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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Meeting Notice

Date and Time: July 15, 2003: 1 p.m.—5 p.m.

Place: Broadcasting Board of Governors, Room 3321, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20237.

Closed Meeting: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact either Brenda Hardnett or Carol Booker at (202) 401-3736.

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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 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, November 17–21, 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.

Recruitment closes on September 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Sujata S. Millick, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-6804, fax 202-219-3310, 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:

- Nov 16—Arrive Belfast, Northern Ireland; evening events and briefing
- Nov 17—One-on-One Business Meetings in Belfast; group policy meetings
- Nov 18—Business and Policy Meetings in Northern Ireland; Travel to Dublin, Republic of Ireland
- Nov 19—One-on-One Business Meetings, group policy meetings, mission events, and briefings in Dublin
- Nov 20—One-on-One Business Meetings, group policy meetings, mission events, and briefings in Dublin
- Nov 21—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/tmcal.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.