**REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS: Trade Support Network (TSN) eBond Working Group**

**Attention:** Importers, Brokers, Sureties, and Software Developers.

The TSN is announcing the establishment of an eBond working group. The working group overview and participation requirements are listed below.

**Working Group Overview**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), through the Trade Transformation Office, is seeking to establish a TSN working group to support the continuous rollout of features to maintain and enhance existing Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) functionality. The working groups are established to allow trade users the opportunity to provide input into the development of specific ACE functionality. The working group will focus on requirements, technical implementation, and policy issues.

**eBond Working Group Focus**

The eBond working group is established under the purview of the Trade Policy & Program Office (TPP), Commercial Operations and Entry (CORE) Division, Office of Trade (OT). TPP would like the eBond working group to provide feedback on the development of the enhanced eBond functionality. The eBond working group will specifically focus on preparing technical and operational “Requests for Development” (RFDs) to enhance eBond functionality. Participants should be users of eBond functionality who would like to provide input into the development of the RFDs. Primary users would be importers, brokers, sureties and software developers.

**NOTE**: Only users of e-Bond functionality should apply for the working group. In order to keep the working group manageable trade participation will be limited to approximately 30 members.

**eBond Working Group Tasks**

TSN eBond Working group members will:

* Provide external user feedback on current and planned features for eBond.
* Provide interactive, collaborative, iterative feedback on features being developed for eBond.
* Support any necessary early adoption and end-user testing of functionality
* Advocate within the trade community on behalf of the working group to provide input to their associates on the developing functionality.

**eBond Working Group Commitment**

Per direction from the CBP and Trade Leads, the working Group participants should be prepared to:

* Actively participate in all pre-scheduled teleconferences.
* Devote time to review and provide input to CBP on the functionality being discussed. This includes documenting the trade’s issues and questions on the functionality being developed.
* Discuss their input during the teleconferences.

The teleconferences will focus on technical and operational issues related to the development of the eBond RFDs. A clearly defined schedule will be discussed at the Working Group’s first meeting.

**To participate in the eBond Working Group please send your name, company, and email address to Frank Korpusik via the** **tradesupportnetwork@cbp.dhs.gov**

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**Please respond by COB THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**