

F. Dates

Proposals and Applications for Federal Assistance must be submitted to the above address by March 22, 1995. Decisions on the proposals will be made in April 1995.

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Success With Species at Risk Initiative

AGENCY: National Biological Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Biological Service (NBS), Office of Inventory and Monitoring, is establishing a Success With Species at Risk Initiative to develop scientific information on the status and trends of sensitive species and ecosystems, particularly with respect to the relationship of habitats to abundance and distribution, and with special emphasis on producing information needed by or useful to public and private land managers.

The goal of the initiative is to fund projects, on a wide range of taxa, that will generate information and alternatives that lead to the stabilization of declining populations of sensitive species, and special attention will be focused on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Category 2 species list compiled under the authority of the Endangered Species Act. Information will be shared with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in listing determinations. Information may also lead to removal of species from the candidate list.

DATES: Completed project proposals and Federal Assistance forms (Standard Form 424, etc.) must be received by the NBS within 45 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Notification of project selection and funding will be made as early as April 26, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Parties interested in this initiative should request an information package from: National Biological Service, Mail Stop 3660-MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, attn. John Mosesso or Wendy Kuhne.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mosesso or Wendy Kuhne, Mail Stop 3660-MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, E-Mail: MosessoJ@mail.fws.gov or KuhneW@mail.fws.gov, or telephone 202-482-3774.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

Notice is hereby given that the National Biological Service (NBS), Office of Inventory and Monitoring, is establishing a Success With Species at Risk Initiative to develop scientific information on the status and trends of sensitive species and ecosystems, particularly with respect to the relationship of habitats to abundance and distribution, and with special emphasis on producing information needed by or useful to public and private land managers.

This notice is to provide an opportunity for scientists, conservationists and land managers from academia, State agencies, private organizations and industry, and Native American Tribes and Nations to participate in this initiative through research, inventory and monitoring activities. The initiative involves short-term projects that generate information on sensitive species and particularly those presently listed on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Category 2 species list.

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This initiative is conducted in furtherance of the Secretary's obligations under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 USC 742a-742j, as amended) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 USC 661-667e, as amended).

B. Background

The NBS is an independent science bureau in the Department of the Interior (DOI) that gathers and analyzes biological information and serves as an information clearinghouse, providing broad access to the widest possible range of factual data on the status and trends of the Nation's biota and the potential effects of land management choices.

The Secretary of the Interior issued Order No. 3185 on January 5, 1995, changing the name of the "National Biological Survey" to the "National Biological Service" to more accurately reflect the mission of the agency. Sec. 4

of Order No. 3185 reads: "The primary role of the NBS is to meet the biological research needs of other organizations within the Department of the Interior, other Federal agencies, States, local entities, Tribes, and private and nonprofit users." The initiative addresses the role of NBS by gathering scientific information on sensitive species and their habitats. This information serves public and private landowners who are interested in sustaining biological resources. It also provides understanding to help avoid conflicts that can both stymie development and degrade natural habitats.

The Success With Species at Risk Initiative will develop scientific information and alternatives to assist Federal, State, and other land managers in their decisions regarding the protection of sensitive species and habitats and to allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove Category 2 species which do not merit further consideration.

C. Availability of Funds

Through this initiative, the NBS invites proposals for funding for Fiscal Year 1995. The total funding available for the fiscal year is up to \$1 million. Monies will be provided to successful applicants on a competitive basis. In order to maximize the number of proposals there is no minimum project cost. The maximum project cost will be \$100,000. When the biology of the study species dictates, monies awarded in Fiscal Year 1995 may be carried over into FY 1996, for the purposes of completing on-going field research.

D. Eligibility Requirements

The NBS will accept project proposals for this initiative from State agencies, private and industry groups, academic institutions, and Native American Tribes and Nations. Proposals will be evaluated by NBS scientists with respect to their scientific merit, partnership opportunities, quality of investigators and institutions, potential for providing useful information to resource managers, ecosystem and landscape benefits, potential for conservation agreements, possibilities for cost sharing, and demonstration of progress or successful completion in 1995.

