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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Lower Little Tallapoosa River Watershed, Carroll, Haralson, and Heard; Counties, Georgia

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations ((7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the revised Lower Little Tallapoosa River Watershed Plan in Carroll, Haralson, and Heard Counties, Georgia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Earl Cosby, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Building, Box 13, 355 East Hancock Avenue, Athens, Georgia 30601; telephone: 706-546-2116.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action, developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment.

As a result of these findings, Earl Cosby, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this Project.

The project purpose is watershed protection for improvement of water quality and includes reduction of agricultural animal waste related pollution. The planned improvements

include cost sharing and technical assistance to:

Develop and install approximately 97 animal waste management systems covering 20,800 acres of pastureland and adjoining stream banks. Systems will include all or parts of the following: fencing, cross fencing with gates, alternative livestock water supply with piping and troughs, stream crossings, filter strips, and heavy use protection areas, solid waste stack facilities and dead bird composters on 55 beef, 15 poultry and 27 beef-poultry operations to control and utilize manure.

Conservation management with nutrient and grazing land management practices will be used when applying animal waste.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Earl Cosby.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 23, 1995.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Earl Cosby,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 941257-4357]

RIN 0693-ZA03

Fire Research Grants Program—Availability of Funds

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the Fire Research Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), is continuing its Fire Research Grants Program. Previous notices of this research grant program were published in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 1991 (46 FR 13250, November 19, 1984 (49 FR 45636), May 6, 1986 (51 FR 16730), June 5, 1987 (52 FR 21342) June 6, 1988 (53 FR 20675), May 31, 1989 (54 FR 23243), July 23, 1990 (FR 90-17041), May 7, 1991 (FR 91-10717), April 22, 1992 (FR 57-14695), March 17, 1993 (FR DoC. 93-6157), May 11, 1994 (FR DoC 94-11351), and FR 58-14379.

DATES: Applications will be received through September 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the proposal along with Standard Form 424 (Rev. 4/92) and other required forms, as referenced under the provisions of OMB Circular A-110 to: Building and Fire Research Laboratory, Attention: Sonya Cherry, Building 226, Room B206, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions concerning the NIST Fire Research Grants Program should be directed to Sonya Cherry at (301) 975-6854. Administrative questions concerning the NIST Fire Research Grants Program may be directed to the Grants Office at (301) 975-6329. Written inquiries should be forwarded to the following address: Grants Office, Acquisition and Assistance Division, Building 301, Room B129, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards; 11.609.

Authority: As authorized by Section 16 of the Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 U.S.C. 278f), the NIST Building and Fire Research Laboratory conducts directly and through grants and cooperative agreements, a basic and applied fire research grants program. This program has been in existence for several years at approximately \$1.5 million per fiscal year. No increase in funds has taken place. The Fire Research Grants Program is limited to innovative ideas which

are generated by the proposal writer on what research to be performed and how. All proposals submitted must be in accordance with the programs and objectives listed below. Grants awarded under the Fire Research Grants Program will generally provide financial assistance to a recipient without substantial NIST involvement in the projects. Cooperative Agreements awarded for Fire Research Grants Program projects will generally involve a close working relationship between a group of NIST experts and the recipient.

Program Description

A. Fire Modeling and Applications: Performs research, develops, and demonstrates the application of analytical models for the quantitative prediction of the consequences of fires and the means to assess the accuracy of those models. This includes: Developing methods to assess fire hazard and risk; creating advanced, usable models for the calculation of the effluent from building fires; modeling the ignition and burning of furniture, contents, and building elements such as walls; developing methods of evaluating and predicting the performance of building safety design features; developing a protocol for determining the accuracy of algorithms and comprehensive models; and development data bases to facilitate use of fire models.

b. Large Fire Research: Performs research on and develops techniques to measure, predict the behavior of, and mitigate large fire events. This includes: Understanding the mechanisms of large fires that control the gas phase combustion, burning rate, thermal and chemical emissions, transport processes; developing techniques for computer simulation; developing field measurement techniques to assess the near and far field impact of large fires and their plumes; performing research on the use of combustion for environmental cleanup; predicting the performance and environmental impact of fire protection measures and fire fighting systems and techniques; developing and operating the Fire Research Grants Program large scale experiment facility.

c. Smoke Dynamics Research: Produces scientifically sound principles, metrology, data, and predictive methods for the formation/evolution of smoke components in flames for use in understanding and predicting general fire phenomena. This includes: Research on the effects of within-flame and post-flame fluid mechanics on the formation and emission of smoke, including particulates, aerosols, and combustion gases; understanding the mechanistic pathway for soot from chemical

inception to post-flame agglomerates; developing calculation methods for the prediction of the yields of CO (and eventually other toxicant) as a function of fuel type, availability of air, and fire scale.

