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Title: Directions for the Establishment and Implementation of Outstanding International Electronics and Information Technology Partner Awards Ch

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Legislative: 1.All eight clauses within this statute were enacted and promulgated in pursuant to MOEA Order on March 30, 2005 and became effective on March 30,

> 2.All nine clauses within this statute were amended and promulgated in pursuant to MOEA Order (Ref. No.: Jinggongtzu No. 09904605140) on August 16, 2010 and became effective on the same date.

3. The title and all ten clauses of this statute were amended and promulgated in pursuant to MOEA Order (Ref. No.: Jinggongtzu No. 10103318270) on October 9, 2012 and became effective on the same date. (Original statute title: IPO Awards Establishment and Implementation Guidelines for Outstanding Electronics and Information Companies Cooperating in International Production and Marketing)

4. Clauses 4, 5, 9, and 10 within this statute were amended and promulgated in pursuant to MOEA Order (Ref. No.: Jingshougongtzu No. 10420424041) on October 6, 2015 and became effective on the same date.

5. Clauses 3, 5, and 9 within this statute were amended and promulgated in pursuant to MOEA Order (Ref. No.: Jingchantzu No. 11251037340) on October 19, 2023 and became effective on the same date.

Content: 1. The Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) has set forth these directions to govern the establishment of the Outstanding International Electronics and Information Technology Partner Awards ("these Awards").

- 2. These Awards are intended to commend outstanding international partner firms that have assisted Taiwanese industries in enhancing added value and international competitiveness, particularly those firms that have promoted global integration of resources, served as industrial technology leaders, and acted as soft economic creators. These Awards seeks to encourage such firms and thereby promote Taiwan's industrial development.
- 3. Tasks connected with the granting of these Awards shall be implemented by the Industrial Development Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs, (IDA, MOEA).
- 4. These Awards shall be granted to international electronics and information technology firms that have established international procurement offices, innovative R&D centers, or product development centers in Taiwan, or have made outstanding contributions to industry in Taiwan, and have a superior corporate image.
- 5. These Awards and their selection method shall be as follows:
- (1) Technology value-added partners: The Department of Industrial Technology, MOEA shall recommend the top three international firms among companies that are engaging in R&D cooperation with Taiwanese firms, have established R&D centers in Taiwan, or have made special contributions to the implementation of Global R&D Innovation Partner program.
- (2) Strategic point of light partners: The IDA shall recommend the three leading international firms whose strategic directions comply with government policies.
- (3) Green systems partners: A review mechanism involving an expert committee shall select the three international firms that have done the most to help Taiwan establish a green systems industry and also help Taiwan export green systems.
- (4)Innovative application partners: A review mechanism involving an expert committee shall select the three international firms that have done the most to help Taiwan introduce innovative services, establish applied R&D environments in Taiwan, or that have trained innovative service manpower. (5) Soft value partners: A review mechanism involving an expert committee shall select the three international firms that have done the most to support Taiwan's industrial policy promotion

- directions, promote high-quality, value-creating lifestyle, and help Taiwan's industry capitalize on soft economic opportunities.
- (6)Key supplier partners: The IDA shall recommend the three leading international firms with significant contributions to maintaining or assisting Taiwan's industrial development in the global supply chain.
- (7)Market expansion partners: The IDA shall select several international firms with the highest values of a weighted calculation index announced by the IDA and based on the amount of procurements throughout the year in Taiwan, amount of procured goods manufactured in Taiwan throughout the year, effective tax rate during the most recent three years, and growth in employment during the most recent three years. In addition, it shall select several international firms with the highest values of a weighted calculation index announced by the IDA, based on their achievement of a certain level of procurement in Taiwan with demonstrated high annual procurement growth or possession of special procurement significance.
- 6. The MOEA Minister shall bestow all of these Awards.
- 7. Each firm winning one of these Awards shall receive a trophy and a certificate.
- 8. These Awards shall be conferred and winners acknowledged at the annual appreciation banquet for international partners.
- 9. International firms that have received one of these Awards may apply to the IDA for the following incentives during a one-year period from the day after the award is received:
- (1) The IDA may request the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, MOEA to provide a reference for designating the information products or products used in-house as stated in the firm's application exempt from customs inspection.
- (2) If the current president (including CEO), board director, supervisor, general manager, manager, or managerial-level department (division) head of the firm's company in Taiwan holds a valid ROC passport, they are eligible to apply for an APEC business travel card issued by the International Trade Administration, MOEA with proof of the award.
- (3) If the firm has carried out procurements in Taiwan exceeding NT\$50 billion during the year, when managers with the position of headquarters deputy general manager or higher visit Taiwan, it shall be considered the same as if the MOEA has invited the person to Taiwan to engage in discussion concerning cooperation; if the IDA gives its recommendation, the MOEA shall send a letter to the Aviation Police Office, National Police Administration, Ministry of the Interior applying for general courtesy customs exemptions at international airports for such individuals.
- (4) Current presidents (including CEO), general managers, or deputy general managers of such firm's company in Taiwan holding a valid foreign passport may be recommended by the IDA for application to the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior for an alien academic and business travel card when such an individual qualifies as a specialized technical expert essential for key projects and industries that align with the major policy initiatives approved by the National Development Council.
- (5)Current presidents (including CEO), general managers, or deputy general managers of such firm's company in Taiwan holding a valid foreign passport may be recommended by the IDA for application for fast entry and exit customs clearance at designated inspection counters for said foreign business personnel (the MOEA shall transmit a list of eligible persons to the National Immigration Agency via the Internet, and the National Immigration Agency shall forward the list to airports as a reference for customs inspection work).
- (6) Award-winning firms may apply to the Ministry of Labor's Workforce Development Agency for the employment of foreign nationals with bachelor's degrees to engage in specific or technical work stipulated in Article 46, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1 of the Employment Service Act, and are not subject to the restriction of having at least two years of relevant work experience.
- (7)Such firm's company in Taiwan can be regarded as recognized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs as an excellent manufacturer in their application submitted to the National Communications Commission for a certificate of special permit number for Class 2 controlled telecommunications radio-frequency devices (CTRFDs) used for research or testing. The qualification for application is reduced from the need to obtain more than 50 import approval numbers from the competent authority each year on average to just more than 30 import approval numbers each year on average. (8)Such firm's company in Taiwan can apply for visas for specific nationals and waive the requirement of personal identification documents by providing a guarantee in the name of the company. The award-winning firm shall submit a recommendation letter issued by the Industrial Development Administration and an official letter of guarantee from the company when applying to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

10. If the amount of procured goods manufactured in Taiwan, effective tax rate during the most recent three years, and growth in employment during the most recent three years of another international firm that has not received one of the foregoing awards is on a par with the contributions of award-winning international firms, that firm may apply for simplified administrative procedures, etc. equivalent to that received by award-winning international firms.

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