"RSVP for 09/02/2021 ACVBA Public Meeting." To submit a written comment, individuals should email veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line—"Response for 09/2/2021 ACVBA Public Meeting" no later than August 25, or contact Timothy Green, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) at (202) 205-6773.

Comments received in advanced will be addressed as time allows during the public comment period. All other submitted comments will be included in the meeting record. During the live meeting, those who wish to comment will be able to do so during the public comment period.

To join the ACVBA meeting—September 2, 2021, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. ET Participants may join ACVBA meeting via computer <https://bit.ly/SeptACVBA> or phone. Call in (audio only): Dial In: 202-765-1264; Phone Conference ID: 583747012#.

Special accommodation requests should be directed to OVBD at (202) 205-6773 or veteransbusiness@sba.gov. All applicable documents will be posted on the ACVBA website prior to the meeting: <https://www.sba.gov/page/advisory-committee-veterans-business-affairs>. For more information on

veteran-owned small business programs, please visit www.sba.gov/ovbd.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs. The ACVBA is established pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 657(b) note and serves as an independent source of advice and policy. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss efforts that support veteran-owned small businesses, updates on past and current events, and the ACVBA's objectives for fiscal year 2021.

Dated: August 11, 2021.

Andrienne Johnson,
Committee Management Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date, time, and agenda for the next meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development (IATF).

DATES: Wednesday, September 1, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The meeting is open to the public; however advance notice of attendance is strongly encouraged. To RSVP and confirm attendance, the general public should email veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line—"RSVP for September 1, 2021, IATF Public Meeting." To submit a written comment, individuals should email veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line—"Response for 09/01/2021 IATF Public Meeting" no later than August 25, 2021, or contact Timothy Green, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) at (202) 205-6773. Comments received in advanced will be addressed as time allows during the public comment period. All other submitted comments will be included in the meeting record. During the live meeting, those who wish to comment will be able to do so during the public comment period.

Participants can join the meeting via computer <https://bit.ly/SeptIATF> or phone. Call in (audio only): Dial In: 202-765-1264; Phone Conference ID: 324086449#.

Special accommodation requests should be directed to OVBD at (202) 205-6773 or veteransbusiness@sba.gov. All applicable documents will be posted on the IATF website prior to the meeting: <https://www.sba.gov/page/interagency-task-force-veterans-small-business-development>. For more information on veteran-owned small business programs, please visit www.sba.gov/ovbd.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), SBA announces the meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development (IAFT). The IATF is established pursuant to Executive Order 13540 to coordinate the efforts of Federal agencies to improve capital, business development opportunities, and pre-established federal contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss efforts that support veteran-owned small businesses, updates on past and current events, and the IATF's objectives for fiscal year 2021.

Dated: August 11, 2021.

Andrienne Johnson,
Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11502]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Evaluation

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to October 18, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following method:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS–2021–0025” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, may be sent to Natalie Donahue, Chief of Evaluation, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, 2200 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20037 who may be reached at (202) 632–6193 or ecaevaluation@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* CBYX Evaluation.
- *OMB Control Number:* None.
- *Type of Request:* New collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).
- *Form Number:* No form.
- *Respondents:* American CBYX program alumni and American community members (host families, host schools, family and friends of alumni, community service hosts, host institution employee).
- *Estimated Number of Alumni Survey Respondents:* 8,400.
- *Estimated Number of Alumni Survey Responses:* 8,400.
- *Average Time per Alumni Survey:* 15 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Alumni Survey Burden Time:* 2,100 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Community Member Survey Respondents:* 840.
- *Estimated Number of Community Member Survey Responses:* 840.
- *Average Time per Community Member Survey:* 15 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Community Member Survey Burden Time:* 210 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Alumni In-depth Interview Respondents:* 44.
- *Average Time per Alumni In-depth Interview:* 60 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Alumni Burden Time:* 44 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Community Member In-depth Interview Respondents:* 36.
- *Average Time per Community Member In-depth Interview:* 60 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Community Member Burden Time:* 36 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Alumni Focus Group Respondents:* 96.
- *Average Time per Alumni Focus Group:* 60 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Alumni Focus Group Burden Time:* 96 hours.
- *Estimated Number of Community Member Focus Group Respondents:* 48.
- *Average Time per Community Member Focus Group:* 60 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Alumni Focus Group Burden Time:* 48 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 2,534 hours.
- *Frequency:* Once.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program is managed by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program was inaugurated in 1983 through a bilateral agreement between the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag. The program supports the exchange of American and German young people to sustain and strengthen the American-German friendship. Currently, six U.S. implementing partners are connected with German implementing partners to administer three components of the program: (1) Secondary School, (2) Vocational Studies, and (3) Young Professionals. Program activities in Germany for American participants are paid for and managed by the German government. Program activities for Germans that take place in the United States are paid for and managed by the U.S. government.

The purpose of this evaluation is to assess short- and long-term outcomes for American CBYX participants across the three components of the program, and the effect of the program on American communities which hosted German participants. The evaluation will provide evidence to ECA’s CBYX Program Team, who will be the primary user of the evaluation results, to inform programmatic decision-making on the design and implementation of the CBYX program for future participants. In order to do so, ECA has contracted DCG Communications to conduct surveys, in-depth interviews, and focus groups with American alumni and with American community stakeholders.

