

partners to NGOs, corporate sponsors and private foundations that can volunteer to conduct self-funded trade capacity building efforts in support of the CAFTA subject to (1) the priorities set by Central American countries in their national trade capacity building strategies; (2) the coordination efforts of the U.S. interagency trade capacity working group; and (3) consistency with USG policy. The countries seek resource partners that are prepared to provide self-funded (cash or in-kind) assistance for the trade capacity building support that they propose to deliver in the context of these trade initiatives. Interested parties should present a brief description of their potential contribution.

There are two parts to TCB Working Group meetings. The first involves a meeting of exclusively government officials from the United States and CAFTA countries. The second part involves government officials and representatives from resource partners outside the governments such as international financial institutions, non-governmental organizations, foundations and the private sector. Resource partners that volunteer to participate based on their ability to self-fund technical assistance or other trade capacity building services in response to the needs identified by the Central Americans in the CAFTA process may be invited to join the TCB Working Group. Resource partners that are selected to join the TCB Working Group will be welcome to attend the TCB Working Group meetings that are not restricted to government officials and are open to other resource partners. Requests for contract or grant funding from the USG will not be permitted during TCB Working Group meetings.

**Submitting Comments:** To ensure prompt and full consideration of responses, the TPSC strongly recommends that interested persons make submissions by electronic mail to the following e-mail address: [FR0074@ustr.gov](mailto:FR0074@ustr.gov). Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "CAFTA TCB Assistance." Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets is acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. For any document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the character "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the

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Written comments will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and non-confidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room in Room 3 of the annex of the Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is generally open to the public from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance.

Additional information may be reported in websites or other public announcements related to CAFTA trade capacity building activities.

General information concerning USTR may be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.ustr.gov>). General information concerning USAID may be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usaid.gov>).

**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Trade Policy Staff Committee; Invitation for Non-Governmental Organizations, Corporate Sponsors and Private Foundations To Volunteer Trade Capacity Building Assistance in Support of the U.S.-Southern African Customs Union Free Trade Agreement**

**AGENCIES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, United States Agency for International Development.

**ACTION:** Request for Submissions to volunteer trade capacity building assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The United States seeks to attract additional resource partners that can legitimately contribute to the trade capacity building efforts in support of the US-Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) gives notice that, on behalf of the U.S. Government, the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the United States Agency for International Development seek to expand the circle of resource partners to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), corporate sponsors and private foundations that are prepared to provide wholly self-funded assistance to conduct trade capacity building efforts in support of the SACU FTA, subject to: (1) The priorities set by the SACU countries in their trade capacity building strategies; (2) the coordination efforts of the U.S. interagency trade capacity working group to, among other things, promote transparency; and (3) consistency with U.S. Government policy. Interested parties should present a brief description of their potential contribution. This Request for Submission does not constitute a request for proposals/applications for funding from the United States Trade Representative, the United States Agency for International Development, or any other agency or department of the U.S. Government (USG). Any requests in the future for proposals or applications will be advertised on FedBizOpps or FedGrants, as appropriate. If any assistance opportunities or procurement needs are identified as part of the SACU process, such needs will be met by the appropriate USG agency in accordance with its internal acquisition and assistance procedures.

**DATES:** Initial expressions of interest should be forwarded by December 8, 2003. However, expressions of interest are welcome throughout the period of the SACU FTA negotiations.

**ADDRESSES:** *Submissions by electronic mail:* [FR0101@ustr.gov](mailto:FR0101@ustr.gov) (written comments). *Submissions by facsimile:* Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at 202/395-6143. The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office

of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-3475. Substantive questions should be addressed to Faraaz Siddiqi, Director for Trade Capacity Building, Office of the USTR, telephone (202) 395-2839.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States has entered into negotiations for a free trade agreement with the five SACU countries: Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa. The participants seek to reach an agreement that eliminates tariffs and other barriers to trade in goods, agriculture, services, and investment between the United States and the five SACU countries. The participants seek to complete the negotiations by the end of 2004.

Four rounds of negotiations are planned in 2003. To date, two have occurred. Negotiating groups cover the following topics: Market access; investment and services; government procurement and intellectual property; labor and environment; and institutional issues such as dispute settlement. A non-negotiating cooperative group on trade capacity building ("TCB Working Group") has been meeting in parallel with the negotiating groups. The TCB Working Group seeks to address, to the extent possible, the needs of the SACU countries in preparing for negotiations, implementation of the agreement and transition to free trade. The USG is currently assisting countries in completing trade capacity building strategies to guide the work of the TCB Working Group. Once completed, these strategies are intended to identify, define and prioritize each country's needs.

The United States and the SACU countries seek to attract additional resource partners that can legitimately contribute to the trade capacity building efforts in support of the SACU FTA. The United States and SACU countries seek resource partners that are prepared to provide wholly self-funded (cash or in-kind) assistance for the trade capacity building support that they propose to deliver in the context of these trade initiatives. Interested parties should present a brief description of their potential contribution.

There are two parts to TCB Working Group meetings. The first involves a meeting of exclusively government officials from the United States and SACU countries. The second part involves government officials from the United States and the SACU countries and representatives from resource partners outside the governments, such as international financial institutions,

NGOs, corporate sponsors and private foundations. Resource partners that volunteer to participate based on their ability to self-fund technical assistance or self-fund other trade capacity building services in response to the needs identified by the SACU countries in the FTA process may be invited to join the TCB Working Group. Resource partners that are selected to join the TCB Working Group will be welcome to attend the TCB Working Group meetings that are not restricted to government officials and are open to other resource partners. Requests for contract or grant funding from the USG will not be permitted during TCB Working Group meetings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of a new collection. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on July 8, 2003 on page 40730.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 5, 2003. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Street on (202) 267-9895.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

**Title:** Information for the Prevention of Aircraft Collisions on Runways at Towered Airports.

**Type of Request:** Approval of a new collection.

**OMB Control Number:** 2120-xxxx.  
**Form(s):** N/A.

**Affected Public:** A total of 10,000 airport and aircraft operators.