



## SABIT GROUP PROGRAM FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESSING AND PACKAGING FOR CENTRAL ASIA, WESTERN EURASIA, AND THE CAUCASUS JUNE 7 – JULY 4, 2008

### SCOPE AND MISSION

The SABIT Fruit and Vegetable Processing and Packaging Program is designed to train up to 18 senior level specialists from Central Asia, Western Eurasia, and the Caucasus. These delegates are screened and selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This program will introduce participants to the procedures and equipment used for fruit and vegetable packaging and processing in America.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Fruit and Vegetable Processing and Packaging Program will familiarize participants with equipment, standards, and business management topics in the processing and packaging field. Participants will meet with leading U.S. equipment manufacturers, U.S. regulatory agencies and organizations, and U.S. companies of all sizes. The main goals are to provide a comprehensive understanding of the industry in the United States, and for these high-level managers to return home with the skills and knowledge necessary to affect change and make improvements within their own organizations.

### BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

This is a unique opportunity for U.S. companies to demonstrate their products and equipment, as well as share expertise, exchange experience, and best practices with their Eurasian colleagues and potential customers. By hosting this SABIT delegation, U.S. companies will build important relationships with leaders of this sector in Eurasia. Through these valuable contacts, host companies can explore commercial opportunities and partnerships in the region.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

This program will begin in early June in Washington, D.C. with an orientation and visits to relevant government agencies and associations in the metro area. During the remaining three weeks the delegation will travel to select regions and cities across the country to meet with industry experts and leading U.S. companies.

### HOST THIS DELEGATION

SABIT is currently looking for U.S. hosts to provide training for a few hours or for an entire day at their facilities. Training will cover the following topics (see the topics flyer for more) that are relevant to the delegates, and represent some of the current challenges they face within their organizations:

- Irrigation and harvesting equipment/ techniques
- Handling methods
- Technologies in drying, freezing, juice and paste processing
- Aseptic technologies
- Canning and solid container technologies
- Glass-jar packing
- Additives and preservatives
- Filling, labeling and packaging equipment
- R&D, variety development
- Disposal or waste processing equipment/methods
- Business and accounting practices, especially for small businesses

### COST 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 the topics pertaining to this particular program.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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