



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Request for Nominations on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee--

Small Business Pool

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting that any small business tobacco manufacturing industry organizations interested in participating in the selection of a nonvoting industry representative to serve on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee for the Center for Tobacco Products notify FDA in writing. FDA is also requesting nominations for nonvoting industry representatives to be included in a pool of individuals to represent the interests of the small business tobacco manufacturing industry on the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee. A nominee may either be self-nominated or nominated by an organization to serve as a nonvoting industry representative. This position may be filled on a rotating, sequential basis by representatives of different small business tobacco manufacturers based on areas of expertise relevant to the topics being considered by the Advisory Committee.

Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies effective with this notice.

DATES: Any small business tobacco manufacturing industry organization interested in participating in the selection of appropriate nonvoting members to represent industry interests must send a letter stating that interest to the FDA by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*], (see sections I and II of this document for further details). Concurrently, nomination materials for prospective candidates should be sent to FDA by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: All statements of interest from small business tobacco manufacturing industry organizations interested in participating in the selection process of nonvoting industry representative nominations should be sent to CAPT Serina Hunter-Thomas (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). All nominations for nonvoting industry representatives may be submitted electronically by accessing the FDA Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal:

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/FACTRSPortal/FACTRS/index.cfm>. Information about becoming a member of an FDA advisory committee can also be obtained by visiting FDA's Web site <http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Serina Hunter-Thomas, Office of Science, Center for Tobacco Products, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Tobacco Products Document Control Center, Bldg. 71, Rm. G335, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 1-877-287-1373 (choose Option 5), or by email: TPSAC@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency intends to add nonvoting industry representative(s) to the following advisory committee:

I. Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee

The Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee (the Committee) advises the Commissioner of FDA (the Commissioner) or designee in discharging responsibilities related to the regulation of tobacco products. The Committee reviews and evaluates safety, dependence, and health issues relating to tobacco products and provides appropriate advice, information, and recommendations to the Commissioner.

The Committee includes three nonvoting members who represent industry interests. These members include one representative representing the interests of the tobacco manufacturing industry, one representative representing the interests of tobacco growers, and one representative representing the interests of the small business tobacco

manufacturing industry, which may be filled on a rotating, sequential basis by representatives of different small business tobacco manufacturers based on areas of expertise relevant to the topics being considered by the Advisory Committee.

With this notice, nominations are sought for the following positions: A pool of individuals, with varying areas of expertise, to represent the interests of the small business tobacco manufacturing industry on a rotating, sequential basis.

II. Selection Procedure

Any industry organization interested in participating in the selection of an appropriate nonvoting member to represent industry interests should send a letter stating that interest to the FDA contact (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) within 30 days of publication of this document (see **DATES**). Within the subsequent 30 days, FDA will send a letter to each organization that has expressed an interest, attaching a complete list of all such organizations and a list of all nominees along with their current resumes. The letter will also state that it is the responsibility of the interested organizations to confer with one another and to select a candidate, within 60 days after the receipt of the FDA letter, to serve as the nonvoting member to represent industry interests for the committee. The interested organizations are not bound by the list of nominees in selecting a candidate. However, if no individual is selected within 60 days, the Commissioner will select the nonvoting member to represent industry interests.

III. Application Procedure

Individuals may self-nominate and/or an organization may nominate one or more individuals to serve as a nonvoting industry representative. Contact information, a current curriculum vitae, and the name of the committee of interest should be sent to the FDA Advisory Committee Membership Nomination Portal (see **ADDRESSES**) within 30 days of publication of this document (see **DATES**). FDA will forward all nominations to the organizations expressing interest in participating in the selection

process for the committee. (Persons who nominate themselves as nonvoting industry representatives will not participate in the selection process).

FDA seeks to include the views of women, and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups and individuals with and without disabilities on its advisory committees and, therefore encourages nominations of appropriately qualified candidates from these groups.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

Dated: August 7, 2023.

Lauren K. Roth,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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