

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of August 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

International Buyer Program; Support for Domestic Trade Shows

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The International Buyer Program of the Department of Commerce, which invited interested trade show organizer/sponsoring organizations to apply for inclusion on the program calendar for Fiscal Year 2002 (October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002) allowed applications by e-mail for the first time this year. The application period, which began with publication of the **Federal Register** Notice on June 27, 2000, ended officially on August 11, 2000. Regrettably, the computer servers and e-mail communication system upon which the program depends failed to perform from August 9 through August 11, 2000. While a number of prospective applicants communicated their difficulties in applying owing to our communication system failure, some additional prospective applicants may have also been prevented from doing so. Organizers who were unable to communicate their application to the program should provide us a written statement that the organizer attempted to apply electronically during the period of computer/communications failure (August 9-11, 2000). The organizer should also resubmit a copy of its application and we will deem it to have been submitted during the competitive period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Boney at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number 202-482-0146 or FAX 202-482-0115 or via E-mail at jim.boney@mail.doc.gov

Dated: August 25, 2000.

John Klingelhut,

Director, Office of Private/Public Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 000515143-0245-03]

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Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT)

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of funding availability for grants under the Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT)

SUMMARY: This Notice supplements the **Federal Register** Notice of June 7, 2000, (65 FR No. 110 36117-36120) and July 21, 2000, (65 FR No. 141 45359) announcing the availability of funds for the Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT), for training business executives (also referred to as "interns") from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union. All information in the previous announcement remains the same, except for the changes to the closing date and an increase of \$700,000 in the amount of funding, bringing the available total to \$1.5 million. This increase is based on the availability of funds.

DATES: This Notice extends the closing date of the referenced **Federal Register** Notice for 3 months to 5 p.m. November 30, 2000. All awards are expected to be made prior to January 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liesel Duhon, Director, Special American Business Internship Training Program, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, phone—(202) 482-0073, facsimile—(202) 482-2443. These are not toll free numbers.

Dated: August 24, 2000.

Liesel Duhon,

Director, SABIT Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Notice and Request for Sea Scallop Research Proposals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for applications.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this document to describe how you, the researcher, may be selected to perform sea scallop research projects funded by a 1-percent set-aside of the scallop total allowable catch (TAC) under Framework Adjustment 13 to the New England Fishery Management Council's (Council's) Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Framework Adjustment 34 to the Council's Northeast Multispecies FMP (Frameworks 13/34) and how NOAA and the Council will determine whether to select your proposal. Frameworks 13/34 allow scallop vessels temporary access to portions of the groundfish closed areas on Georges Bank and Nantucket Shoals to harvest sea scallops and allow selected vessels to land scallops in excess of the possession limit or take additional trips and use the proceeds of the excess catch or additional trips to offset the costs of the research proposals submitted in response to this notification. Frameworks 13/34 authorize certain scallop vessels during the 2000 scallop fishing year to fish three trips per vessel in Closed Area II (CA II), one trip per vessel in the Nantucket Lightship Closed Area (NLCA), and 2 trips per vessel in Closed Area I (CA I) for certain periods of time, unless modified by action taken by the Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator).

NOAA, in cooperation with the Council, is publishing this second of two solicitations to request proposals for scallop research utilizing set-aside TAC from CA I, NLCA, and any CA II research TAC that may remain after award to projects submitted under NOAA's original CA II solicitation. Vessels participating in an approved project and fishing in the closed areas would be authorized by the Regional Administrator to take additional trips into the closed areas and/or to land scallops in excess of the 10,000-lb (4,536-kg) possession limit allowed for all closed area trips.

DATES: All research proposals to be considered under this solicitation must be received between August 30, 2000 and no later than 5 p.m., local time, on September 20, 2000 (see **ADDRESSES** section of this document). Postmarks will not be sufficient. Facsimile applications will not be accepted. For further information related to the timeframe for review and selection of proposals to be conducted with TAC