

of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 1, 1996, the Department published in the Federal Register (61 FR 51277) its intent to revoke the following countervailing duty order: Countervailing Duty Order—Iran: Roasted Pistachios, 10/07/86 (C-507-601), 51 FR 35679

Under 19 C.F.R. 355.25(d)(4)(iii), the Secretary of Commerce will conclude that an order is no longer of interest to interested parties and will revoke the order if no domestic interested party (as defined in § 355.2 (i)(3), (i)(4), (i)(5), and (i)(6) of the regulations) objects to revocation and no interested party requests an administrative review by the last day of the 5th anniversary month.

Within the specified time frame, we received from a domestic interested party an objection to our intent to revoke this countervailing duty order. Therefore, because the requirements of 19 C.F.R. 355.25(d)(4)(iii) have not been met, we will not revoke the order.

This determination is in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 355.25(d)(4).

Dated: December 9, 1996.

Jeffrey P. Bialos,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Minority Business Development Agency

Solicitation of Business Development Center Applications for Orlando, Florida

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

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 Orlando, Florida Minority Business Development Centers (MBDC).

The purpose of the MBDC Program is to provide business development assistance to persons who are members of groups determined by MBDA to be socially or economically disadvantaged, and to business concerns owned and controlled by such individuals. 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 award number of the MBDC will be 04-10-97005-01.

DATES: The closing date for applications is February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Completed application packages should be submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230, Telephone Number (202) 482-3763.

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

PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE: A pre-application conference will be held. For the exact date, time, and location, contact the Atlanta Regional Office at (404) 730-3300.

Proper Identification Is Required for Entrance Into Any Federal Building

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Interim Final Policy published in the Federal Register on May 31, 1996, the cost-share requirement for the MBDCs listed in this notice has been increased to 40%. The Department of Commerce will fund up to 60% of the total cost of operating an MBDC on an annual basis. The MBDC operator is required to contribute at least 40% of the total project cost (the "cost-share requirement").

Cost-sharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party in-kind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof. In addition to the traditional sources of an MBDC's cost-share contribution, the 40% may be contributed by local, state and private sector organizations. It is anticipated that some organizations may apply jointly for an award to operate the center. For administrative purposes, one organization must be designated as the recipient organization.

Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from May 1, 1997 to May 31, 1998, is estimated at \$281,875. 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 40%, \$112,750 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$281,875.

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 minority 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). In accordance with Interim Final Policy published in the Federal Register on May 31, 1996, the scoring system will be revised to add ten (10) bonus points to the application of community-based organizations. Each qualifying application will receive the full ten points. Community-based applicant organizations are those organizations whose headquarters and/or principal place of business within the last five years have been located within the geographic service area designated in the solicitation for the award. Where an applicant organization has been in existence for fewer than five years or has been present in the geographic service area for fewer than five years, the individual years of experience of the applicant organization's principals may be applied toward the requirement of five years of organization experience. The individual years of experience must have been acquired in the geographic service area which is the subject of the solicitation. 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 award. The applicant with the highest point score will not necessarily receive the award. Periodic reviews culminating in year-to-date evaluations will be conducted to determine if funding for the project should continue. Continued funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA based on such factors as the MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and Agency priorities.

The MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 40% of the total project cost through non-federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the MBDC may charge client fees for 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, § 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: December 11, 1996.

Frances B. Douglas,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Availability of the Correlation: Textile and Apparel Categories With the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States for 1997

December 11, 1996.

AGENCY: Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements
(CITA).

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori
E. Mennitt, International Trade
Specialist, Office of Textiles and
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,
(202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements
(CITA) announces that the 1997
Correlation, based on the Harmonized
Tariff Schedule of the United States,
will be available either in December
1996 or January 1997 as part of the
Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA)
CD-Rom of publications. The
Correlation will no longer be available
in paper format. The CD-Rom includes
most OTEXA publications.

The CD-Rom may be purchased from
the U.S. Department of Commerce,
Office of Textiles and Apparel, 14th and
Constitution Avenue, NW., room H3100,
Washington, DC 20230, ATTN: Barbara
Anderson, at a cost of \$25. Checks or
money orders should be made payable
to the U.S. Department of Commerce.
D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

December 12, 1996.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National
and Community Service (CNCS), as part
of its continuing effort to reduce

paperwork and respondent burden,
conducts a preclearance consultation
program to provide the general public
and Federal agencies with an
opportunity to comment on proposed
and/or continuing collections of
information in accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
(PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3508(c)(2)(A)). This
program helps to ensure that requested
data can be provided in the desired
format, reporting burden (time and
financial resources) is minimized,
collection instruments are clearly
understood, and the impact of collection
requirement on respondents can be
properly assessed. Currently, the
Corporation for National and
Community Service is soliciting
comments concerning its proposed
evaluation of Learn and Serve America
participant outcomes.

Copies of the information collection
requests can be obtained by contacting
the office listed below in the address
section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted to the office listed in the
addresses section on or before February
10, 1997.

The Corporation for National and
Community Service is particularly
interested in comments which:

Evaluate whether the proposed
collection of information is necessary
for the proper performance of the
functions of the Corporation, including
whether the information will have
practical utility;

Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's
estimate of the burden of the proposed
collection of information, including the
validity of the methodology and
assumptions used;

Enhance the quality, utility and
clarity of the information to be
collected; and

Minimize the burden of the collection
of information on those who are to
respond, including through the use of
appropriate automated, electronic,
mechanical, or other technological
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology, e.g., permitting
electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Chuck
Helfer, Office of Evaluation, Corporation
for National and Community Service,
1201 New York Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Chuck Helfer, (202) 606-5000, ext. 248.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of evaluation plans to
administer a mailed survey to a sample
of college students who participated in

Learn and Serve America Higher
Education (LSAHE) supported service-
learning courses in spring 1996. The
Office will also survey a comparison
group of students who participated in
traditional courses during the same time
period. The goals of this survey are to
describe the experiences of students
who take service-learning courses and
determine if students who take service-
learning courses show higher levels of
civic responsibility, life skills and
educational achievement.

II. Current Action

The Corporation for National and
Community Service seeks approval of a
new form to evaluate the impact of the
LSAHE program on student
participants.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and
Community Service.

Title: LSAHE Participant Outcome
Survey.

OMB Number: 3045—new.

Agency Number: NA.

Affected Public: College students in
institutions supported by the LSAHE
program.

Total Respondents: 4,000.

Frequency: One time only.

Average Time Per Response: 15
minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,000.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):
\$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/
maintenance):* \$0.

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

Dated: December 11, 1996.

Lance Potter,

Director, Office of Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section
3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, the Marine Corps
announces the proposed extension of a
previously approved public information
collection and seeks public comment on
the provisions thereof. Comments are
invited on: (a) whether the proposed