

The Roundtable will be a daylong event. The morning plenary session will be held at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the afternoon breakout sessions will be held at the Livermore Valley Open Campus.

- Lunch will be provided.
- Interpretation will be provided.
- All participants are invited to a reception hosted by METI in the evening immediately after the Roundtable.

• All participants are also invited to optional, no-host events in Livermore the evening of December 10 with the Japanese delegation.

• Lodging costs will not be covered, but accommodations for the Roundtable participants will be offered at a hotel in Livermore at a group rate.

*Topics to be covered:*

- Renewable energy financing
- Rooftop solar deployment
- Transmission capacity and storage
- Smart grid deployment
- Distributed generation
- Energy efficiency for residential and commercial buildings

*Participation Requirements:*

All parties interested in participating in the Roundtable must complete and submit an application package for consideration by ITA. All applicants will be evaluated based on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. A minimum of 15 and maximum of 20 companies will be selected to participate in the Roundtable from the applicant pool. U.S. companies already doing business in Japan as well as U.S. companies seeking to enter the Japanese market for the first time may apply. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis in the order they are received.

Selected companies will be contacted with information about the final agenda and payment of the fees. Due to space limitations, only one participant per company can attend the Roundtable. Each participant may invite one (1) additional person to the Reception. Participants in the Roundtable are required to be pre-cleared for access to the facility. Additional clearance procedures are required for foreign visitors.

*Fees:*

After a company has been selected to participate in the Roundtable, a participation fee of \$500 is required. The Roundtable and related events may be cancelled at any time by the Department of Commerce and all contributions refunded. If, for any reason, a participant cancels their participation prior to the Roundtable,

the Department of Commerce, at its sole discretion, and upon its determination that it would be consistent with its authorities, may allow a partial refund of the contributed fee.

*Exclusions & Expenses:*

The Roundtable participation fee does not include any personal travel expenses such as lodging, most meals, incidentals, local ground transportation, and air transportation to/from the event location.

*Conditions for Participation:*

An applicant must send an email to [reee@trade.gov](mailto:reee@trade.gov) with the following information.

- Name of Applicant
- Company Name
- Company Description
- Company Location
- Business Phone Number

In addition, the applicant must address how he/she satisfies the four selection criteria listed below:

(1) Whether the applicant represents a U.S. company that fits one of the following profiles:

- Companies that manufacture technology or provide services in the renewable energy sector (particularly solar);
- Developers of renewable energy projects with global experience;
- Local utilities who are willing to share their experience with domestic policies; and
- Companies active in the smart grid and energy efficiency industries.

(2) The applicant's interest in the Japanese RE&EE sector;

(3) The applicant's ability to identify and discuss policy issues relevant to U.S. competitiveness in the renewable energy or smart grid sectors;

(4) Consistency of the applicant's experiences and background with the stated scope of the event (see "Topics to be Covered").

Diversity of company size and location may also be considered during the selection process. Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

**Timeline for Recruitment and Applications**

Recruitment for the Roundtable will begin immediately and conclude no later than November 15, 2013. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review applications and make selection decisions on a rolling basis beginning on or about October 28, 2013. Applications received after November 15, 2013 will be considered only if

space and scheduling constraints permit.

Dated: October 23, 2013.

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**Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Tilefish Fishery; 2014 Tilefish Fishing Quota Specification**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the overall annual tilefish quota for the 2014 fishing year (November 1, 2013–October 31, 2014) will remain the same as it was in fishing year 2013. NMFS is required to notify the public of the overall annual quota levels for tilefish if the previous year's quota specifications remain unchanged.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Berthiaume, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9177; fax (978) 281-9135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tilefish regulations at § 648.292 specify that NMFS notify the public in the **Federal Register** of the overall annual quota levels for tilefish if the previous year's quota specifications remain unchanged. The tilefish total allowable landings (TAL) for the 2014 fishing year will remain the same as the fishing year 2013 TAL of 1.995 million lb (904,917 kg). Five percent of the TAL (99,750 lb (45,246 kg)) is allocated to incidental catch, leaving 1,895,250 lb (859,671 kg) allocated to Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) holders.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 23, 2013.

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