

submit written statements or questions, may contact Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 3039, Federal Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 10133, telephone: 301-457-2308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A brief period will be set aside for public comment and questions. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Maney; her telephone number is 301-457-2308.

Dated: August 30, 1996.

Everett M. Ehrlich,

*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,
Economics and Statistics Administration.*

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Bureau of Export Administration

Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will be held October 2 & 3, 1996, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. The ISTAC advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

The Committee will meet only in Executive Session to discuss matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 10, 1995, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining

series meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. For further information, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: September 4, 1996.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)

AGENCY: Office of Research and Technology Applications, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Proposals are sought from high tech small businesses to respond to agency research needs in ocean science. The "Small Business Research and Development Enhancement Act of 1992" requires the Department of Commerce (DOC), to establish a three-phase SBIR program by reserving a percentage of its extramural R&D budget to be awarded to small business concerns for innovation research. DOC has the unilateral right to select SBIR research topics and awardees, and to award several or no grants under a given topic. Phase 1 is to determine the technical feasibility of ideas submitted for consideration and the quality of performance of the small business concern receiving an award. Therefore, the proposal should concentrate on research that will significantly contribute to proving the feasibility of the approach, a prerequisite to further support in Phase 2. Only firms that are awarded Phase 1 contracts or grants under this solicitation will be given the opportunity of submitting a Phase 2 proposal immediately following completion of Phase 1. Phase 2 is the R&D or prototype development phase. It will require a comprehensive proposal, outlining the effort in detail. Further information regarding Phase 2 proposal requirements will be provided to all firms receiving Phase 1 grants. In Phase 3, it is intended that non-SBIR capital be

used by small business to pursue commercial applications of Phase 2.

DATES: Strict deadlines for submission to the FY 1997 program are: Opening Date: October 1, 1996, Closing Date: January 15, 1997. Awards will be announced in July 1997.

ADDRESSES: Proposals are to be submitted to: U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, Procurement Operations Branch, Code OA313, 1325 East-West Highway, SSMC2, Station 4301 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, ATTN: SBIR Proposals, Telephone: (301) 713-0829.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joseph Bishop, Telephone: (301) 713-3565, Fax: (301) 713-4100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Funding Availability

Because of ongoing debates concerning the Federal budget, it is uncertain how much money will be available through this announcement. Funding levels will depend on final FY 1997 budget appropriations. During FY 1996, total funding was \$600,000. This included 4 Phase 1 awards of \$50,000, and 2 Phase 2 awards of \$200,000.

Program Authority

Authority: The Small Business Research and Development Enhancement Act of 1992, P.L. 102-564

(CFDA NO. 11.476)—Small Business Innovation Research

Program Objectives

SBIR invites small businesses to submit research proposals on ocean science topics described in the annual solicitation. Objectives of this solicitation include stimulating technological innovation in the private sector, strengthening the rule of small business in meeting Federal research and development needs, increasing the commercial application of innovations derived from Federal research, and improving the return on investment from Federally-funded research for the economic benefit of the Nation.

Program Priorities

In FY 1997, SBIR will give priority attention to individual proposals in the areas listed below.

- Underwater Visual Imaging System
- Aquaculture: Water Reuses and Effluent Treatment Systems
- Aquaculture: Developing and Improving Marine Species Culture
- Molecular and Immunological Probes
- Mapping Sonar for Small Underwater Vehicles
- Electronic Still Camera for Small Underwater Vehicles