



ITA Virtual Industry Roundtable on U.S.-Bangladesh Energy Cooperation December 8, 2020 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm (EST)

Event description

The International Trade Administration (ITA) will hold a virtual roundtable on U.S.-Bangladesh energy cooperation on December 8, 2020.

Announced on September 30, 2020, the U.S.-Bangladesh Energy Industry Working Group (EIWG) will be held under the auspices of Asia EDGE Energy Industry Working Group Network, which is a “one stop shop” for the U.S. private sector to participate in U.S. Government programs and connect to regional market opportunities.

ITA intends to convene a roundtable with U.S. energy companies representing oil and gas, power generation, renewables, and smart grid and storage for the inaugural EIWG program. During the discussion, ITA will solicit feedback on how to support companies’ interests and priorities in Bangladesh, while setting the stage for future commercial energy engagements with the Government of Bangladesh. Topics of interest include the following:

1. Potential opportunities to enhance U.S.-Bangladesh commercial cooperation in the energy sector.
2. Challenges companies have experienced in the Bangladeshi market including foreign regulatory and policy barriers to growing sales and exports.
3. Specific examples of current activities or projects in Bangladesh that highlight challenges and opportunities in the market.

Registration Information

Participation is limited to 30 qualifying industry representatives. To attend, applicants should submit the below information to [Suzanne Rothman](#) and [Jonathan Goldberg](#). ITA will evaluate registrations based on the criteria below on a rolling basis until 30 applicants have been selected and informed of selection decisions. Representatives must be knowledgeable about their organization's capabilities, interests, and challenges.

Prospective participants should include the following information in their email:

- Name and title of attendee.
- Organization name and a brief organization description.
- Identify which discussion section is most relevant for the organization (oil and gas, power generation (including coal-fired generation and nuclear), renewable energy, and/or smart grid and storage). Please suggest a separate topic if it is not covered by the categories below.



- Provide a statement self-certifying how the organization meets each of the following criteria:
 1. It is not majority owned by a foreign government or state-owned entity.
 2. The energy-related products or services which it intends to export to Bangladesh are either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have demonstrable U.S. content as a percentage of the value of the finished product or service and/or it is a major investor from the United States to Bangladesh in projects in which companies with such products may compete.
 3. The organization either currently conducts business in Bangladesh or has plans to begin operations therein within the next 12 months.
- In the case of a trade association, academic or research institution, the applicant only will represent companies or interests during the virtual roundtable that satisfy each of the criteria above.

Submission Deadline

Applications must be submitted by December 3, 2020 to be considered. Qualified applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until 30 applications are received. Additionally, selected applicants in each session will be invited to volunteer to provide 1-2 minute opening remarks. The first two volunteers will be selected.

Selection Criteria

Participants will be selected based on the following:

- The company's (or in the case of another organization, represented companies' or constituents') ability to provide insight into U.S. industry operations in Bangladesh in the energy sector and highlight opportunities and challenges to U.S.-Bangladesh commercial energy cooperation.
- Suitability of the company's (or in the case of another organization, represented companies' or constituents') existing products or services to commercial opportunities in the energy space in Bangladesh.
- Suitability of the representative's position and experience to engage in the conversation.

Questions?

Please contact Suzanne Rothman (Suzanne.Rothman@trade.gov) and Jonathan Goldberg (Jonathan.Goldberga@trade.gov) for more information.