

or for auxiliary aids) and any written comments should be submitted via email to Ms. Megan Hyndman, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, at [Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov](mailto:Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov). This meeting has a limited number of spaces for members of the public to attend in-person. Requests to participate in-person will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Megan Hyndman, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration (Phone: 202-823-1839; email: [Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov](mailto:Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ETTAC is mandated by Section 2313(c) of the Export Enhancement Act of 1988, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 4728(c), to advise the Environmental Trade Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, through the Secretary of Commerce, on the development and administration of programs to expand U.S. exports of environmental technologies, goods, services, and products. The ETTAC was most recently re-chartered through August 16, 2024.

On Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST, the ETTAC will hold the sixth meeting of its current charter term. During the meeting, committee members will participate in breakout discussions to discuss issues of interest to specific environmental technology sectors and to deliberate on potential recommendation topics. The committee will also hear briefings on U.S. government resources and programs to support U.S. environmental technology exporters, including the International Trade Administration's efforts to strengthen U.S. supply chains and U.S. Export-Import Bank tools for U.S. exporters. An agenda will be made available one week prior to the meeting upon request to Megan Hyndman.

The meeting will be open to the public and time will be permitted for public comment before the close of the meeting. Members of the public seeking to attend the meeting are required to register by Wednesday, January 17, at 5:00 p.m. EST, via the contact information provided above. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to OEEI at [Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov](mailto:Megan.Hyndman@trade.gov) or (202) 823-1839 no less than one week prior to the meeting. Requests received after this date will be accepted, but it may not be possible to accommodate them.

Written comments concerning ETTAC affairs are welcome any time before or after the meeting. To be considered during the meeting, written comments must be received by Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. EST to ensure transmission to the members before the meeting. Draft minutes will be available within 30 days of this meeting.

Dated: January 2, 2024.

**Man K. Cho,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### United States Investment Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** SelectUSA, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice announces, the United States Investment Advisory Council (IAC) will hold a public meeting on February 8, 2024. In August 2022, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo appointed a new cohort of members to serve two-year terms. Members of this cohort will meet for the fifth time to continue to discuss matters related to foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States and the programs and policies to promote and retain such investments across the country.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually via WebEx. Please note that registration is required both to attend the meeting and to make a statement during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please limit comments to five minutes or less and submit a brief statement summarizing your comments to: [IAC@trade.gov](mailto:IAC@trade.gov) or United States Investment Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 30011, Washington, DC 20230. The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting is 5 p.m. ET on February 1, 2024. Members of the public are encouraged to submit registration

requests and written comments via email to ensure timely receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Claire Pillsbury, United States Investment Advisory Council, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, phone: 202-578-8239, email: [IAC@trade.gov](mailto:IAC@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IAC was established under the discretionary authority of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*).

The IAC advises the Secretary on matters relating to the promotion and retention of foreign direct investment in the United States. At the meeting, the IAC members will discuss work done within the three subcommittees: Economic Competitiveness, Workforce, and SelectUSA 2.0. The final agenda will be posted on the Department of Commerce website for the IAC at: <https://www.trade.gov/selectusa-investment-advisory-council>, prior to the meeting.

**Public Participation:** The meeting will be open to the public and will be accessible to people with disabilities. All guests are required to register in advance by the deadline identified under the **ADDRESSES** caption. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. There will be fifteen (15) minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name and address of the proposed speaker and a brief statement summarizing the comments. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the International Trade Administration may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers.

Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks by 5 p.m. ET on February 1, 2024, for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to the Members of the IAC.

In addition, any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the IAC's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to Claire Pillsbury at the contact information indicated above. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. ET on February 1, 2024, to ensure transmission to the IAC members

prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date and time will be distributed to the members but may not be considered during the meeting.

Comments and statements will be posted on the IAC website (<https://www.trade.gov/selectusa-investment-advisory-council>) without change, including any business or personal information provided such as it includes names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. All comments and statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available.

Copies of the meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting date.

**Jasjit Kalra,**

*Executive Director, SelectUSA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Application Cover Sheet

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

*Title:* Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Application Cover Sheet.

*OMB Control Number* 0693-0072.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a current information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 138.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 69 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collected in the Cover Sheet provides identifying information and demographic data for use in NIST's annual report to the SBA on the program. The technical abstract is used in prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse by providing a method to compare similar applications to other agency SBIR programs. The abstract and potential commercial applications of successful applicants are posted on the agency website.

*Affected Public:* Applicants to the NIST SBIR Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693-0072.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice of modification to expiration date of letter of authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, its implementing regulations, and NMFS' MMPA Regulations for Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM), notification is hereby given that NMFS has modified the expiration date of a Letter of Authorization (LOA) issued to LLOG Exploration Offshore, L.L.C. (LLOG) for the take of marine mammals incidental to geophysical survey activity in the GOM.

**DATES:** This LOA is effective through December 31, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The LOA, LOA request, and supporting documentation are available online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/marine-mammal-protection/issued-letters-authorization-oil-and-gas-industry-geophysical-survey>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jenna Harlacher, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines "harassment" as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which: