

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.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Docket Number: 97-051. *Applicant:* University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. *Instrument:* Mass Spectrometer, Model DELTA^{plus}. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 40334, July 28, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides a double-focussing magnet sector mass analyzer with an internal precision of 0.006 per mil for 10 bar μ l samples of CO₂.

Docket Number: 97-057. *Applicant:* University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 82071. *Instrument:* Mass Spectrometer, Model Sector 54. *Manufacturer:* Micromass, Inc., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 41361, August 1, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) Motorized multiple collectors for computer-controlled alignment of collectors, (2) mass/energy filtering for 10 ppb abundance sensitivity, and (3) an ion-counting multicollector system for detection of very small ion beams.

Docket Number: 97-058. *Applicant:* University of Miami, Miami, FL 33149. *Instrument:* Mass Spectrometer, Model GEO 20-20. *Manufacturer:* Europa Scientific, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 41361, August 1, 1997. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) Sensitivity of 1000 molecules per m/z 44 ion at the collector, (2) an interface to an elemental analyzer, and (3) an abundance sensitivity of 10 ppm for CO₂ using dual inlet mode.

The capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purposes. We know of no instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to any of the foreign instruments.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet on: Monday, October 6, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, October 7, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, October 8, 1997, from 8:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, October 9, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Panel's agenda includes reviewing the 1997 award process and final judging of 1997 applicants, including a review of each of the 1997 site visits. The review process involves examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) (4) of Title 5, United States Code. .

DATES: The meeting will convene October 6, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on October 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Conference Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 10, 1997, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 10(d) for those portions of the meeting which involve examination of records and discussion with section 552b(c) (4) of Title 5, United States Code, since those portions of the meeting are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: September 22, 1997.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 9707-14173-7173-01]

RIN 0648-ZA31

Coastal Services Center Broad Area Announcement

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Federal assistance.

SUMMARY: The Coastal Services Center announces the availability of Federal assistance for fiscal year 1998 in the following program areas: Landscape Characterization and Restoration; the Coastal Change Analysis Program; Coastal Remote Sensing; Integration and Development; the administration of the Coastal Management Fellowship program; training and meeting facilitation; and Special Projects. This announcement provides general descriptions of the categories of projects for which federal assistance may be available. Detailed guidelines for each of the program areas are available from the technical points of contact. These guidelines will include details for the technical program, evaluation criteria, selection procedures, and the standard NOAA Grants Application forms. Funding will be contingent upon availability of funds.

DATES: Specific guidelines, and NOAA application forms, for each of these program areas will be available and distributed to respondents to these announcements throughout fiscal quarters 1 and 2 for awards throughout FY98.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for general information about the CSC or the assistance programs to Coastal Services Center, Attn: Ms. Violet Legette, NOAA Coastal Service Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina, 29405-2413.

For specific guidelines and information regarding the Landscape Characterization and Restoration Program, please contact: Pace Wilber at (803) 974-6235 or pwilber@csc.noaa.gov.

For specific guidelines and information regarding the Coastal

Change Analysis Program, please contact: Dorsey Worthy at (803) 974-6234 or dworthy@csc.noaa.gov.

For specific guidelines and information regarding the Coastal Remote Sensing program, please contact: John Brock at (803) 974-6239 or jbrock@csc.noaa.gov.

For specific guidelines and information regarding the Integration and Development program, please contact: Miki Schmidt at (803) 974-6237 or mschmidt@csc.noaa.gov.

For specific guidelines and information regarding the Coastal Management Fellowship program, please contact: Paul M. Scholz at (803) 974-6208 or pscholz@csc.noaa.gov.

For specific guidelines and information regarding the Coastal Training Institute program, please contact: Jennet Robinson Alterman at (803) 974-6210 or jralterman@csc.noaa.gov.

