

**Yale 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 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 96-102. Applicant: Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520. Instrument: SIMS IVS Console. Manufacturer: Surrey Medical Imaging Systems Ltd., United Kingdom. Intended Use: See notice at 61 FR 55972, October 30, 1996.

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 existing instrument purchased for the use of the applicant. The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum dated October 21, 1996, that the accessory is pertinent to the intended uses and that it knows of no comparable domestic accessory.

We know of no domestic accessory which can be readily adapted to the existing instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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**Amend Cooperative Program to Establish and Operate "American Business Centers" in the Newly Independent State of the Former Soviet Union**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Reference 58 FR 36941, July 9, 1993, the International Trade Administration (ITA) announces that it will accept competitive proposals from organizations currently managing one, or more, American Business Center(s) to continue operations at their respective site(s). Each organization currently working with ITA under a cooperative agreement may submit competitive proposals for up to \$150,000 in

additional Federal support to continue operations for up to an additional twelve months. Successful Applicants will be funded by amending existing cooperative agreements. The total amount of award funds available is \$650,000.

**DATES:** Applications must be received no later than 4:30 pm, E.S.T., February 14, 1997. Applications received after that time will not be reviewed by ITA. Applications will not be accepted via e-mail or facsimile machine transmission.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be mailed or hand delivered to, and Application Kits may be obtained from, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1235, HCHB, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vivian Spathopoulos, Deputy Director, Russia/NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: (202) 482-2902.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposals will be reviewed competitively against the following seven criteria: Quality of Work Plan, 30%; U.S. Trade and Investment Opportunities, 30%; Plan for Self-Sustainability, 10%; Success to Date, 15%; U.S. Small Business Utility, 5%; Qualifications of Applicant, 5%; and, Reasonableness of Cost, 5%. The application selection process will be the same as those published in the July 9, 1993 Federal Register notice referenced above. ITA reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals.

This announcement extends the period of time during which an American Business Center (ABC) operator may receive Federal assistance from three (03) to four (04) years and postpones the end date of the program from September 30, 1997 to September 30, 1998. All other terms and conditions listed in the above referenced Federal Register notice remain in effect. All eligible Applicants will be sent an Application Kit via overnight mail or other priority mail.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to nor shall a person be subject to penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This action involves collections of information subject to the PRA and have been approved under control numbers 0348-0040, 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0046 and 0605-0001.

ITA will accept only those applications submitted by institutions

currently administering one, or more, ABC(s) under the terms of this program. Incumbent operators may only apply to secure additional funding to continue operations at the site(s) where the Applicant already operates an ABC. Applicants must submit separate applications for each site.

Dated: January 7, 1997.

Lauri J. Fitz-Pegado,

*Assistant Secretary and Director General, The Commercial Service.*

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**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Notice of Public Meeting on the Fastener Quality Act**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NIST will hold an open meeting on February 4, 1997, to solicit industry views on the use of the statistical process control (SPC) in the manufacture of fasteners under the Fastener Quality Act (Public Law 101-592, as amended by Public Law 104-113) (The Act). The purposes of the meeting are to determine what impact, if any, the inspection, testing, and certification requirements of the Act and regulations may have on fastener manufacturers who use statistical process control and to identify ways in which the requirements of the Act and regulations might be met by SPC. Fastener manufacturers, Major End Users of fasteners (Automobile, Aerospace, Heavy Machinery, and others), representatives of Consensus Standards Bodies and Laboratory Accreditation Organizations, and academics with appropriate engineering expertise are invited to make presentations not exceeding 15 minutes each during the meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 4, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Individuals and organizations wishing to present information orally during the meeting must contact NIST not later than January 24, 1997, to request time, not to exceed 15 minutes, on the program.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in the Green Auditorium, Administration Building (Bldg. 101), at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Individuals and organizations wishing to present information orally during the meeting should contact Mr. David