

CONFIDENTIAL SUITABILITY DETERMINATION STATEMENT

The U.S. Department of Commerce must make a suitability determination for all District Export Council (DEC) member candidates to be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. DEC members are appointed to high visibility positions, and their activities require a high measure of integrity and public trust. A candidate's background and character are pertinent to determining suitability and eligibility for DEC membership.

Please answer the following questions to help us make a suitability determination:

1. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any violation of law punishable by imprisonment of longer than one year?
___ Yes ___ No

2. In the past 5 years, have you ever been arrested for any offense not listed in the response to question 1?
___ Yes ___ No

3. During the past 10 years, have you forfeited collateral, been convicted or imprisoned, or placed on probation or parole, for reasons other than in question 1?
___ Yes ___ No

4. Are you now under any charge for violation of law?
___ Yes ___ No

5. Do you have any alcohol or drug use problems?
___ Yes ___ No

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, provide explanation below including date, charge, place, court, action taken, and circumstances (for questions 1, 2, 3 and 4) and/or treatment undertaken (for question 5).

I certify that all of the statements made by me are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that a false statement may result in a fine or imprisonment, or both, and that further, I may not be appointed to, or may be removed from DEC membership.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

<Print/Type Candidate Name and DEC Name Here> _____

Authority: Executive Orders 10450, 11478, 12065; 5 U.S.C. §§ 301 and 7531-32; 15 U.S.C. § 1501 et seq.; 28 U.S.C. 533-35; 44 U.S.C. 3101 and the Equal Employment Act of 1972.

Principal purpose: To enable Department of Commerce officials to determine the suitability of applicants for appointment to membership on District Export Councils (DECs).

Routine uses: This record will be disclosed to Department of Commerce employees who may need to evaluate and/or reach a decision concerning your application for membership. It may also be disclosed to Federal, state or local agency for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, where there is an indication of a violation or potential violation of a civil or criminal law or regulation.

Disclosure: Voluntary. However, if you do not provide this information, the department will not be able to evaluate your suitability for appointment as a DEC member, and your application will not be processed.