E. Application Process

Parties interested in participating in this initiative should request an information package which will include detailed application forms, Federal Assistance forms (Standard Form 424, etc.), proposal format requirements, etc. from:

Mail: National Biological Service, Mail Stop 3660-MIB, 1849 C. Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, attn. John Mosesso or Wendy Kuhne, or *E-Mail:* MosessoJ@mail.fws.gov
KuhneW@mail.fws.gov or *Telephone:* 202-482-3774.

F. Dates

Completed project proposals and Federal Assistance forms (Standard Form 424 etc.) must be received by the NBS on or before March 27, 1995.

Notification of project selection and funding will be made as early as April 26, 1995.

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Deputy Director, National Biological Service.
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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) submitted the following public information collection requirements to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Comments regarding these information collections should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed at the end of the entry. Comments may also be addressed to, and copies of the submissions obtained from the Records Management Officer, Renee Poehls, (202) 736-4743, M/AS/ISS, Room 930B, N.S., Washington, DC 20523.

Date Submitted: January 27, 1995.

Submitting Agency: U.S. Agency for International Development.

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Submission: Existing collection in use without OMB Control Number.

Title: Agency for International Development Acquisition Regulations (AIDAR) Clause 752.70.26.

Purpose: Section 635(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act (FAA) of 1961 authorizes USAID to contract with any corporation, international organization, or other body or persons in or out of the United States in furtherance of the purposes and within the limitations of the FAA. USAID presently administers some 500 contracts for technical services with total estimated costs of approximately \$10 billion dollars. To determine how well contractors are performing to meet the requirements of the contract, USAID requires periodic performance reports

from contractors. The performance reporting requirements are contained in the USAID Acquisition Regulations (AIDAR) clause 752.70.26. USAID has recently revised this clause to be responsive to the National Performance Review's (NPR) procurement reform agenda which emphasizes outputs over inputs. Whereas the reports required by the AIDAR clause focused on the process and compliance with regulations, it now focuses on performance and progress toward meeting contract objectives.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 250, Annual responses: 1000; Annual burden hours: 4000.

Reviewer: Jeffery Hill (202) 395-7340, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 27, 1995.

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Chief, Information Support Services Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 337-TA-368]

Notice of Initial Determination Terminating Respondents on the Basis of Settlement Agreement

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that the Commission has received an initial determination from the presiding officer in the above captioned investigation terminating the following respondents on the basis of a settlement agreement: Yuasa Corporation and Yuasa-Exide, Inc.

In the Matter of Certain Rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride Anode Materials and Batteries, and Products Containing Same.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This investigation is being conducted pursuant to section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337). Under the Commission's rules, the presiding officer's initial determination will become the determination of the Commission thirty (30) days after the date of its service upon the parties, unless the Commission orders review of the initial determination. The initial determination in this matter was served upon parties on February 6, 1995.

Copies of the initial determination, the settlement agreement, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in

connection with this investigation are available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Interested persons may file written comments with the Commission concerning termination of the aforementioned respondents. The original and 14 copies of all such documents must be filed with the Secretary to the Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, no later than 10 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any person desiring to submit a document (or portions thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment. Such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why confidential treatment should be granted. The Commission will either accept the submission in confidence or return it.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruby J. Dionne, Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Telephone (202) 205-1802.

Issued: February 3, 1995.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Ex Parte No. 394 (Sub-No. 14)]

Cost Ratio For Recyclables—1995 Determination

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Establishment of recyclables rate caps.

SUMMARY: The Commission has calculated proposed 1995 revenue-to-variable cost (r/vc) ratios as ceilings for rates on nonferrous recyclables under 49 U.S.C. 10731(e). The r/vc ratios were calculated in accordance with established procedures using the Uniform Railroad Costing System (URCS). Because URCS develops different variability percentages for