

Dear Sir / Mad 'am,

This letter is provided in order to broadly communicate to members of the towing vessel industry and the public, the opportunity to apply for appointment to the United States Coast Guard Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). The United States Coast Guard seeks to receive the greatest number of applications for consideration of appointment to TSAC. This notice is intended to inform towing industry professional and the public of the advantages and benefits of TSAC appointment and the process for submitting an application.

Application for TSAC appointment provides towing safety professionals and the public the opportunity to partner with the Coast Guard to address the shared challenges present in the modern towing industry. TSAC is a federal advisory committee established to provide the Coast Guard recommendations from industry on matters of towing safety and navigation. TSAC provides a collaborative working environment between industry and the Coast Guard with the intent to ensure that Coast Guard policy development is formulated with the full input of towing vessel industry professionals.

The Coast Guard is seeking to fill five vacancies on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee that expire or become vacant on September 30, 2012. These positions are:

- Two representatives from the Barge and Towing industry;
- One representative from the offshore mineral and oil supply vessel industry;
- One representative from shippers; and
- One member from the general public.

To be eligible for appointment, applicants should have expertise, knowledge, and experience relative to the position in the towing industry, marine transportation, or business operations associated with shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

Please use this link to go directly to the TSAC Homeport webpage to learn more about TSAC and to see current and past accomplishments of TSAC:

https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/channelView.do?channelId=-18424&channelPage=%2Fep%2Fchannel%2Fdefault.jsp&pageTypeId=13489&BV_SessionID=@ @ @ @0469176369.1339067359@ @ @ @&BV_EngineID=ccccfadfglmhfkjcfjgcfgdfhdghk.0

If you are interested in applying for appointment to TSAC as a member please see the following link to learn how to submit an application:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/05/29/2012-12874/towing-safety-advisory-committee-vacancies>

We strongly encourage you to consider applying for appointment to TSAC. Your participation will contribute to the improvement of the towing vessel industry and will assist the Coast Guard in developing policies that are realistic, achievable and cost effective.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this request and look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Coast Guard TSAC representative at the information below.

Respectfully,

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