For specific guidelines and information regarding the Special Projects program, please contact: Paul M. Scholz at (803) 974-6208 or pscholz@csc.noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Violet Legette, Resource Management Services, at (803) 974-6222 or vlegette@csc.noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Statutory authority for these awards is provided under 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1456.c (Technical Assistance); 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1540 (Cooperative Agreements); 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1442 [Research program respecting possible long-range effects of pollution, overfishing, and man-induced changes of ocean ecosystems]; 33 U.S.C. Sec. 883a et seq [Surveys and other activities]; and, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1441 (Monitoring and research programs).

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). The CSC Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Number 11.473.

Program Description

The goal of the Coastal Services Center is to build capabilities throughout the nation which simultaneously address pressing issues of coastal health and change by conserving coastal environments including coastal wetlands, riparian forested wetlands, maritime forests, fisheries/shell fisheries, and other living marine resources and by promoting efficient and sustainable industry, farming, commercial and residential development, urban redevelopment, and tourism. Each of the following programs is available to provide federal assistance for projects in the areas described below. For specific information about any of the programs, or for instructions on completing an application, please

contact the technical points of contact listed for each program.

Landscape Characterization and Restoration Program

The goal of the Landscape Characterization and Restoration Program is to help coastal managers include ecosystem processes in their resource management, regulatory, and land use planning decisions. The Program works towards this goal by examining interrelationships between ecology, land use, human demographic, and socioeconomic trends on ecosystem/watershed scales and by developing tools needed to integrate those relationships into management processes. The Program's projects generally include development of habitat, wetland function, demographic, and land use maps; information syntheses; natural resource databases; and environmental models; and a customized geographic information system (GIS) or similar software to forecast results of management alternatives. While the Program routinely uses Unix-based systems, premiums are placed on tools used in a PC environment. Total program budget for FY98 will in the range of \$250,000 to \$400,000. On a per project basis, the range for funding available for FY98 is \$30,000 to \$200,000.

During FY98, the Program anticipates pursuing projects along the following lines:

(1) Ecological and socioeconomic characterizations of special management areas (e.g., National Marine Sanctuaries of Estuarine Research Reserves), small-to medium-size watersheds that represent special management issues (e.g., Kachemak Bay, AK, Great Bay, NH, Casco Bay, ME, Savannah River Estuary, GA).

(2) Ecological and socioeconomic characterizations of specific coastal management issues over broad geographic ranges (e.g., shellfish in the Gulf of Mexico, water delivery to estuaries in the southeastern U.S., invasions by non-native species to Pacific ports).

(3) Reviews and development of GIS-based tools for siting habitat restoration projects and forecasting success (e.g., identification of filled marshes from aerial photography, using wind and wave models to forecast the erosion potential of marsh and seagrass restoration sites).

For more information, please contact Pace Wilber at (803) 974-6235 or pwilber@csc.noaa.gov.

Coastal Change Analysis Program

The Coastal Change Analysis Program (C-CAP) is a nationwide effort by the NOAA Coastal Services Center, U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), to produce standardized land cover and benthic habitat maps and change data for all coastal areas of the United States. This work is accomplished in close cooperation with state and local resource management agencies. The objectives of the program are to produce nationally consistent baseline and change data, and to determine the impacts these changes have on living marine resources for informed coastal decision making as well as for identifying and protecting essential fish habitat. For these C-CAP projects, consideration for funding will be limited to public resource management agencies in the following states: Alaska, California, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, and Washington.

C-CAP anticipates initiating projects in three general areas in FY98:

(1) New Terrestrial Land Cover Change Analysis Projects will be initiated to derive Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM)-based terrestrial wetland and uplands land cover characterizations and change for state or regional scale studies. These projects are part of the continuing C-CAP effort to establish a baseline change assessment for all coastal areas of the United States. Anticipated funding for FY98 will range from \$10,000 to \$300,000.

(2) New Seagrass and Other Submerged-Benthic Mapping Projects will be initiated to derive location and change maps of seagrass and other nearshore benthic resources as part of the continuing C-CAP effort to establish a baseline change assessment for all coastal areas of the United States. Anticipated funding for FY98 will range from \$10,000 to 100,000.

