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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: January 26, 2022, 2:00 p.m. EDT (1.5 hours)

PLACE: The meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM. The access information will be provided by email to registrants. Registration is required via the below link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdeitjr4uEiWH1mi6iK-GmGrWpDP2YWA>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will convene a public meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. This meeting serves to fulfill its quarterly January public meeting requirement. The Board will review the CSB's progress in meeting its mission and highlight safety products newly released through investigations and safety recommendations.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Hillary Cohen, Communications Manager, at public@csb.gov or (202) 446-8094. Further information about this public meeting can be found on the CSB website at: www.csb.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Background

The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating incidents and hazards that result, or may result, in the catastrophic release of extremely hazardous substances. The agency's Board Members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents and hazards, including physical causes such

as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

Public Participation

The meeting is free and open to the public. This meeting will only be available via ZOOM. Close captions (CC) will be provided.

To submit public comments for the record please email us at public@csb.gov. Public comments sent in advance may be addressed at the meeting.

Dated: December 28, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

Rural Business Center Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which included statutory authority within the Minority Business Development Act (the Act) for the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) to establish a Rural Business Center Program. MBDA is seeking public comment on various issues related to rural areas and rural minority business enterprises to inform the agency and provide fundamental information regarding this sector of the economy. This notice requests comments on or before January 25, 2022.

DATES: The deadline for filing comments is January 25, 2022.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be submitted in electronic form to mbdapublicaffairs@mbda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danae Pauli, Senior Advisor to the National Director, MBDA, U.S.

Department of Commerce, by email at dpauli@mbda.gov, or at (202) 482-2332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce, leads Federal Government efforts to promote the growth and global competitiveness of minority business enterprises (MBEs). The Minority Business Development Act (the Act) authorized MBDA to establish a rural business center program to serve rural minority business enterprises or minority business enterprises located more than 50 miles from an MBDA Business Center (other than an MBDA Rural Business Center) and provide education and training, legal, financial, and technical assistance to minority business enterprises. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58, division K, title III, sections 100301 and 100302 (November 15, 2021). Rural area is defined in the MBDA Act pursuant to section 371(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1991(a). The Act designated minority-serving institutions (as defined in section 371(a)(1) through (7) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)) as the entities that are eligible to receive grants to operate a rural business center. MBDA has initiated the process of conducting research and collecting information to design the new program that meets the business development needs of MBEs located in rural areas across the United States. Comments may be used to help MBDA decide policy related to the areas of focus, geographical location and distribution, and additional areas of service for the rural business center program. As part of this process, MBDA is seeking comments from members of the public, including but not limited to operators of rural businesses and persons with expertise and information, to provide the following information related to minority businesses in rural areas:

1. Describe the types of business operations in rural areas.
2. What are the financial, operational, and logistical needs of rural business enterprises?
3. Are there unique challenges faced by MBEs located in rural and remote areas of the U.S.? If so, describe.
4. What are the best methods to provide education, training, legal,