

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
U.S. AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE**

District Export Council Nomination Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Commerce is currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals in serving as a member of one of the sixty District Export Councils (DECs) nationwide. The DECs are closely affiliated with the U.S. Export Assistance Centers of the U.S. Commercial Service. DECs combine the energies of more than 1,500 exporters and export service providers who promote U.S. exports and volunteer at their own expense. DECs sponsor and participate in numerous trade promotion activities, as well as supply specialized expertise to small and medium-sized businesses that are interested in exporting.

Selection Process and Membership Criteria

30 positions are held on each of the 60 DECs across the country. Approximately half of the nominations are open for the term that ends December 31, 2013. Nominees should consult and work with the local U.S. Export Assistance Center Director, in consultation with the DEC and other local export promotion partners in order to be recommended. After a security and review process, nominees are selected and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce.

Highly-motivated exporters are sought out by each DEC community. Appointment is based upon an individual's leadership, role as an exporter, or in an export service in the local business community, knowledge of day-to-day international operations, interest in export development, and willingness and ability to devote time to council activities. Members include exporters, export service providers and others whose profession supports U.S. export promotion efforts.

Applications for nomination to a DEC must be received by the designated local USEAC representative by July 15, 2009.

For more information, contact your local U.S. Export Assistance Center which may be found online at: <http://www.buyusa.gov/home/export.html>.