(3) State and Local Land Cover and Benthic Change Applications Projects will be initiated to foster local (county or township level) use of C-CAP land cover and benthic resource maps for coastal land use planning and management. Anticipated funding for FY98 will range from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

For more information, please contact Dorsey Worthy at 803-974-6234 or dwothy@csc.noaa.gov.

Coastal Remote Sensing Program

The Coastal Remote Sensing (CRS) Program seeks to provide coastal resource managers with practical high-technology data products based on new developments in remote sensing CRS

identifies promising new remote sensing technologies, and works to bridge science and management by prototyping remote sensing data products that aid coastal decision makers. Current CRS projects involve the creation of advanced coastal resource management tools through both satellite and aircraft-based remote sensing. In support of this goal, CRS is currently conducting several closely related field-sampling and satellite ocean color remote sensing projects, in addition to several aircraft remote sensing projects. Any possible funding for assistance in FY98 may range in amount between \$1,000 and \$200,000.

During FY98, the Coastal Remote Sensing Program anticipates pursuing the following project activities:

(1) CRS is pursuing the multi-regional collection of in situ bio-optical data in diverse US Case 2 and Case 1 coastal waters. CRS is analyzing this high quality bio-optical data to yield a full suite of geographically widespread measurements appropriate for the evaluation, intercomparison and regional enhancement of the NASDA and NASA in-water bio-optical algorithms for ADEOS/OCTS and SeaWiFS data products.

(2) The CRS coastal US data archive of advanced multiple-season, in-situ bio-optical measurements from disparate US coastal, plus all collected historical B/O/WQ data, is being made publicly available via a World Wide Web-accessible Coastal Bio-optical data Analysis and Storage System (CoBASS). Documentation in the form of cruise reports will be provided for these advanced bio-optical data sets collected by the CRS Program.

(3) CRS will undertake the evaluation, intercomparison, and further refinement of standard algorithms for the generation of ocean color products for diverse coastal US bio-optical provinces. We will seek to explain the performance of standard OCTS and SeaWiFS in-water algorithms in the context of inter-regional and inter-seasonal variation in inherent optical properties arising through planktonic ecosystem functioning and structure, and variability in the biochemistry and sedimentology of major terrestrial inputs, such as river plumes.

(4) CRS will undertake the adaption of NASA software to create a software package tailored to support the high scientific quality processing of coastal US satellite ocean color observations acquired by either ADEOS/OCTS and SeaWiFS, to support the creation of data products for coastal resource management and applied research.

(5) CRS will pursue the development of high scientific-quality, full resolution retrospective time series of satellite data products. CRS will create and make available via the WWW near-real time data products based on the fusion of satellite and in situ data with model forecasts; these products will provide timely information on issues of relevance to coastal resource managers.

(6) CRS will undertake the development of aircraft remote sensing techniques for high spatial resolution sensing of biological water quality within inshore coastal areas at costs that are low enough to allow repetitive surveys. These project activities are intended to: (1) Develop a capability for regional, low-cost monitoring of the chlorophyll, salinity, and turbidity fields in coastal areas, and (2) provide ground truth information for ocean color satellites in Case 2 water and (3) aid in the development of algorithms specific to regional water types.

(7) In response to the need for accurate, timely information on beach and dune field topography, and also pertaining to gradual or catastrophic coastal change, and erosion over broad expanses of coastline, CRS will undertake the mapping of coastal topography using aircraft LIDAR techniques. To establish the capability for highly accurate retrieval of coastal topography and erosion, CRS will map beach elevation over the middle and south Atlantic coast. CRS anticipates that these data will be useful in monitoring and assessing coastal erosion, including severe erosion due to hurricanes and other meteorological disturbances.

For more information, please contact John Brock at 803-974-6239 or jbrock@csc.noaa.gov.

Integration and Development

The Integration and Development (I&D) program focuses on product development, I&D's primary customers are the nation's coastal resource managers and other Coastal Services Center components. I&D specializes in linking the technical benefits of geographic information systems (GIS) with the political needs of coastal managers to enhance decisions. For coastal managers, I&D strives to provide readily accessible, spatial (geographic) information for decision-making support and visualization. To support this goal, I&D has a program for local government planning, management, and liaison services in developing community based hazard mitigation GIS-based decision support systems.

