

Ministers and private sector delegation members. The head of the U.S. delegation will also interact with U.S. private sector participants via hospitality events and other meetings.

Criteria for Participant Selection

Eligibility

Participating companies must be incorporated in the United States.

A company is eligible to participate only if the products and/or services that it will promote on the U.S. delegation are either (a) manufactured in the United States; or (b) if manufactured or produced outside the United States, are 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/service.

Selection Criteria

Five to ten representatives of U.S. companies will be selected on the basis of:

- Company representatives' ability to participate in discussions of relevant marketing and investment issues they face in international trade, and/or demonstration of knowledge of working with information or other high-technology means, including e-commerce, to support strategic alliances between small and medium-sized firms (defined as not more than 500 employees) and/or between SMEs and larger firms. This would reflect consistency of company's market development goals with the scope and desired outcomes of the mission as described.
- Whether the company's overall business objectives, including those of any U.S. or overseas affiliates, are fully consistent with the mission's foreign and commercial policy objectives.
- Timely receipt of signed mission application and registration materials.

For those interested in the optional Gold Key program in Malaysia, timely receipt of participation agreement, marketing form, company brochures, and \$500.00 fee for each participating firm.

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Internet, direct mail and broadcast fax, e-mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and press releases.

Any partisan political activities (including political contributions) of an applicant are entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

Time Frame for Applications

Application deadline: The Bruneian Government has requested that all

participants be identified by no later than June 10, 2000. ITA staff expect recruitment outreach to conclude on/about June 2, 2000, in order to allow for time for review and approval of applications from the private sector.

Expressions of interest to obtain application and registration materials should be submitted immediately to: Brenda J. Fisher, APEC Affairs Coordinator, Room 2316, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Phone 202 482 5334, Fax 202 482 3316; E-mail: Brenda__Fisher@ita.doc.gov

For overall meeting agendas, list of speakers, registration fees, and other administrative/logistical details, please visit the following websites, which are being regularly updated.

For SME Ministerial: <http://apecsme2000.rba.com.bn>

For E-Commerce Workshop: <http://www.apec2000.gov.bn/ecom>

For SME Business Forum: <http://www.bsment.net.bn/bizforum/index.htm>

For Women Leaders' Meeting: <http://www.apec2000.gov.bn/wln>

Dated: May 12, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, June 6, 2000 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 7, 2000 from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fourteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is

to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST programs; a presentation by one of the Visiting Committee members on Engineering Materials for Technological Applications; an indepth review of the Information Technology Laboratory; an indepth review of the Baldrige National Quality Program; an indepth review of the Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory; and a laboratory tour. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and to end at 12:15 p.m. on June 7, 2000, on staffing of management positions at NIST, the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and feedback sessions will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 6, 2000 at 8:15 a.m. and will adjourn at 12:15 p.m. on June 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees' Lounge (seating capacity, 80, includes 38 participants), Administration Building at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian C. Belanger, Executive Director, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-4720.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on July 15, 1999, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: May 10, 2000.

Raymond G. Kammer,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Thursday, June 8, 2000. The Board of Overseers is composed of eleven members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology with the members of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Review Roles/Responsibilities of Judges and Overseers; Health Care and Education Update; 2000 Baldrige Criteria Changes and Future Criteria Evolution; New Marketing Documents; Discussion of Program Issues, and Key Issues from the June 7 Judges' Meeting.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 8, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on June 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Tenth Floor Conference Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a closed meeting of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Wednesday, June 7, 2000. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to Review the 2000 Baldrige Award Cycle; Discussion of Senior Examiner Training for Site Visits and Final Judging Interaction; Judges' Survey of Applicants; and Judging Process Improvement. The applications under review contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 7, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on June 7, 2000. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Chemistry Building, Room A228, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 31, 2000, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: May 10, 2000.

Raymond G. Kammer,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Availability of Draft Stock Assessment Reports

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has revised the Alaska, Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, and Pacific marine mammal stock assessment reports in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Draft revised 2000 reports are available for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for printed copies of the draft Reports to: Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, Attn: Stock Assessments. Copies of the regional reports may also be requested from Anita Lopez, Alaska Fisheries Science Center (F/AKC), NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE BIN 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (Alaska); Janeen Quintal, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543 (Northwest Atlantic); Steven Swartz, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami, FL 33149 (Mid-Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico); and Tim Price, Southwest Regional Office (F/SWO3), NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (Pacific). Electronic copies of the reports can be found at the following internet address: http://www.nmfs.gov/prot_res/mammals/sa_rep/sar.html. Electronic copies of the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Marine Mammal Stock Assessments can also be found at the following internet address: <http://www.nefsc.nmfs.gov/psb/assesspdfs.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Hanson, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, at (301) 713-2322, ext. 101, Anita Lopez (206) 526-4045,