

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 884]

Approval of Manufacturing Activity Within Foreign-Trade Zone 39, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Selective Technology, Inc. (Automotive Air-Conditioner Compressors)

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, § 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations, requires approval of the Board prior to commencement of new manufacturing/processing activity within existing zone facilities;

Whereas, the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board, grantee of FTZ 39, has requested authority under § 400.32(b)(1) of the Board's regulations on behalf of Selective Technology, Inc., to manufacture automotive air-conditioner compressors under zone procedures within FTZ 39, Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas (filed 10-18-96, FTZ Docket A(32b1)-4-96; Doc. 22-97, assigned 3-24-97);

Whereas, pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1), the Commerce Department's Assistant Secretary for Import Administration has the authority to act for the Board in making such decisions on new manufacturing/processing activity under certain circumstances, including situations where the proposed activity is the same, in terms of products involved, to activity recently approved by the Board (§ 400.32(b)(1)(i)); and,

Whereas, the FTZ Staff has reviewed the proposal, taking into account the criteria of § 400.31, and the Executive Secretary has recommended approval;

Now, therefore, the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, acting for the Board pursuant to § 400.32(b)(1), concurs in the recommendation and hereby approves the request subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 10th day of April 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 30-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 183—Austin, Texas Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas, Inc., grantee of FTZ 183, requesting authority to expand its zone in the Austin, Texas, area, adjacent to the Austin Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on April 11, 1997.

FTZ 183 was approved on December 23, 1991 (Board Order 550, 57 FR 42; 1/2/92). The zone currently consists of seven sites in the Austin, Texas, area:

Site 1—Austin Enterprise site (317 acres), consisting of seven parcels within the Austin Enterprise Zone Area along Highway 290 and the Ben White Boulevard-Montopolis Drive area, Austin;

Site 2—Balcones Research site (50 acres), located in north central Austin at the intersection of Burnett Road and Longhorn Boulevard;

Site 3—High Tech Corridor site (394 acres), consisting of five parcels located along I-35, 14 miles north of downtown Austin (site straddles Austin-Round Rock city line);

Site 4—Cedar Park site (122 acres), some eight miles northwest of the Austin city limits, in Williamson County;

Site 5—Round Rock "SSC" site (246 acres), consisting of two parcels located along I-35 between Chandler Road and Westinghouse Road on the northern edge of the City of Round Rock;

Site 6—Georgetown site (246 acres), located along I-35 and U.S. 81, south of downtown Georgetown;

Site 7—San Marcos site (40 acres), located within the San Marcos Municipal Airport facility in eastern San Marcos, adjacent to State Highway 21, on the Hays County/Caldwell County line.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand Site 3 to include 368 acres (5 contiguous tracts) located within the City of Round Rock, adjacent to Site 3's eastern boundary. The additional acreage is owned and operated by Dell Computer Holdings, L.P. and Dresser Industries, Inc.

No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such

requests would be made to the Board on a case-by case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 23, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 7, 1997).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, District Office, 903 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 121, Austin, Texas 78701-2450
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: April 14, 1997.

John J. DaPonte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) will hold its ninth plenary meeting. The ETTAC was created on May 31, 1994, to promote a close working-relationship between government and industry and to expand export growth in priority and emerging markets for environmental products and services.

DATES AND PLACE: May 1, 1997 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in Room 6808 of the Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington D.C. 20230.

This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to

Amy Bellanca, Department of Commerce, Room 1001, Washington D.C. 20230. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Environmental Technologies Exports, Room 1003, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, phone (202) 482-5225, facsimile (202) 482-5665, TDD 1-800-833-8723.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

Anne L. Alonzo,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Technologies Exports.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 970324067-7067-01]

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NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, Program Announcement

AGENCY: Office of Global Programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Climate and Global Change Program represents a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) contribution to evolving national and international programs designed to improve our ability to observe, understand, predict, and respond to changes in the global environment. This program builds on NOAA's mission requirements and longstanding capabilities in global change research and prediction. The NOAA Program is a key contributing element of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), which is coordinated by the interagency Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources. NOAA's program is designed to complement other agency contributions to that national effort.