In FY98, the Coastal Services Center will participate in three local

demonstration projects to develop integrated hazard mitigation decision support systems in Florida, North Carolina and Ohio. These projects will involve partnerships with various federal, state, and local agencies but will be targeted primarily for implementation at the local government level. Liaison services will be required from an organization with strong local government connections and expertise. Specific expertise will also be required in the areas of community planning, emergency management, and hazard mitigation. Total grant amount is estimated between \$100,000 and \$300,000.

For more information, please contact Miki Schmidt at 803-974-6237 or mschmidt@csc.noaa.gov.

Coastal Management Fellowship

The Coastal Services Center Coastal Management Fellowship was established to provide professional on-the-job education and training opportunities for post-graduate students in coastal resource management and policy and to provide specific technical assistance for state coastal resource management programs. The program matches highly qualified recently graduated masters, professional degree, and doctoral students with hosts around the U.S. in state coastal zone management programs. For two years the recipients will work on substantive state-level coastal resource management issues that pertain to federal management policies and regulations. The recipients are designated Coastal Services Center Coastal Management Fellows.

Funding to support the CSC Coastal Management Fellows is provided by several sources: the federal government, state governmental agencies, private industry, and non-profit organizations (501.c3's). The two year Fellowship award of \$64,000 with an additional \$12,000 State match made for each Fellow includes \$30,000 per year salary for the Fellow, divided into a \$20,000 stipend and \$10,000 for per diem living expenses. The remaining \$8,000 per year shall be divided as follows: \$5,000 for fringe benefits, including health insurance, worker's compensation insurance, and the employer's share of FICA; \$1,000 for reimbursable moving expenses; and \$2,000 for travel associated with the fellowship experience. NOAA and the other funding sources will provide funding directly to the organization that will administer the Fellowship awards. The organization selected to administer the Fellowship awards shall be capable of receiving and processing funding from

all existing and potential funding sources. The organization selected to administer the grants shall be capable of providing all administrative and financial support required for between six and twenty Fellows per year, according to the guidelines set forth by the Coastal Services Center. Total program budget for FY98 will be in the range of \$128,000 to \$700,000. This program will be administered as a Cooperative Agreement, with substantial involvement by the Coastal Services Center in the implementation and coordination of the Fellowship Program.

For more information, please contact Paul M. Scholz at 803-974-6208 or pschol@csc.noaa.gov.

Coastal Training Institute

The goal of the Coastal Training Institute is to provide technical training to support the development and use of Coastal Services Center products and services by the coastal management community. The Training Institute serves as an ongoing resource for training design, delivery and professional meeting/conference planning and logistics. Through specialized training workshops, professional conferences and meeting support services, the Coastal Training Institute provides ongoing opportunities for professional development and technical training. Services provided by the Training Institute include:

- Training development and design
- Needs assessment and evaluation
- Training delivery and training of trainers
- Facilitation and meeting management
- Meeting planning and logistical support

In FY98 the Coastal Training Institute will conduct up to 10 technical workshops and conferences in partnership with NOAA line offices, other federal agencies and state natural resource management agencies. Specific expertise in on site meeting management/logistical support, facilitation services, training design and delivery as well as technical trainers will be required. Anticipated funding for FY98 will be between \$25,000 and \$200,000. On a per project basis, the range for funding available is between \$25,000 and \$100,000. For more information, please contact Jennet Robinson Alterman at (803) 974-6210 or jralterman@csc.noaa.gov.

