



Announcing the 2006 MEET U.S. Program

The Middle East Entrepreneur Training in the United States (MEET U.S.) is an innovative training program designed to identify, develop and sustain a new corps of business leaders for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), MEET U.S. is managed and implemented by the Beyster Institute at the Rady School of Management, University of California San Diego in collaboration with America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST) and the Department of State.

MEET U.S. provides professional training, professional networking, and alumni support systems to increase the managerial and entrepreneurial skills of Middle Eastern and North African business leaders. The program's goal is to help promising executives, managers and entrepreneurs realize their aspirations to build successful, growing enterprises that will contribute to economic development and community well-being in the MENA region. The participation of women is highly encouraged.

MEET U.S. is designed for talented and high potential entrepreneurs, executives, and managers in growth-oriented companies who have demonstrated leadership ability in their companies and communities. Participants in this program must have 5 to 10 years of business experience, have demonstrated involvement in their community, and exhibit potential for expanded leadership roles in their companies and communities.

The MEET U.S. training program consists of two separate industry-specific groups: "information, communication and technology (ICT)" sector, and "business services" sector. Each group of twenty (20) selectees will participate in a three-week training program in San Diego, California.

Although helpful, fluency in English is not required. The MEET U.S. program will provide simultaneous interpretation in Arabic and French. The program will cover international and domestic travel, health insurance, housing and a living stipend in the U.S.

Competition is open to citizens from the following countries and territories: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Israel (limited to Israeli Arab citizens), Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, West Bank/Gaza and Yemen.

For program eligibility, information and application, please go online at <http://www.amideast.org>
Deadline for application is **September 30, 2005**.

