

## **Nominations for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board Membership**

Nominations Due October 31, 2014

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of a diverse group of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB). Vacancies must be filled by March 2015, but nominations must be received by the end of October 2014 to be included in the candidate pool.

The GNEB was created in 1992 by the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act, and it is responsible for providing advice to the President on environmental and infrastructure issues and needs within the States contiguous to Mexico. The GNEB consists of representatives from U.S. Government agencies; the states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas; academia; environmental and non-governmental entities; business and industry; and tribal and private organizations. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for two-year terms.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Background and experiences that would help members contribute to the diversity of perspectives on the committee (e.g., geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational, and other considerations).
- Representative of a sector or group that helps to shape border-region environmental policy or representatives of a group that is affected by border region environmental policy.
- Has extensive professional knowledge and experience with the particular issues that the GNEB examines (i.e. environmental and infrastructure issues along the U.S.-Mexico border), including the bi-national dimension of these issues.
- Bring senior level experience that will fill a need of the GNEB in bringing a new and relevant dimension to its deliberations.
- Ability to contribute approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to the GNEB's activities, including face-to-face meetings, conference calls and participation in the development of the GNEB's annual report to the President and comment letters.

If you are interested in serving on GNEB, we will need the following items to process your nomination package:

- Nominations must include a brief statement of interest, resume, curriculum vitae, or a short biography (no more than two paragraphs) describing your professional and educational qualifications, including a list of relevant activities and any current or previous service on advisory committees. In preparing your statement of interest, please describe how your background, knowledge, and experience will bring value to the work of the committee, and how these qualifications would contribute to the overall diversity of the GNEB. Also, be sure to describe any previous involvement with the Agency through employment, grant funding and/or contracting sources.

- Candidates from the academic sector must also provide a letter of recommendation authorizing the nominee to represent their institution.

Please send suggestions on nominees to the Acting Designated Federal Officer, Ann-Marie Gantner at (202) 564-4330 or [gantner.ann-marie@epa.gov](mailto:gantner.ann-marie@epa.gov).