Special Projects

The Coastal Services Center has conducted a variety of projects that have resulted in technical, management or

planning for outcomes that apply directly to the state and local coastal management community. The goal of this program is to provide assistance to the coastal management community for technical management related issues on a very broad range of topics related to coastal resources and their wise management. This has ranged from boating, shipping and navigation, to beach management and conservation, coastal hazards mitigation, protected areas, all forms of pollution and control, as well as training, education and outreach activities. In some cases, projects have included use of high-end spatial data and in other level meetings, workshops, and reports. The Coastal Services Center expects to work an equally broad range of topics and will be granting awards to organizations across the United States with proven abilities to implement practical solutions at a state and local level. All project proposals received in this category will be reviewed for technical merit and management relevance. The specific guidelines will include special projects evaluation criteria with point values to be assigned. In addition, program policy factors may be considered in final award decisions to ensure a variety of topic areas, geographical distribution, and/or organization type are represented in the final mix by quarter. Project proposals received for this program will be reviewed on the following timelines: Proposals received October 1–December 31—January review; January 1–March 31—April review; April 1–September 30—October review.

Anticipated funding for this in FY98 will be between \$50,000 and \$750,000. On a per project basis, the range for funding available is between \$25,000 and \$300,000.

For more information, please contact Paul M. Scholz at 803-974-6208 or pschol@csc.noaa.gov.

Evaluation

Specific evaluation criteria and selection procedures will be identified in the program guidelines distributed to requesters. These guidelines will include point value for each ranking criteria and a detailed description of the selection process and timeline.

Funding Availability

Specific funding available for awards in each of these categories will be finalized after the NOAA budget for FY98 is authorized, however, total funding availability for this announcement will be between \$500,000 and \$3,000,000. There is no guarantee that sufficient funds will be

available to make awards for all approved projects. Publication of this notice does not obligate NOAA to award any specific grant or cooperative agreement or to obligate all or any parts of the available funds.

Cost Sharing

Applications must reflect the total budget to accomplish the project, including contributions and/or donations. Cost sharing is not required by general office policy, however, individual program guidelines may indicate cost share requirements and assign point values.

Type of Funding Instrument

The projects will be awarded either as a Grant or a Cooperative Agreement, distributed by the Coastal Service Center.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications for grants and cooperative agreements under this program announcement may be submitted, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the specific guidelines to be published by each program area, by any state resource management agency, college or university, private industry, or any nonprofit organization relating to cooperative research units. Other Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this notice. Specific eligibility criteria for each program will be provided in the guidelines for proposal submission.

Before submitting an application under this program, applicants should contact the appropriate technical point of contact for a copy of the specific proposal guidelines for the program area. Applications for the project funding under this program must be complete and in accordance with the instructions in the proposal guidelines.

Award Period

The normal award period under this announcement will be one year, but for some programs the period will be longer. Interested applicants should consult with specific technical points of contact for additional information.

Indirect Costs

The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the current indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by the applicant's cognizant Federal agency, prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct

costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Project Funding Priorities

Funding priorities will be set by individual programs award categories depending on the FY98 appropriations.

Federal Policies and Procedures

Recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and DOC policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal assistance awards.

Name Check Review

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 recipient have been convicted of, or are presently facing, criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters that significantly reflect on the recipient's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

Past Performance

Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

Pre-Award Activities

If applicants 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 or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of DOC to cover pre-award costs.

No Obligation for Future Funding

If the application is selected for funding, DOC 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 DOC.

Delinquent Federal Debts

No award or Federal Funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

- (i) The delinquent account is paid in full,
- (ii) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or
- (iii) Other arrangements satisfactory to DOC are made.

Primary Applicant Certifications

All organizations or individuals preparing grant applications must submit a completed Form CD-511 "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and explanations are hereby provided:

Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension

Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, Section 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 605) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, subpart f, "Government side 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 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 application/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; and

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 applicants/bidders for sub-grants, 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 sub-recipient should be

submitted to DOC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

False Statements

A false statement on an application 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.

Intergovernmental Review

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Buy American-Made Equipment or Products

Applicants are hereby notified that they will be encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent.

Classification

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, cooperative agreements, benefits, and contracts. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to, a 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 notice contains a collection-of-information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The collection-of-information has been approved by OMB, OMB Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001.

Dated: September 17, 1997.

Nancy Foster,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.
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