

instrument to collect information for its periodic minority commercial broadcast ownership report. The survey will be the principal method of systematically gathering information about the experiences of minority entrepreneurs entering the broadcast industry or expanding their operations. The report will provide a basis for national policies to increase minority participation in broadcasting, as well as Administration initiatives to promote economic opportunity for minority-owned businesses.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Biennially, or annually if resources permit.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by contacting Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by March 19, 2003 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 27, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Information and Communications Technology Business Development Mission

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies and relevant parties to participate in the overseas business Development Mission described below. For a more complete description of the mission, obtain a copy of the mission statement from the contact officer indicated below.

Undersecretarial Business Development Mission, Belfast, Northern Ireland and Dublin, Republic of Ireland, April 6-11, 2003

Department of Commerce technology-sector leaders will convene a senior-level business development mission to Belfast, Northern Ireland (N.I.) and

Dublin, Republic of Ireland (R.O.I.) The focus of the mission will be to help U.S. companies explore business opportunities in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The delegation will include approximately 10-15 U.S.-based senior executives of small, medium and large U.S. firms representing the information and communications technology (ICT) sector. Additional opportunities may exist for non-government organizations and academic representatives to accompany the mission. Recruitment closes on March 12, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nuala O'Connor Kelly, Chief Counsel for Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4835, Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-1984, fax 202-482-0253, or visit www.commerce.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Goals for the Mission: The Business Development Mission will further both U.S. commercial policy objectives and advance specific U.S. business interests in the ICT sector. It is focused on: introducing U.S. companies to the markets of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and promoting expanded commercial opportunities in these areas; assisting small and new-to-market U.S. firms in evaluating the market potential for their products and to gain an understanding of how to operate successfully in the markets of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland; highlighting the accessibility of the market and the successes of U.S. businesses in the markets of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland; and fostering dialogue between policy makers and academics in the technology arena in the United States, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland.

Scenario for the Mission: The business Development Mission will provide participants with exposure to high-level business and government contacts and an understanding of market and technology trends and the commercial environment of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. U.S. Embassy and U.S. Consulate General officials will provide detailed briefings on the economic, commercial and political climates, and participants will receive individual counseling on their specific interests from local U.S. Commercial Service industry specialists. Meetings will be arranged as appropriate with senior government officials and potential business partners. Representational events also will be organized to provide mission participants with opportunities to meet

Northern Ireland's and the Republic of Ireland's business and government representatives, as well as U.S. business people living and working in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The tentative trip itinerary is as follows:

April 6—Arrive Belfast, Northern Ireland; evening events and briefing
April 7—One-on-One business Meetings in Belfast; group policy meetings
April 8—Business and Policy Meetings in Northern Ireland; Travel to Dublin, Republic of Ireland
April 9—One-on-One business Meetings, group policy meetings, mission events, and briefings in Dublin
April 10—One-on-One business Meetings, group policy meetings, mission events, and briefings in Dublin
April 11—Departure for the United States

The precise schedule will depend in part on the availability of local government and business officials and the specific goals of the mission participants.

Criteria for Participation of Companies

Recruitment

The recruitment of mission members will be conducted in an open and public manner utilizing Commercial Service Export Assistance Centers, International Trade Administration industry teams, and Technology Administration and National Telecommunications and Information Administration teams. Promotion will include publication of notice of the event in the **Federal Register**, direct mailing, e-mailing, broadcast fax, press releases to appropriate media, posting on the Commerce Department trade missions calendar—<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmc.html>—and other Internet websites, promotion at domestic exhibitions and conferences, and publicized announcements through a network of business organizations. Companies will be selected according to the criteria set out below. Approximately 10-15 companies will be selected.

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 (a) are manufactured or produced 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 U.S. content representing at least 51 percent