



# GULF OF MEXICO ALLIANCE

## Business Advisory Council Application Form

Before applying for membership on the Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) Business Advisory Council (BAC), please review GOMA's mission and priorities and the BAC's form and function information – all available on GOMA's website at [www.GulfofMexicoAlliance.org](http://www.GulfofMexicoAlliance.org). GOMA's priorities have been selected by the partners that serve on our Alliance Management Team as those that are common to all five Gulf States and are imperative to achieving GOMA's mission of healthy ecosystems and healthy economies. The BAC form and function information outlines the BAC purpose, form, and objectives relative to GOMA's mission.

In applying for BAC membership, you are agreeing to the objectives of the BAC and the specific responsibilities of BAC membership if you are selected as a member. As part of the selection process, please note that GOMA will require a potential conflict of interest form.

BAC members must be 18 years of age or older. The complexity of the issues address by GOMA and the BAC, the ability to effectively network with industry constituents, and the ability to travel to and attend meetings all necessitate this minimum age limit.

Please provide your contact information, and respond to the questions below. The application deadline is **May 17, 2016**. Please return all pages of this application to:

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Please thoroughly address each of the following in an attached statement:

1. Reasons for interest in serving on the BAC, including a statement of guiding views regarding protection and management of Gulf of Mexico resources, restoration and community resilience
2. Formal community and professional affiliations and employment
3. Length of residence in the region, and if a year-round or seasonal resident of the area
4. Previous attendance of GOMA working group meetings
5. Particular expertise and experience germane to GOMA's priority issues and/or regional initiatives (protecting the health of Gulf resources – water quality, habitats, ecosystems, coastal resilience, wildlife, and fishiers)



6. Particular expertise and experience germane to your industry's uses of the Gulf of Mexico

7. Description of your views of how you will work to best support GOMA while on the BAC

8. Description of the amount of time you have to devote to the BAC activities (council meetings, PIT meetings, working group meetings, chairing work groups, reviewing written materials, constituent outreach)

9. Description of how you will coordinate with, consult with, and inform the members of the constituency you will represent

10. Other qualifications or information relevant to membership on the BAC

The information obtained through this application process will be used to determine the qualifications of the applicant for membership on the GOMA BAC. GOMA intends affirmatively to disclose the applications only to GOMA staff and other members of the review panel. However, GOMA may be required to disclose the applications in response to a court order, a congressional request, or a request from the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If disclosure is requested under the FOIA, GOMA will endeavor to protect the privacy of applicants by withholding personal information such as home addresses and telephone numbers. In contrast, statements of philosophy or opinions contained in the application would likely be released. Applying for membership on the BAC is voluntary.