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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Meeting of the United States Manufacturing Council

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

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Manufacturing Council (Council) will hold an open meeting via teleconference on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. The Council was established in April 2004 to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing industry. The purpose of the meeting is for Council members to review and deliberate on a recommendation by the Workforce Development Subcommittee focused on improving the perception of the manufacturing sector. The final agenda will be posted on the Department of Commerce website for the Council at <http://www.trade.gov/manufacturingcouncil>, at least one week in advance of the meeting.

DATES: Wednesday, March 16, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Requests from members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or for submission of written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, must be received by 5 p.m. EST on March 11, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held by conference call. The call-in number and passcode will be provided by e-mail to registrants. Requests to register (including to speak or for auxiliary aids) and any written comments should be submitted to: U.S. Manufacturing Council, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC,

20230; email: archana.sahgal@trade.gov. Members of the public are encouraged to submit registration requests and written comments via e-mail to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Archana Sahgal, U.S. Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20230, telephone: 202-482-4501, email: archana.sahgal@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Council advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing industry.

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 DATES caption. Requests for auxiliary aids must be submitted by the registration deadline. 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 call. 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. 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 5:00 pm on March 11, 2016, for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to the members of the U.S. Manufacturing Council.

In addition, any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the Council's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to

Archana Sahgal at the contact information indicated above. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on March 11, 2016, to ensure transmission to the Council prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date and time will be distributed to the members but may not be considered on the call. Copies of Council meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.

Dated: February 24, 2016.

Archana Sahgal,
Executive Secretary,
U.S. Manufacturing Council.

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