

Docket Number: 94-145R. *Applicant:* Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056. *Instrument:* Cryostage. *Manufacturer:* Linkham Scientific Instruments, Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 442, January 4, 1995. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) an on-line video image analysis system with ability to perform calibrations, line measurements, angle measurements and circle area measurements, (2) minimum cooling/warming rate of 0.01°C/min and (3) a nitrogen purge chamber surrounding the cryostage and sample. *Advice Received From:* National Institutes of Health, September 21, 1995.

Docket Number: 95-012. *Applicant:* University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-4767. *Instrument:* Electron Microprobe, Model SX50. *Manufacturer:* Cameca, France. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 16618, March 31, 1995. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) a co-axial high resolution light optical microscope, (2) multiple vertically mounted wave length dispersive spectrometers with Rowland circle radius of 160mm and (3) an automated optical encoded precision stage for sample relocation to <0.5 microns. *Advice Received From:* National Institutes of Health, April 28, 1995.

Docket Number: 95-055. *Applicant:* Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755-3571. *Instrument:* Thermal Ionization Mass Spectrometer, Model MAT 262/RPQ. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 39711, August 3, 1995. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides magnetic sector performance with an inductively-coupled plasma ion source for an isotope ratio sensitivity of 0.005%. *Advice Received From:* National Institutes of Health, September 22, 1995.

The National Institutes of Health advises that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to any of the foreign instruments.

Frank W. Creel,
Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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Texas A&M University, Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 95-073. *Applicant:* Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843. *Instrument:* Automatic Carbonate Preparation Device, Model Kiel II. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 48506, September 19, 1995.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* This is a compatible accessory for an instrument previously imported for the use of the applicant.

The accessory is pertinent to the intended uses and we know of no domestic accessory which can be readily adapted to the previously imported instrument.

Frank W. Creel,
Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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Minority Business Development Agency

Business Development Center Applications: West Palm Beach, Florida

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate the West Palm Beach Minority Business Development Center (MBDC).

The purpose of the MBDC Program is to provide business development services to the minority business community to help establish and maintain viable minority businesses. To this end, MBDA funds organizations to identify and coordinate public and private sector resources on behalf of minority individuals and firms; to offer

a full range of client services to minority entrepreneurs; and to serve as a conduit of information and assistance regarding minority business. The MBDC will provide service in the West Palm Beach, Florida Metropolitan Area. The award number of the MBDC will be 04-10-96003-01.

DATES: The closing date for applications is January 3, 1996. Applications must be received in the MBDA Headquarters' Executive Secretariat on or before January 3, 1996. A pre-application conference will be held on December 20, 1995, at 9 a.m., at the Atlanta Regional Office, 401 W. Peachtree Street, N.W., Suite 1715, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3516, (404) 730-3300. Proper identification is required for entrance into any Federal building.

ADDRESSES: Completed application packages should be submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Executive Secretariat, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT: Robert Henderson at (404) 730-3300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from April 1, 1996 to April 30, 1997, is estimated at \$198,971. The total Federal amount is \$169,125 and is composed of \$165,000 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,125. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15%, \$29,846 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$198,971. Cost-sharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party in-kind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof.

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement. If the recommended applicant is the current incumbent organization, the award will be for 12 months. For those applicants who are not incumbent organizations or who are incumbents that have experienced closure due to a break in service, a 30-day start-up period will be added to their first budget period, making it a 13-month award. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: the knowledge, background and/or capabilities of the firm and its staff in addressing the needs of the business community in general and, specifically, the special needs of