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(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: February 8, 1996.

James R. Holbein,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On January 29, 1996 The Titan Industrial Corporation, Dofasco, Inc., Stelco Inc. and Algoma Inc. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping determination review made by the Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial, in the antidumping investigation respecting Rolled Steel Plate Originating in or Exported from Canada. This determination was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federacion* on December 28, 1995. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number MEX-96-1904-02 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite

2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the Federal Register on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on January 29, 1996, requesting panel review of the final antidumping duty investigation described above.

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Dated: February 8, 1996.

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United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Physics Laboratory 1996 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF)—Partnerships in Atomic, Molecular and Optical (AMO) Physics

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships, "SURFing the Physics Lab: A Partnerships for AMO Physics" will provide an opportunity for the Physics Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Science Foundation to join in partnership with American colleges and universities, stimulating outstanding physics students to pursue scientific careers by exposing them to the world class atomic, molecular, optical and radiation physicists and facilities in the NIST Physics Laboratory, and strengthening undergraduate AMO physics curricula by forming the basis for ongoing collaborations. The NIST program director will work with physics department chairs and directors of multi-disciplinary centers of excellence to identify outstanding undergraduates (including graduating seniors) who would benefit from off-campus summer research in an honors academy environment. We recommend a group of two candidates plus one alternate to be nominated by each institution, although larger or smaller groups will be given equal consideration. The selected group of about twenty (20) students will spend approximately twelve (12) weeks at the Physics Laboratory's Gaithersburg, MD campus, working one-on-one with NIST staff physicists; actively engaged in projects that combine the quest for fundamental knowledge and direct applications to problems of national importance; learning about non-academic alternatives for research careers; living science and seeing how they can make a difference. The 12-week stipend for the summer of 1996 will be \$3600. Students and NIST research advisors will be paired based on the student's background and interests in the spring, to allow for adequate dialogue between the student, the student's physics professors and NIST advisor about the intended project, to ensure that the student arrives at NIST ready to contribute, and to prepare the student's physics professor for follow-up in the fall. Good

overlap of research interest will facilitate collaborations between NIST and the participating academic partners. The students will collectively live in a nearby furnished apartment complex and participate in the many NIST seminars and in a weekly SURFing the Physics Lab Summer Seminar Series. The students will all present a research seminar at NIST and be encouraged to participate in a local or national scientific conference during the following academic year. Given the significant lack of diversity in the present physics work force, we will aggressively seek out competitive students from under represented groups or persons with disabilities. Costs for this program (stipend, travel and housing) will be shared by NIST, NSF and the participating schools.

DATES: Proposals must be received no later than the close of business March 11, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the proposal along with the Grant Application, Standard Form 424 (Rev. 4/92) to: Physics Laboratory, Attn: Dr. Marc F. Desrosiers, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 245, Room C229, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Marc F. Desrosiers, (301) 975-5639.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: 11.609—Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards. Authority: The Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 USC 278g-1) authorizes the National Institute of Standards and Technology to expend up to 1 per centum of the funds appropriated for activities of NIST in any fiscal year, as the Director deems appropriate, for financial assistance awards in the form of cooperative agreements to students at institutions of higher learning within the United States. These students must show promise as present or future contributors to the missions of NIST. Cooperative Agreements are awarded to assure continued growth and progress of science and engineering in the United States, including the encouragement of women and minority students to continue their professional development.

Program Description

The objective of this partnership will build upon a 1993 summer pilot program funded by NIST as a proof of concept and the 1994 and 1995 SURFing programs partially funded by the NSF Physics Division as a Research Experience for Undergraduates Site. Of the nearly 60 students involved during the past three years approximately one-third were Hispanic Americans, one-third were African Americans, half were

women and 1 was legally blind. Between 20 to 50% of the associated student stipends, travel and housing was provided in cost sharing by the individual participating institutions.

NIST is the nation's premiere institute for the physics sciences and, as the lead agency for technology transfer, is providing a strong interface between government, industry, and academia; on-site researchers at NIST come from a broad range of colleges and industries. Owing to its unique mission to support the U.S. economy by working with industry, NIST embodies a special science culture, developed from a large and well equipped research staff that enthusiastically blends programs that address the immediate needs of industry with longer-term research that anticipates future needs. This occurs in few other places and enables the Physics Laboratory to offer unique research and training opportunities for undergraduates, providing them a research-rich environment and exposure to state of the art equipment, to scientists at work and to professional contacts that represent future employment possibilities.

Attending to the long term needs of many U.S. high-technology industries, NIST's Physics Lab conducts basic research in the areas of quantum, electron, optical, atomic, molecular, and radiation physics. This is complemented by applied research devoted to overcoming barriers to the next technological revolution, in which individual atoms and molecules will serve as the fundamental building blocks of electronic and optical devices. To achieve these goals, staff develop and utilize highly specialized equipment, such as polarized electron microscopes, scanning tunneling microscopes, lasers, and x-ray and synchrotron radiation sources. Research projects can be theoretical or experimental, and will range from quantum electrodynamics, through trapping atoms and choreographing molecular collisions, to ionizing radiation. SURFers will work one-on-one with our nation's top physical scientists both from NIST and from some of our nation's leading high tech industries. It is anticipated that successful SURFers will move from a position of reliance on guidance from their research advisors to one of research independence during the twelve-week period. One goal of this partnership is to provide opportunities for our nation's next generation of scientists and engineers to engage in world class scientific research at NIST, especially in ground breaking areas of emerging technologies. This carries with

it the hope of motivating these individuals to pursue a Ph.D. in physics, and to consider alternative research careers. SURFing the Physics Lab will attempt to forge partnerships with NSF and with post-secondary institutions that demonstrate strong, hands-on undergraduate science curricula, especially those with a demonstrated commitment to the education of women, minorities and students with disabilities. This program will be open to all U.S. citizens interested in AMO physics.

