

services rendered. Fees may range from \$10 to \$60 per hour based on the gross receipts of the client's business.

Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," is not applicable to this program. Federal funds for this project include audit funds for non-CPA recipients. In event that a CPA firm wins the competition, the funds allocated for audits are not applicable. Questions concerning the preceding information can be answered by the contact person indicated above, and copies of application kits and applicable regulations can be obtained at the above address. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The collection of information requirements for this project have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and assigned OMB control number 0640-0006.

Awards under this program shall be subject to all Federal laws, and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

**Pre-Award Costs**—Applicants are hereby notified that if they incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that an applicant may have received, there is no obligation on the part of the Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.

**Outstanding Account Receivable**—No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either the delinquent account is paid in full, repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.

**Name Check Policy**—All non-profit and for-profit applicants are 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.

**Award Termination**—The Departmental Grants Officer may terminate any grant/cooperative

agreement in whole or in part at any time before the date of completion whenever it is determined that the award recipient has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant/cooperative agreement. Examples of some of the conditions which can cause termination are failure to meet cost-sharing requirements; unsatisfactory performance of the MBDC work requirements; and reporting inaccurate or inflated claims of client assistance. Such inaccurate or inflated claims may be deemed illegal and punishable by law.

**False Statements**—A false statement on an application for Federal financial assistance 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.

**Primary Applicant 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."

**Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension**—Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

**Drug Free Workplace**—Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.605) 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.

**Anti-Lobbying**—Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 28.105) 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.

**Anti-Lobbying Disclosures**—Any applicant that has 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.

**Lower Tier Certifications**—Recipients shall require applications/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 DOC. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DOC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

**Buy American-made Equipment or Products**—Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

11.800 Minority Business Development Center

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)

Dated: August 15, 1996.

Donald L. Powers,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.

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### Notice; Solicitation of Native American Business Development Center Applications for Arizona and California

**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 Native American Business Development Centers (NABDC) listed in this document.

The purpose of the NABDC is to provide integrated business development services to Native American entrepreneurs.

**DATES:** The closing date for applications is September 24, 1996. Applications MUST be received on or before September 24, 1996. Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days.

**PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE:** A pre-application conference will be held. For the exact date, time, and location, contact the San Francisco Regional Office at (415) 744-3001.

Proper Identification is Required for Entrance Into any Federal Building.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed application packages MUST be submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5073,

Washington, DC 20230, Telephone Number: (202) 482-3763.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT:** Melda Cabrera, Regional Director, at (415) 744-3001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following are NABDCs for which applications are solicited:

1. *NABDC Application: Arizona Metropolitan Area Served:* State of Arizona  
*Award Number:* 09-10-97007-01  
*Cost of Performance Information:* Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from December 1, 1996 to December 31, 1997, is estimated at \$197,825. The total Federal amount is \$197,825 and is composed of \$193,000 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,825.
2. *NABDC Application: California Metropolitan Area Served:* State of California  
*Award Number:* 09-10-97008-01  
*Cost of Performance Information:* Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from December 1, 1996 to December 31, 1997, is estimated at \$310,575. The total Federal amount is \$310,575 and is composed of \$303,000 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$7,575.

**Standard Paragraphs—The Following Information and Requirements Are Applicable to the Arizona and California NABDCs**

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 experience and capabilities of the firm and its staff in addressing the needs of the business community in general and, specifically, the special needs of Native American businesses, individuals and organizations (45 points), the resources available to the firm in providing business development services (10 points); the firm's approach (techniques

and methodologies) to performing the work requirements included in the application (25 points); and the firm's estimated cost for providing such assistance (20 points).

An application must receive at least 70% of the points assigned to each evaluation criteria category to be considered programmatically acceptable and responsive. Those applications determined to be acceptable and responsive will then be evaluated by the Director of MBDA. Final award selections shall be based on the number of points received, the demonstrated responsibility of the applicant, and the determination of those most likely to further the purpose of the MBDA program. Negative audit findings and recommendations and unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding. The applicant with the highest point score will not necessarily receive the award.

If an application is selected for funding, MBDA 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 MBDA.

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**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% of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

**Buy American-Made Equipment or Products**—Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, 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 103-121, Sections 606 (a) and (b).

11.801 Native American Program  
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)

Dated: August 15, 1996.

Donald L. Powers,

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.*

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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### Application for Commission Into the NOAA Commissioned Corps

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 21, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Lieutenant (jg) Michele Riley at (301) 713-3470, extension 123.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This collection form is used to initiate applications to obtain a commission into NOAA's Commissioned Corps.

##### II. Method of Collection

Applicants submit a form.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0047.

*Form Number:* NOAA Form 56-42.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100 annually.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 hours per application form, 10 minutes per reference.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 280 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 (Respondents will not need to purchase equipment to respond to this request).

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council 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.

**ACTION:** Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Open Meeting.

**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, August 23, 1996 from 9 until 4 at the Holiday Inn, Coast Room, 611 Ocean Avenue, Santa Cruz, 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; a presentation on the future of desalination plants in the Sanctuary; reviews of the Monterey Bay Area Volunteer Directory and the 1995 Annual Report of the Advisory Council; and a discussion of the Santa Cruz Wharf Project.

#### Public Participation

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