SUBJECT: Reimbursable Services Program 2018 Open Period for Application Announcement


The Cross-Border Trade Enhancement Act, 2016 signed into law on December 16th, 2016, amending the Homeland Security Act, 2002, expands CBP’s public-private partnership authority by:

Making CBP’s ability to enter into reimbursable Service Agreement permanent;

Removing the annual limit on the number of agreements at airports of entry;

Permitting for agreements at any facility in which CBP provides or will provide services;

Allowing small air ports of entry with fewer than 100,000 international passengers arrival annually to offset CBP for the salaries and expenses of up to five full time Officers;

Authorizing the Commissioner to enter into an agreement for either reimbursed payment or advanced payment.

The Reimbursable Services Program enables partnerships between CBP and private sector or government entities, allowing CBP to provide additional inspection services upon the request of stakeholders. These services can include customs, immigration, agricultural processing, border security and support at any facility where CBP provides services, and may cover costs such as salaries, benefits, overtime expenses, and administration and transportation costs.

The Submission period will remain open indefinitely, with three evaluation windows annually, as described in the table below.

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Interested private sector or government entities may submit a letter of application via email to RSP@cbp.dhs.gov. Application requirements can be found via CBP.GOV/RSP.

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