DATES: Strict deadlines for submission to the FY 1998 process are: Letters of intent must be received at OGP no later than May 23, 1997. Full proposals must be received at OGP no later than August 15, 1997. Applicants who have not received a response to their letter of intent by July 7, 1997, should contact the program office. The time from target date to grant award varies with program area. We anticipate that review of full proposals will occur during late 1997 and funding should begin during the spring of 1998 for most approved

projects. April 1, 1998, should be used as the proposed start date on proposals, unless otherwise directed by the appropriate Program Officer. Applicants should be notified of their status within 6 months. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines below. Failure to heed these guidelines may result in proposals being returned without review.

ADDRESSES: Proposals may be submitted to: Office of Global Programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1225, Silver Spring, MD 20910-5603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irma duPree at the above address, or at phone: (301) 427-2089 ext. 17, fax: (301) 427-2073, Internet: duPree@ogp.noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Funding Availability

NOAA believes that the Climate and Global Change Program will benefit significantly from a strong partnership with outside investigators. Current Program plans assume that over 50% of the total resources provided through this announcement will support extramural efforts, particularly those involving the broad academic community. Because of ongoing debates on the Federal budget, it is uncertain how much money will be available through this announcement. Actual funding levels will depend upon the final FY 1998 budget appropriations. This Program Announcement is for projects to be conducted by investigators both inside and outside of NOAA, primarily over a one, two or three year period. The funding instrument for extramural awards will be a grant unless it is anticipated that NOAA will be substantially involved in the implementation of the project, in which case the funding instrument should be a cooperative agreement. Examples of substantial involvement may include but are not limited to proposals for collaborative between NOAA or NOAA scientists and a recipient scientist or technician and/or contemplation by NOAA of detailing Federal personnel to work on proposal projects. NOAA will make decisions regarding the use of a cooperative agreement on a case-by-case basis. Funding for non-U.S. institutions and contractual arrangements for services and products for delivery to NOAA are not available under this announcement. Matching share is not required by this program.

Program Authority

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 44720 (b); 33 U.S.C. 883d, 883e; 15 U.S.C. 2904; 15 U.S.C. 2931 et seq.

(CFDA No. 11.431)—Climate and Atmospheric Research

Program Objectives

The long term objective of the Climate and Global Change Program is to provide reliable predictions of climate change and associated regional implications on time scales ranging from seasons to a century or more. NOAA believes that climate variability across these time scales can be modelled with an acceptable probability of success and are the most relevant for fundamental social concerns. Predicting the behavior of the coupled ocean-atmosphere-land surface system will be NOAA's primary contribution to a successful national effort to deal with observed or anticipated changes in the global environment. NOAA has a range of unique facilities and capabilities that can be applied to Climate and Global Change investigations. Proposals that seek to exploit these resources in collaborative efforts between NOAA and extramural investigations are encouraged.

Program Priorities

In FY 1998, NOAA will give priority attention to individual proposals in the areas listed below. Investigators are asked to specify clearly which of these areas is being pursued. The names, affiliations and phone numbers of relevant Climate and Global Change Program Officers are provided. Funding for some programs may be limited to ongoing projects or may be used to fund projects proposed in FY 1997 that were unable to be funded due to unusual budgetary circumstances. Prospective applicants should communicate with Program Officers for information on priorities within program elements and prospects for funding. Applicants should send letters of intent and proposals to the NOAA Office of Global Programs rather than to individual Program Officers.

Aerosols

The Aerosols Project focuses on research to improve the predictive understanding of the role of anthropogenic aerosols in climate forcing. Due to limited funds anticipated in FY 1998, all funding is expected to be used to maintain support for ongoing research activities. Unfortunately, therefore, we are unable to seek applications to fund new starts. For further information contact: Joel M.