

medium-sized enterprise (SME),* with up to two company representatives. The fee for more than two company representatives is \$250 per additional participant. Expenses for travel, lodging, in-country transportation (except for bus transportation to visit local aerospace OEMs on the second day of the mission), meals and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

Conditions for Participation

- An applicant must submit a completed and signed Mission Participation Agreement and a completed Market Interest Questionnaire, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.

- Each applicant must also certify that the products and services to be promoted through the mission are either produced in the United States or marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent U.S. content of the value of the finished product or service.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of the company's products or services for the Canadian aerospace market.
- Applicant's potential for business in Canada, including the likelihood of exports resulting from the mission.
- Consistency in the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public

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manner. Outreach will include posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. CS Canada is conducting a webinar on aerospace opportunities in the Canadian aerospace market on March 17, 2009. We intend to promote the Aerospace Supplier Development Mission to Canada during the webinar.

The mission will be open on a first-come, first-served basis. Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and close on April 6, 2009. Applications received after April 6, 2009, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Applications will be available online on the mission Web site at: <http://www.buyusa.gov/Canada>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Mission Statement

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Statement, Executive Trade Mission to Chile and Peru, June 1-5, 2009.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service is organizing an Executive Trade Mission to Santiago, Chile, and Lima Peru, June 1-5, 2009, to be led by Walter Bastian, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere. The mission will focus on

helping U.S. companies launch or increase their export business in these key South American markets. It will also help participating firms gain market information, make business and industry contacts, and solidify business strategies, towards the goal of increasing U.S. exports to these important Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners. The mission will include business-to-business matchmaking appointments with local companies, as well as market briefings and networking events. The mission will be comprised of U.S. firms representing a cross section of U.S. industries with growing potential in the target markets, including, but not limited to the following sectors: construction, electric power generation, food processing and packaging, environmental protection, information technology, mining, oil and gas, safety and security, and telecommunications.

Commercial Setting

Chile

As the United States and Chile FTA continues into its fifth year, commercial trade, both in products and services, has been a resounding success. In 2008, bilateral trade between the United States and Chile reached US\$20.3 billion, a 216% increase over bilateral trade levels before the U.S.-Chile FTA took effect. Even more impressively, U.S. exports to Chile in 2008 showed a 345% increase over pre-FTA levels.

Chile remains one of the most stable and prosperous developing nations, enjoying a reputation for political stability, economic freedom, and comparatively low poverty. Chile continues to pursue market-oriented strategies, expand global commercial ties, and actively participate in international issues and hemispheric free trade.

Chile offers a unique opportunity for U.S. exporters interested in expanding their businesses in one of the most open, stable and attractive markets in Latin America. Reflecting growing trade relations, Chile's ranking as a top U.S. export market rose to 25th in 2008, from 35th place in 2003.

Peru

Peru represents an expanding market for U.S. goods and services. In response to eased market access conditions, U.S. exports to Peru have doubled over four years, reaching an estimated US\$6 billion in 2008. This trend should be reinforced as a result of the U.S. Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (referred to as the U.S.-Peru Free Trade Agreement, or FTA), which entered into force February 1, 2009, leveling the playing

field for U.S. companies seeking access to the Peruvian market.

The FTA makes 80 percent of U.S. consumer and industrial products eligible for duty-free entry into Peru, with the remaining tariffs phased-out over ten years. It also specifies enhanced access to services markets and greater protection of intellectual property rights. The U.S. International Trade Commission estimates that the FTA will boost annual U.S. exports to Peru by US\$1.1 billion.

Peru has achieved some of the highest economic growth rates in Latin

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America, averaging above five percent annually during the past seven years. The United States, Peru's leading trading partner, purchased 20 percent of Peru's exports and supplied 21 percent of the country's imports in 2008. Bilateral trade has tripled over the past decade, exceeding US\$12 billion in 2008, with Peru the 40th largest export market for U.S. goods.

Mission Goals

This trade mission is designed to help U.S. firms initiate or expand their exports to Chile and Peru by providing

Santiago, Chile
 Market Briefing, Matchmaking Appointments, Networking Reception.
 Matchmaking Appointments.
 Travel to Peru.
 Lima, Peru
 Market Briefing, Matchmaking Appointments, Networking Reception.
 Matchmaking Appointments.

