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MISSION STATEMENT

A Business Association dedicated to enhancing the promotion of U.S.-Turkish Commercial, Defense, Technology and Cultural Relations

OVERVIEW

As one of the leading business associations in the United States, American-Turkish Council (ATC) is dedicated to strengthening U.S.-Turkish relations through the promotion of commercial, defense, technology and cultural relations. Its diverse membership includes Fortune 500, U.S. and Turkish companies, multinationals, non-profit organizations and individuals with an interest in U.S.-Turkish relations. Guided by Member interests, ATC strives to enhance the growing ties between the U.S. and Turkey by initiating and facilitating efforts to increase investment and trade between the two countries.

GOALS OF AMERICAN TURKISH COUNCIL

- Provide company-specific and industry specific assistance to help resolve problems and disputes that affect U.S.-Turkish commercial, defense and technology relations.
- Promote trade, investment and technology cooperation between the U.S. and Turkey.
- Help remove all barriers to the expansion of commercial, defense and technology relationships.
- As changes and reforms take place in the U.S. and Turkish economies promote understanding for these changes and their consequences for doing business.
- Promote understanding of the impact of Turkey's EU membership on future trends in commercial and defense relations between the U.S. and Turkey.
- Provide timely and relevant economic, commercial and political updates; the ATC web site serves as the information connection to the Council.
- Provide for policy briefings, conferences, networking opportunities and special events that give Council Members access to top leadership in the U.S. and Turkey.
- Educate the public and private sectors on the importance of the strategic alliance between the U.S. and Turkey.
- Create an environment favorable to increased trade and investment between the U.S. and Turkey.

ACTIVITIES

ATC has many different activities that take place throughout the year. These activities range from cultural to business to governmental affairs.

Annual Conference

An event of enormous value to its Members is the ATC Annual Conference. Held every year in Washington DC, it incorporates the whole spectrum of U.S.-Turkish relations. The Conference program addresses the key issues between the two countries and the region. Participation is diverse: Members of the U.S. Congress and the Turkish Parliament; Ministers and Cabinet Secretaries; senior U.S. and Turkish military leaders; other senior Administration and Turkish Government officials and political leaders. The Conference also attracts hundreds of other participants, including leaders in international business, investment and the professions from Turkey and the United States. The Conference offers up-to-the-minute political and economic briefings as well as cultural events. It provides an opportunity for American and Turkish businessmen and women to develop business contacts and to exchange ideas and information on strategic issues, product marketing, and scientific topics.

Committees

Our ATC Members are also diverse. Their interests and activities cover a vast range of subjects. In order to incorporate and make the best use of this diversity, the Council has formed industry specific committees that actively work on issues pertinent to their own areas, but also cross-out with the interests of the other committees in order to encourage and enhance the business interests of each Member. The Council's Standing Committees, which guide its activities, are as follows: Agribusiness & Food Industries, Banking & Finance, Cultural Affairs, Defense & Security Affairs, Construction, Electric Power, Oil & Gas, and Pharmaceuticals. Ad hoc committees also exist for Textiles, and Trade & Investment. Corporate members are encouraged to take part in these work groups.

Congressional Staff Trip

Each year, select groups of Congressional Staffers are invited to visit Turkey, an educational trip that combines meetings with top-level administration members, NGOs, and visits to some of the outstanding historical and cultural sights of the country. This trip also gives ATC an opportunity to show the achievements of Member companies within Turkey such as power plants, schools, factories, joint ventures and other businesses.

Publications & Web site

The Council has two annual publications, one is the Conference magazine and the other is the Annual Report. Both of these provide an opportunity for Members to advertise and promote their activities as well as share their experiences. These publications are distributed to government officials of the U.S. and Turkey and also at various ATC sponsored workshops in the U.S., Turkey and Europe. The American-Turkish Council's integrated website provides links to related sites, as well as Member sites and is the milieu in which interesting articles and related information about Turkey and the United States is posted. Members and other interested parties may also use the website to advertise their company and/or product.

Seminars, Workshops & Briefings

Throughout the year, ATC sponsors seminars and workshops in Turkey and the US, as well as breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and receptions for visiting dignitaries and other Turkish officials. In Washington, as part of its educational awareness program, ATC organizes briefings on current U.S.-Turkish issues with senior officials in the Executive Branch and members and staff officials of both Houses in the Congress.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in ATC can be an important asset to any Turkish or U.S. firm with active interests in the region. Below are the main categories and the benefits.

Golden Horn Members, Annual Fee \$11,000

Benefits:

- Immediate seat on the Advisory Board of Directors
- Eligibility for ATC Board of Directors Nomination
- Priority receipt of ATC Annual Report
- Participation in “Golden Horn Only” events throughout the year and at the Annual Conference
- Precedence “Golden Horn Members” check-in at the Annual Conference Registration table
- Access to “The Green Room” at the Annual Conference for Business Development & Networking
- Priority participation for all high level meetings/events with limited capacity
- Preferential business advisory services & priority networking consultancy by ATC professional staff
- Invitations to all ATC workshops, seminars and briefings
- Qualify for ATC Standing Committee Leadership positions
- Automatic link to company web site
- Unlimited subscriptions to ATC electronic publications and bulletins for company officials

Bosphorus Members, Annual Fee \$4,000

Benefits:

- Eligibility for Advisory Board of Directors Nomination
- Distribution of Company Brief at the Annual Conference
- Select participation at some ATC events
- Invitations to workshops/briefing programs throughout the year
- Subscription to ATC electronic publications, bulletins and web news bulletins
- Limited business advisory services and networking consultancy by ATC professional staff
- Enrolling five company officials on mailing list
- Participation in ATC Standing Committees by sectors
- Automatic link to company web site
- Receipt of ATC Annual Report upon request

Marmara Members, Annual Fee \$1,500

Benefits:

- Participation in workshops/briefing programs throughout the year
- Enrolling one company official on the electronic mailing list
- Subscription to ATC electronic publications and bulletins
- Automatic link to company web site
- Selected business advisory services and networking consultancy by ATC professional staff



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TITLE: _____

COMPANY: _____

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TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____ WEB SITE: _____

DUES:

- GOLDEN HORN \$11,000 1 YEAR []
- BOSPHORUS \$4,000 1 YEAR []
- MARMARA \$1,500 1 YEAR []

HOW TO PAY AND REGISTER

By Check: Please make checks payable in USD to ATC (if possible please issue checks from a US Correspondent Bank)

Check enclosed ____

By Wire Transfer (Please include the \$35 transaction fee):

Bank of America, NA / Swift Code 02009593 / ABA or Routing # 054001204
730 15th St, NW, Washington, DC 20005 Tel: 1-888-852-5000 ext 1807
For deposit to the account of: American-Turkish Council
Account Number: 226001751954

By Credit Card: (Please complete the following)

Credit Card: _____ AMEX _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

(Please Note: Our Membership year is January 1 to December 31.

Your dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be deductible as an ordinary business expense to the extent such contributions are not applied for the purposes of influencing legislation. Consult your professional tax advisor for further information! The council, which today represents the consolidation of the American- Friendship Council and the U.S. Section of the Turkish-U.S. Business Council, is a tax exempt, not-for-profit trade association organized and operated pursuant to Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

