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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 34-98]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Santa Maria, California Area Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Santa Maria Public Airport District, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in the Santa Maria, California area, adjacent to the Port San Luis, California, port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the FTZ Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on June 30, 1998. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 6302 of the California Code.

The proposed new zone would consist of 2 sites (2,787 acres) in Santa Barbara County: *Site 1* (2,728 acres)—within and adjacent to the Santa Maria Public Airport, 3217 Terminal Drive, Santa Maria; and, *Site 2* (59 acres)—within the Vandenberg Air Force Base complex, approximately 20 miles southwest of the Santa Maria Airport. Site 1 is primarily owned by the applicant. Site 2 is owned by the Department of the Air Force but has been leased by Astrotech Space Operations, Inc., for a period of 20 years. Vandenberg Air Force Base has been designated the primary launch site for commercial space activity from the West Coast and pre-launch payload assembly activities would be conducted at proposed Site 2.

The application indicates a need for foreign-trade zone services in the Santa Maria area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures for warehousing, airport related activities and the preparation of space flight hardware for launches into outer space. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. 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.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on August 5, 1998, 11:00 a.m., at the Santa Maria Hilton, 3455 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, California 93455.

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 September 8, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 21, 1998).

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

Office of the Santa Maria Public Airport District, 3217 Terminal Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: The Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) Program Applications and Questionnaires.

Agency Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: 0625-0225.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Burden: 2,137 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1,300.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Range from 15 minutes to 6 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Special American Business Internship Training (SABIT) programs of the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA), is a key element in the U.S. Government's efforts to support the economic transition of the Newly Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. SABIT places business executives and scientists from the Independent States in U.S. firms for

one-to-six month internships to gain firsthand experiences working in a market economy. This unique private sector-U.S. Government partnership was created in order to tap the U.S. private sector's expertise in assisting the NIS's transition to a market economy while boosting U.S.-NIS long-term trade.

Under the "regular" (grants) SABIT program, qualified U.S. firms will receive funds through a cooperative agreement with ITA to help defray the cost of hosting interns. The information collected by the Application is needed by the SABIT staff to recruit and screen respondents and provide U.S. firms with a pool of eligible candidates from which to select interns. Intern applications are required to determine the suitability of candidates for SABIT internships. Feedback surveys and end-of-internship reports are needed to enable SABIT to track the success of the program as regards trade between the U.S. and NIS, as well as to improve the content and administration of the programs.

The closing date for applications and supplemental materials is approximately 120 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Pursuant to section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act") funding for the program will be provided by the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.).

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, (202) 395-5871.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 1, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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