Eligibility

Colleges and universities with degree granting programs in areas of AMO physics.

Funding Availability

The NIST Physics Laboratory will commit approximately \$50,000 to support cooperative agreements under the program. The NIST Physics Laboratory's REU Program is supported by NSF at the level of \$55,000 per year. The anticipated direct and indirect cost for stipends, travel and housing and conference attendance for twenty students is about \$140,000. The actual number of awards made under this announcement will depend on the level of cost sharing by our academic partners. The issuance of awards is contingent upon the availability of funding.

Proposal Review Process

All proposals will be reviewed by a panel of three NIST scientists appointed by the Program Director. Proposals should include the following:

(A) Student Information: (1) Official transcript for each student nominated with a recommended G.P.A. of 3.0 or better, (2) a personal statement from each student and statement of commitment to participate in the 1996 SURF program, including a description of the student's prioritized research interests; (3) a resume for each student; and (4) two letters of recommendation for each student. All references to student include the proposed alternate.

(B) Information About the Applicant Institution: (1) Description of the applicant's education and research philosophy, faculty interests, on-campus research program(s) and opportunities, and overlapping research interests of NIST and the institution; and (2) a statement addressing issues of academic credit and commitment to cost sharing.

Application Kit

An application kit, containing all required application forms and

certifications is available by calling Sandra Bogarde at (301) 975-5524. 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

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation of Student's Academic Ability and Commitment to Program Goals (35%): Includes, but is not limited to, evaluation of the following: completed course work; expressed research interest; prior research experience; grade point average in courses relevant to program; career plans, honors and activities.

Evaluation of Applicant Institution's Commitment to Program Goals (35%): Includes, but is not limited to, evaluation of the following: institution's focus on AMO physics; overlap between research interests of the institution and NIST; emphasis on undergraduate hands-on research; undergraduate participation in research conferences/programs; on-campus research facilities; past participation by students/institution in such programs; and commitment to educate women/minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Evaluation of Applicant Institution's Cost Sharing (30%): In the spirit of a true partnership, successful applicants will be encouraged to contribute matching funds. A suggested level of participation would be to directly cover student travel (one round trip by common carrier) and housing costs (approximately \$1500); a higher level of participation, such as partial payment of the student's stipend, stated intent to support the participating students at a research conference, and/or awarding of academic credit, will be given extra merit in the evaluation process.

Award decisions shall be based upon total evaluation score.

Award Period

The 1996 Physics Laboratory SURFing Partnership is anticipated to run

between May 28 through August 16, 1996; adjustments may be made to accommodate specific academic schedules (e.g., a twelve-week program from May 20 through August 9, or the awarding of a limited number of 10-week cooperative agreements).

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Standard Form 424 and other Standard Forms in the application kit are subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been approved by OMB under Control No. 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046.

Additional Requirements

Primary Application Certifications

All primary applicants must submit a completed form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations must be 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.

4. Anti-Lobbying Disclosure

Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit 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, "Certifications 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.

Preaward Activities

Applicants who incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been provided, there is no obligation on the part of NIST to cover pre-award costs.

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 to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Past Performance

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

False Statements

A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a 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.

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 of 100 percent of the total proposed direct cost dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Federal Policies and Procedures

Recipients and subrecipients under the Physics Laboratory Program shall be subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to financial assistance awards. The SURF program does not directly affect any state or local government.

Applicants are reminded of the applicability of Executive order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

This rule making action has been determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: February 9, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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Announcement of a Meeting To Discuss Standards Development for Low-Level Light Standards for Luminometry

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on May 1, 1996 to plan, with the assistance of public and private sector stakeholders, a national program to develop standards and a standards traceability scheme for low-level light measurements. Attendees should come prepared to discuss standards specifications, their specific standards needs, as well as resources that they are able to provide toward meeting those needs. This program may become a consortium and attendees would have the opportunity to join through a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement.

Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may provide "personnel, service, facilities, equipment or other resources with or

without reimbursement (but not funds to non-federal parties)"—to the cooperative research program.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday May 1, 1996 at 8:00 a.m., Administration Building, Lecture Room A & B, at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD, for interested parties.

The meeting will discuss the possible formation of a research consortium including NIST and manufacturing industry to conduct research in this area. This is not a grant program.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 1, 1996. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their attendance at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below no later than April 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m., Administration Building, Lecture Room A & B, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gary W., Kramer, Chemistry Building, Room B156, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Telephone: 301-975-4132; FAX: 301-975-3845; e-mail: gkramer@enh.nist.gov.

Dated: February 9, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Open Meeting

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council was established in December 1993 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

TIME AND PLACE: Friday, March 1, 1996, from 9:00 until 4:30. The meeting will be held at the Monterey City Council Chambers, at the corner of Pacific Street and Madison Street, Monterey, California.

AGENDA: General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine

Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an update from the Sanctuary Manager, reports from the working groups, an update on the Council public relations campaign, and presentations on the proposed realignment of Highway One at Piedras Blancas and on kelp harvesting in the Sanctuary.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429, Marine Sanctuary Program

Dated: February 12, 1996.

David L. Evans,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Notice; Meeting of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council was established in December 1995 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, February 23, 1996, from 10:00 until 4:00. The meeting will be held at the Olympic Natural Resource Center, 1455 South Forks Avenue, Forks, Washington.

AGENDA: General subjects to be covered will include election of Council officers; reports on research and education projects; a report from the Sanctuary manager; and general introductory discussions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Beres at (360) 457-6622 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

Dated: February 12, 1996.