d. Materials Fire Research: Performs research to understand fundamentally the mechanisms that control the ignition, flame spread, and burning rate of materials and the chemical and physical characteristics that affect these aspects of flammability; develops methods of measuring and predicting the response of a material to a fire. This includes: Characterizing the burning rates of charring and non-charring polymers and composites; delineating and modeling the enthalpy and mass transfer mechanisms of materials combustion; and developing computational molecular dynamics and other mechanistic approaches to understand the relationships between polymer structure and flammability.

e. Fire Sensing and Extinguishment: Develops understanding, metrology, and predictive methods to enable high-performance fire sensing and extinguishment systems; devises new approaches to minimizing the impact of unwanted fires and the suppression process. This includes: Research for the identification and *in-situ* measurements of the symptoms of pending and nascent fires or explosions, and the consequences of suppression; devising or adapting monitors for these variables and creating the intelligence for timely interpretation of the data; determining mechanisms for deflagration and detonation suppression by advanced agents and principles for their optimal use; modeling the extinguishment process; and developing performance measures for the effectiveness of suppression system design.

Award Period: Proposals will be considered for research projects from one to three years. When a proposal for a multi-year award is approved, funding will be provided for only the first year of the program. There is no definite commitment to fund future years of the project. The work performed during the year being funded must represent solid accomplishments if prospective funding is not made available to the applicant.

Matching Requirements: The Fire Research Grants Program does not involve the payment of any matching funds and does not directly affect any state or local government.

Eligibility: Academic institutions, non-Federal agencies, and independent and industrial laboratories are eligible to apply.

Proposal Review Process: All proposals are assigned to the

appropriate group leader of the five programs listed above for review, including external peer review, and recommendations on funding. Both technical value of the proposal and the relationship of the work proposed to the needs of the specific program are taken into consideration in the group leader's recommendation to the Deputy Director. Applicants should allow up to 60 days processing time. Proposals are evaluated for technical merit by at least three professionals from NIST, the Building and Fire Research Laboratory, or technical experts from other interested government agencies; and experts from the fire research community at large.

Evaluation Criteria:

- a. Rationality: 0-20.
- b. Qualification of Technical Personnel: 0-20.
- c. Resources Availability: 0-20.
- d. Technical Merit of Contribution: 0-40.

Selection Procedure: The results of the evaluations are transmitted to the group leader of the appropriate research unit in the Building and Fire Research Laboratory who prepares an analysis of comments and makes a recommendation. The Building and Fire Research Laboratory will also consider compatibility with programmatic goals and financial feasibility.

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and LLL mentioned in this notice are subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046.

Application Kit: An application kit, containing all required application forms and certifications is available by calling Sonya Cherry, NIST Fire Research Grants Program (301) 975-6854. An application kit includes the following:

- SF-424 (Rev 4/92)—Application for Federal Assistance
- SF-424A (Rev 4/92)—Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs
- SF-424B (Rev 4/92)—Assurances—Non-Construction Programs
- CD-511 (7/91)—Certification Regarding Debarment, suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying
- CD-512 (7/91)—Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusions—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying
- SF-LLL—Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

SF-LLL-A—Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet

Additional Requirements

Past Performance: Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

Preaward Activities: Applicants that incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Applicants are also hereby notified that notwithstanding any verbal assurance that they may have received, there is no obligation on the part of DoC to cover preaward costs.

Primary Application Certification: All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations are hereby provided:

1. Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension. Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

2. Drug-Free Workplace. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

3. Anti-Lobbying. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater, and

4. Anti-Lobbying Disclosure. Any applicant that has been paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

5. Lower Tier Certifications. Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility

and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to NIST in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Name Check Reviews: All for-profit and nonprofit applicants will be subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing, criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

False Statements: Applicants are reminded that a false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Delinquent Federal Debts: No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

1. The delinquent account is paid in full;
2. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received or;
3. Other arrangements satisfactory to DoC are made.

No Obligation For Future Funding: If an application is accepted for funding, DoC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award, increased funding, or extending the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Federal Policies and Procedures: Recipients and subrecipients under the Fire Research Grants Program are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Departmental policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards. The Fire Research Grants Program does not directly affect any state or local government. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

*Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products—*Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent as

set forth in the resolution contained in Public Law 103-317, Sections 607 (a) and (b).

Indirect Costs: The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Executive Order 12866: This funding notice has been determined to be "not significant" for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Dated: January 26, 1995.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Mexican States

January 27, 1995.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing levels under the North America Free Trade Agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 3, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these levels, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6711. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

In order to implement Annex 300-B of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), restrictions and consultation levels for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products from Mexico are being established for the period beginning on January 1, 1995 and extending through December 31, 1995.