Methodology

This evaluation will use a mixed methods design, integrating both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analyses. It will analyze the experiences of both American CBYX program alumni and community members using three principal methods: (1) An online survey, (2) in-depth interviews, and (3) focus groups. Due to ongoing COVID–19 restrictions and the geographic spread of potential respondents, all data collection will occur remotely (*i.e.*, via email, over the phone, etc.).

The survey and the qualitative research will happen simultaneously. Therefore, the Evaluation Team will be able to review the quantitative results as they come in, allowing for the interviewer and moderator to understand any potential contradictions in the findings and explore the data from the quantitative results in following interviews and focus groups. In addition, the interviewer and Evaluation Firm will learn from, and build off of, the insights gained from the first interviews to be able to gain even greater understanding, detail and nuance from each subsequent interview.

This evaluation will draw from alumni from the inaugural program in 1983 through the 2019 cohorts, from a universe of approximately 14,000 American alumni, as well other key stakeholders. ECA has set an ambitious target of 60 percent response rate for the survey portion of the evaluation, or approximately 8,400 alumni respondents. ECA will also survey key stakeholders. Based on estimates of response rates from similar previous ECA evaluations, the evaluation will survey 840 community member respondents.

The qualitative portion of the evaluation will include 80 in-depth interviews (44 with alumni and 36 with community members), 18 focus groups

(12 with alumni and 6 with community members). With up to eight participants per focus group, there will be roughly 144 focus group participants maximum in addition to the 80 interview participants, with a total of approximately 224 qualitative participants. Recruitment will ensure representation across cohort years as well as implementing partners and will attempt to have broad geographic coverage.

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs,
Department of State.*

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2021-0015]

Request for Written Comments Concerning China's Compliance With WTO Commitments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of request for written comments.

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) invites written comments to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the preparation of its annual report to Congress on China's compliance with the commitments made in connection with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Due to COVID-19, the TPSC will foster public participation via written questions and responses relating to the comments received by the TPSC rather than an in-person hearing. This notice includes the schedule for submission of comments, questions and responses.

DATES:

September 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EDT: Deadline for submission of written comments.

September 29, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EDT: Deadline for the TPSC to pose written questions on written comments.

October 13, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EDT: Deadline for submission of commenters' responses to written questions from the TPSC.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (REGS.GOV). The instructions for submitting written submissions are in sections III and IV below. The docket number is USTR-2021-0015. For alternatives to online

submissions, contact Spencer Smith at Spencer.L.Smith2@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395-2974 before transmitting a submission and in advance of the relevant deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written submissions, contact Spencer Smith at Spencer.L.Smith2@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395-2974. Direct all other questions to Tsering Dhongthog, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for China Affairs, at (202) 395-3900, or Arthur N. Tsao, Chief Counsel for China Enforcement, at (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

China became a Member of the WTO on December 11, 2001. In accordance with section 421 of the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-286), USTR is required to submit, on or about December 11 of each year, a report to Congress on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including both multilateral commitments and any bilateral commitments made to the United States. In accordance with section 421, and to assist it in preparing this year's report, the TPSC is soliciting public comments. You can find last year's report on USTR's website at <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/files/reports/2020/2020USTRReportCongressChinaWTOCompliance.pdf>.

The terms of China's accession to the WTO are contained in the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (including its annexes) (Protocol), the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China (Working Party Report), and the WTO agreements. You can find the Protocol and Working Party Report on the WTO website at <http://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/L/432, WT/MIN(01)/3, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.1, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.2).

II. Topics on Which the TPSC Seeks Information

The TPSC invites written comments on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas:

- A. Trading rights.
- B. Import regulation (e.g., tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses).
- C. Export regulation.
- D. Internal policies affecting trade (e.g., subsidies, standards and technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement,

trade-related investment measures, taxes and charges levied on imports and exports).

E. Intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement).

F. Services.

G. Rule of law issues (e.g., transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations) and status of legal reform.

H. Other WTO commitments.

In addition, given the United States' view that China should be held accountable as a full participant in, and beneficiary of, the international trading system, USTR requests that commenters specifically identify unresolved compliance issues that warrant review and evaluation by USTR's China Enforcement Task Force.

III. Public Participation

Due to COVID-19, the TPSC will foster public participation via written submissions rather than an in-person hearing on China's compliance with the commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO. In accordance with the schedule set out in the Dates section above, USTR invites written comments from the public. The TPSC will review the written comments and may pose written clarifying questions to the commenters. The TPSC will post the written questions on the public docket, other than questions that include properly designated business confidential information (BCI). USTR will send questions that include properly designated BCI to the relevant commenters by email and will not post these questions on the public docket. Written responses to questions that contain BCI must follow the procedures in section IV below.

IV. Requirements for Submissions

In order to be assured of consideration, we must receive your written comments in English by 11:59 p.m. EDT on September 15, 2021. USTR strongly encourages commenters to make online submissions, using [REGS.GOV](https://www.regulations.gov). On the first page, please identify the submission as 'China's WTO Compliance.'

To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR-2021-0015 on the home page and click 'search.' The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled 'comment now'. For further information on using [REGS.GOV](https://www.regulations.gov), please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on 'How to Use Regulations.gov' on the