Participation Requirements

All parties interested in participating in the Executive Trade Mission to Chile and Peru must complete and submit an application package for consideration by the Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. A minimum of seven U.S. companies and maximum of 15 companies will be selected to participate in the mission from the applicant pool. U.S. companies already doing business with Chile and Peru as well as U.S. companies seeking to enter these countries for the first time may apply.

Fees and Expenses

After a company has been selected to participate on the mission, a payment to the Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The participation fee will be \$5,575 for large firms and \$3,500 for a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME).^{*} The fee for each additional firm representative (large firm or SME) is \$450. Expenses for travel, lodging, most meals, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant. The same fee structure applies to representatives of U.S.-based

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firms stationed in Chile, Peru, or neighboring countries.

Conditions for Participation

- An applicant must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.
- Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent U.S. content of the value of the finished product or service.

Selection Criteria: Selection will be based on the following criteria, listed in decreasing order of importance:

- Suitability of the company's products or services for the Chilean and Peruvian markets
- Applicant's potential for business in Chile and Peru, including likelihood of exports resulting from the mission
- Consistency of the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the trade mission

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's

business-to-business introductions and market access information.

Mission Scenario

The mission will stop in Santiago, Chile, and Lima Peru. In each city, participants will meet with pre-screened potential buyers, agents/distributors, and other business partners. They will also attend market briefings by U.S. Embassy officials, as well as networking events offering further opportunities to speak with local business and industry decision-makers.

Proposed Mission Timetable

submission and not considered during the selection process.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner. Outreach will include publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

The mission will open on a first come first served basis. Recruitment will begin immediately and close April 17, 2009. Applications received after April 17, 2009, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Applications are available online on the mission Web site at <http://www.export.gov/andeanmission>. They can also be obtained by contacting the Mission Project Officers listed below.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by Broadwater Energy LLC and Broadwater Pipeline LLC

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

ACTION: Notice of closure—administrative appeal decision record.

SUMMARY: This announcement provides notice that the decision record has closed for an administrative appeal filed with the Department of Commerce by Broadwater Energy LLC and Broadwater Pipeline LLC (collectively, "Broadwater").

DATES: The decision record for Broadwater's administrative appeal closed on February 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Materials from the appeal record are available at the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and on the following Web site: *http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamon Bollock, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, 301-713-2967, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, 301-713-2967, *gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2008, Broadwater filed notice of an appeal with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations found at 15 CFR part 930, subpart H. Broadwater appealed an objection by the State of New York to its proposed construction of a liquefied natural gas ("LNG") terminal, sendout pipeline, and appurtenant facilities in the New York state waters of Long Island Sound.

Decisions for CZMA administrative appeals are based on information contained in a decision record. Under the CZMA, the decision record must close no later than 220 days after notice of the appeal was first published in the **Federal Register**. See 16 U.S.C. 1465.

Consistent with this deadline, the Broadwater appeal decision record closed on February 13, 2009. No further information or briefs will be considered in deciding this appeal.

Additional information about the Broadwater appeal and the CZMA appeals process is available from the Department of Commerce CZMA appeals Web site *http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.)

Dated: March 6, 2009.

Joel La Bissonniere,

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 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee in April, 2009 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* This meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 311 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 861-8000; fax: (401) 861-8002.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will discuss several outstanding issues related to development of Amendment 15 measures, specifically, refinement of measures to comply with new annual

catch limit (ACL) requirements including accountability measures (AMs) for the scallop fishery (for both the scallop resource and incidental catch of yellowtail flounder). The Committee will also discuss other outstanding issues related to measures under development for leasing DAS and access area trips, permit and/or quota splitting for general category IFQ permit holders and other issues. The committee will discuss potential issues to be considered in Framework 21. The Council is scheduled to initiate Framework 21 at the April Council meeting. The primary purpose of Framework 21 is to set management measures for fishing year 2010. The committee may discuss other topics at their discretion.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at 978-465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 10, 2009.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene the SEDAR Gag/Red Grouper Update Workshop (SEDAR).

DATES: The meeting will convene at 1:00 pm on Monday, March 30, 2009 and conclude no later than 1:00 pm on Thursday, April 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, Florida 33607.