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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
[Public Notice: 7793]  
Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Membership  
AGENCY: Department of State.  
ACTION: Notice.  

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs’ Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) is accepting membership applications. The Bureau of Political-Military Affairs is interested in applications from subject matter experts from the United States defense industry, relevant trade and labor associations, academic, and foundation personnel. Originally announced in the Federal Register at 76 FR 72745, the Department is now seeking additional membership applications in order to have a more diverse membership for the 2012–2014 DTAG.

The DTAG was established as a continuing committee under the authority of 22 U.S.C. Sections 2651a and 2656 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (“FACA”). The purpose of the DTAG is to provide the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs with a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination with U.S. private sector defense exporters and defense trade specialists on issues involving U.S. laws, policies, and regulations for munitions exports. The DTAG advises the Bureau on its support for and regulation of defense trade to help ensure that impediments to legitimate exports are reduced while the foreign policy and national security interests of the United States continue to be protected and advanced in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended. Major topics addressed by the DTAG include (a) policy issues on commercial defense trade and technology transfer; (b) regulatory and licensing procedures applicable to defense articles, services, and technical data; (c) technical issues involving the U.S. Munitions List (USML); and (d) questions relating to actions designed to carry out the AECA and International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

Members are appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs on the basis of individual substantive and technical expertise and qualifications, and must be representatives of United States defense industry, relevant trade and labor associations, academic, and foundation personnel. DTAG members will represent the views of their organizations. All DTAG members shall be aware of the Department of State’s mandate that arms transfers must further U.S. national security and foreign policy interests. DTAG members also shall be versed in the complexity of commercial defense trade and industrial competitiveness, and all members must be able to advise the Bureau on these matters. While members are expected to represent their companies or organizations, national security and foreign policy interests of the United States shall be the basis for all policy and technical recommendations.

DTAG members’ responsibilities include:

• Service for a consecutive two-year term which may be renewed or terminated at the discretion of the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs (membership shall automatically terminate for members who fail to attend two consecutive DTAG plenary meetings).
• Making recommendations in accordance with the DTAG Charter and the FACA.
• Making policy and technical recommendations within the scope of the U.S. commercial export control regime as mandated in the AECA, the ITAR, and appropriate directives.

Please note that DTAG members may not be reimbursed for travel, per diem, and other expenses incurred in connection with their duties as DTAG members. An individual who is currently registered, or was registered at any time during the period of January 1, 2010 to the present, as a Federal lobbyist is not eligible to serve on the DTAG.

Individuals who applied for membership in response to the Notice at 76 FR 72745 do not need to reapply. Their applications will be considered in accordance with any application received as a result of this Notice.

How to apply: Applications in response to this notice must contain the following information: (1) Name of applicant; (2) affirmation of U.S. citizenship; (3) organizational affiliation and title, as appropriate; (4) mailing address; (5) work telephone number; (6) email address; (7) résumé; (8) summary of qualifications for DTAG membership and (9) confirmation that you have not been registered as a Federal lobbyist at any time from January 1, 2010 to the present.

This information may be provided via two methods:

• Emailed to the following address: SlyghPC@state.gov. In the subject field, please write, “DTAG Application.”
• Send in hardcopy to the following address: Patricia C. Slygh, PM/DDTC, SA–1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522–0112.

All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Federal Highway Administration  
Buy America Waiver Notification  
AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.  
ACTION: Notice.  

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA’s finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic 8”–4” high oxidized stainless steel cable net in New York City.  
DATES: The effective date of the waiver is February 8, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakownenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366–1562, or via email at gerald.yakownenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–4928, or via email at michael.harkins@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:  
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