

Sincerely,
 Troy H. Cribb,
 Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
 of Textile Agreements.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Reinstatement of Small Business Set-Asides for Certain Acquisitions Under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).
ACTION: Notice of reinstatement of small business set-asides under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has reinstated the use of small business set-aside procedures for certain construction acquisitions issued by the Departments of the Army and Navy. Included in the reinstatement are solicitations issued under Standard Industrial Category Major Group 15 and

Standard Industrial Category Code 1629 (Navy only).
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 17, 1998.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Sipple, OUSD (A&T), Director of Defense Procurement, Contract Policy Administration, Room 3C838, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060, telephone (703) 695-8567.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) implemented Title VII of Pub. L. 100-656 (15 U.S.C. 644 note) by issuance of the "Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program Test Plan" on August 31, 1989, amended April 16, 1993. The program was further implemented in Subpart 19.10 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Subpart 219.10 of the Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS).

Under the program, small business set-asides were initially suspended for certain designated industry groups (DIGs). Agencies are required by paragraphs III.D.2.a and IV.A.4. of the OFPP test plan to reinstate the use of

small business set-asides whenever the small business awards under any designated industry group falls below 40 percent or whenever small business awards under an Individual Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code within the designated industry group falls below 35 percent. Reinstatement is to be limited to the organizational elements (in the case of DoD, the individual military departments or other components) that failed to meet the small business participation goals.

For the 12 months ending March 1998, DoD awards in the industries shown below fell below the 40 percent (SIC Major Group 15) or 35 percent (SIC Code 1629) thresholds. Accordingly, pursuant to DFARS 219.1006(b)(2), the Director of Defense Procurement has directed reinstatement of small business set aside procedures for solicitations that involve the industry categories shown below. The reinstatement applies to solicitations issued by the applicable buying activities on or after June 17, 1998, or as soon thereafter as practicable:

Industry	Applicable to
Construction: Major Group 15 (including SIC 1521, 1522, 1531, 1541, and 1542) Major Group 16—SIC, Code 1629 only	All Army and Navy Activities. All Navy Activities.

Consistent with the OFPP test plan, this reinstatement of set-asides will be periodically reviewed for continuation. Small business set-asides were reinstated DoD-wide for the DIG titled "Architectural and Engineering Services," by memorandum of September 30, 1991. That reinstatement remains in effect.

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 Regulations Council.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-105-A-CN, EA-168-A and EA-187]

Applications To Export Electric Energy; NorAm Energy Services, PG&E Energy, Merchant Energy Group

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of applications.

SUMMARY: NorAm Energy Services, Inc. (NES) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act. PG&E Energy Trading-Power, L.P. (PG&E) has applied to amend its authorization to export electric energy to Canada by adding additional transmission facilities, and Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc. (MEGA) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy to Canada.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW,

Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) has received applications from the following companies for authorization to export electric energy to Canada:

Applicant	Application date	Docket No.
NorAm Energy Services Inc	6/18/98	EA-105-A-CN
PG&E Energy Trading-Power, L.P	6/23/98	EA-168-A
Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc	6/25/98	EA-187