



METALS AND MINERALS MINING PROGRAM

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FOR CENTRAL ASIA

SCOPE AND MISSION

The Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Metals and Minerals Mining Program is designed to train 19 mid- to senior-level executives from mining exploration and processing companies from four republics of Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. These delegates, screened and selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce, represent a handful of entrepreneurial mining companies from the aforementioned republics. This program will introduce participants to the status and trends of the U.S. mining and minerals processing industry.

PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The program's goal is to provide the management and technical skills necessary for the delegates to increase efficiency and implement reforms in their companies. Such reforms may include increased transparency, strengthened corporate and social responsibility as well as sound economic and environmental policies which will promote stable investments and continued business development.

To accomplish this, the SABIT program looks to American-held mining and mineral processing companies to share their expertise pertaining to the latest extraction, processing, and environmental technologies, strategic planning, and market development. These meetings and contacts will promote the development of the mining and mineral processing sector in Central Asia, while simultaneously providing export opportunities for U.S. mining and mineral processing products and services.

HOST THIS DELEGATION

SABIT is currently looking for hosts to provide training for a few hours or for an entire day at their facilities in topics such as mining management and economics, prospecting and exploration, mine planning and design, mining techniques, mineral processing and extractive metallurgy, mine reclamation and environmental management

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

This is a unique opportunity for companies in the U.S. to provide industry insight and training while creating business opportunities with their Central Asian counterparts by learning about potential opportunities in Central Asia and establishing valuable industry contacts.

SABIT is searching for companies eager to share their unique processing capabilities, new product design innovations and solutions which are in high demand in Central Asia. Key industry leaders as well as small-scale operations are equally welcome to participate in this program. In addition to company site visits, the delegation will attend [MINExpo 2004](#) and will participate in its International Matchmaker Program.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

This program will begin in mid-September in Washington, DC with an orientation and visits to relevant government agencies and associations in the National Capital Area. In addition, the delegation will be trained in business planning and business negotiation techniques. During the remaining three weeks the delegation will travel to key industry locations to meet with mining and mineral processing companies, as well as attend sessions and walk the floor of MINExpo 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. The program ultimately finishes in Washington, DC in mid-October.

COSTS OF PARTICIPATION

SABIT will cover the majority of program costs for all delegates, including round-trip airfare to the United States, all U.S. domestic air travel, housing, insurance, per diem for meals and incidentals, and interpreters to travel with the group. In turn, U.S. host companies and organizations are asked to provide industry expertise in any topics pertaining to this particular program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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