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Interior Extends Deadline for Nominations to Committee on U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

WASHINGTON – In response to several requests, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced today that the department is extending the deadline by 30 days to receive nominations for membership on a national committee to guide and oversee U.S. implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI). This initiative is a voluntary, global effort designed to increase transparency, strengthen the accountability of natural resource revenues, and build public trust for the governance of these vital activities.

The committee is being convened under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*. Members will include non-federal representatives from the extractive industry and the public, and may ultimately include representatives from state, local and/or Tribal governments.

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative commits participating countries to disclose to an independent reconciler certain revenues obtained for oil, gas and mining development. It also commits companies to make parallel disclosures regarding payments to the government. The reconciled figures are then made public. The design of each nation's EITI framework is country-specific and developed jointly by a Multi-Stakeholder Group comprised of members of the public, government and industry through a multi-year, consensus-based process. The Committee will serve as the initial Multi-Stakeholder Group for USEITI implementation.

Nominations for membership on the committee must now be received by September 26, 2012. (If you have already submitted your nomination materials, you will not need to resubmit.)

Nominations should be made by the following methods:

- Mail or hand-carry nominations to Ms. Shirley Conway; Department of the Interior; Office of Natural Resources Revenue; 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 400; Washington, DC 20006.
- Email nominations to Shirley.Conway@onrr.gov or EITI@ios.doi.gov

Additional information about USEITI can be found at www.doi.gov/eiti.

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