

subject merchandise from the PRC, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under § 351.402(f) of the Department's regulations to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This new shipper review and this notice are published in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 27, 2001.

**Faryar Shirzad,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board (MEPNAB), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Thursday, September 20, 2001 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The MEPNAB is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST who were selected for their expertise in the area of industrial extension and their work on behalf of smaller manufacturers. The Board was established to fill a need for outside input on MEP. MEP is a unique program consisting of centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The centers have been created by state, federal, and local partnerships. The Board works closely with MEP to provide input and advice on MEP's programs, plans, and policies. The purpose of this meeting is to hear about latest developments, status of plans for 2002 and the logic,

background, progress and goals of the 360vu brand. There will also be a presentation on findings from a technology extension pilot partnering. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and to end at 9:30 a.m. and to begin at 2:30 p.m. and to end at 3:30 p.m. on September 20, 2001, on personnel issues and proprietary budget information will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene September 20, 2001 at 8 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on September 20, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Tenth Floor Conference Room, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Linda Acierto, Senior Policy Advisor, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-5033.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on December 18, 2000, that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of proposed funding of the MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because that portion will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of the staffing of positions in MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in that portion of the meeting is likely to reveal information of a personal nature, where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 28, 2001.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Financial Assistance for the Use of Satellite Data for Studying Local and Regional Phenomena

**AGENCY:** National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Federal assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Research and Applications announces the availability of Federal assistance for fiscal year 2002 to expand the use of satellite data for the study of scientific phenomena in local and regional areas. This announcement provides detailed guidelines for the technical program, evaluation criteria, and selection procedures.

**DATES:** Proposals must be received no later than 5 pm EDT on October 25, 2001. Applications received after that time will be returned without review.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Research and Applications; NOAA/NESDIS; 5200 Auth Road; Rm 701; Camp Springs, MD 20746-4304.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Hank Drahos, Federal Program Officer, at 301-763-8204 or [Hank.Drahos@noaa.gov](mailto:Hank.Drahos@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Statutory authority for this program is provided under 49 U.S.C. 44720.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).* This program is listed in the CFDA under Number 11.440.

#### Program Description

NOAA's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) Office of Research and Applications (ORA) has established a program to provide free real-time satellite data to academic institutions for their use in studying local and regional phenomena. The emphasis of the program is to foster new uses and expand the use of satellite data within the academic community. In order to do so, ORA will: (1) provide *free access to real-time satellite data* for use in ongoing projects; (2) provide data and funds for the purchase of basic equipment required for analysis as part of an existing program or teaching laboratory; and (3) provide data to support students for research purposes.

Examples of real-time data and holding periods available are: Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) (72 hours), Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) sounder (240 hours) and imagery (82 hours), METEOSAT (24 hours), GMS (24 hours), and conventional (100 hours). Data older than the given times is not available free under this grant program. The use of this program solely for free data for ongoing activities with no other costs encumbered is encouraged.

The purpose of this notice is to identify eligibility criteria, roles and responsibilities, milestones, and selected criteria associated with the award. Each funded project will establish a 1-year grant between ORA and the grantee. Funding amounts will range from a minimum of \$0 plus free data up to \$25,000 for equipment and personnel.

### Background

ORA provides overall guidance and direction to the research and application activities of NESDIS. ORA provides expert service to other NESDIS offices relating to sensor development, instrument problems, or systems hardware components. It coordinates with NESDIS, other appropriate NOAA units, and U.S. Government agencies in the implementation and evaluation of operational and research satellite data and products that result from research activities. It coordinates research activities of mutual interest with the academic community, NASA laboratories, and with foreign laboratories, particularly those in satellite operating countries. ORA provides advice to the Assistant Administrator concerning interfaces among centers and offices of NESDIS and among the major NOAA elements in relation to broad scale scientific projects. It produces and provides specific programmatic studies and statistics as needed. ORA provides support and coordination on NOAA's activities in the Strategic Plan and the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

### Roles and Responsibilities

**ORA:** ORA will have primary responsibility for the following activities: 1. Provide funds and real-time satellite data needed for the project. 2. Provide technical guidance for image processing and analysis. Monitor progress and evaluate progress reports.

**Grantee:** The grantee shall have primary responsibility for the following activities associated with the project: 1. Organize and manage grant activities. 2. Identify a Principal Investigator who will take the lead for all technical

aspects of the grant and be responsible for using satellite data as a key tool in the activity. 3. The grantee will agree to use the data only for the purposes stated in the proposal.

### Grant Application Package

All applicants are required to submit a NOAA Grants Application Package and project proposal. The standard NOAA Grants Application Package (which includes Forms SF-424, SF-424A, SF-424B, CD-511, CD-512 if you have subcontracts or subgrantees, and SF-LLL if you are involved in lobbying activities) can be obtained from the NOAA Grants Website at <http://www.rdc.noaa.gov/~grants/pdf/>. If Internet access is not available, the standard NOAA Grant Application can be obtained from the Office of Research and Applications (301-763-8127).

Pursuant to Executive Orders 12876, 12900, and 13021, the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) is strongly committed to broadening the participation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) in its educational and research programs. The DOC/NOAA vision, mission, and goals are to achieve full participation by Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) in order to advance the development of human potential, to strengthen the nation's capacity to provide high-quality education, and to increase opportunities for MSIs to participate in and benefit from Federal Financial Assistance programs. DOC/NOAA encourages all applicants to include meaningful participation of MSIs.

### Required Elements

All recipients are to closely follow the instructions and guidelines in the preparation of the standard NOAA Application Forms listed earlier in this document.

1. Signed Summary title page: The title page should be signed by the Principal Investigator (PI) and the institutional representative. The page identifies the project's title and the PI's name and affiliation, complete address, phone, FAX, and e-mail address.

2. Project Proposal should include the following sections, totaling no more than 8 pages.

A. Goals and Objectives—identify broad project goals and quantifiable objectives.

B. Background/Introduction—state the problem and summary of existing federal/state/local efforts.

C. Audience—identify explicitly the audience and describe specifics of how the project will contribute to the target audience.

D. Project Description/Methodology—describe the specifics of the activity (3 pages maximum), with a complete and explicit description of the project area. Expected Results—list desired outcomes in terms of products or services.

3. Project Budget—provide a detailed budget breakdown by category and provide a brief narrative budget justification. Multi-year proposals will be accepted; however, future funding will be dependent upon satisfactory performance and the availability of funds. The annual awards must have scopes of work that are clearly severable that can be easily separated into annual increments of meaningful work which represent solid accomplishments if prospective funding is not made available to the applicant.

### Selection Process

Applicants will submit project proposals to the Office of Research and Applications by the published due date. A project selection panel will be convened to review and recommend selection using the criteria published in these guidelines. Each proposal will be reviewed by at least three reviewers who are qualified to review the proposed work. These reviewers may include both Federal and non-Federal individuals, each of whom will provide an independent recommendation. Proposals will be ranked according to a scoring system (explained below) and presented to the Selecting Official (Director, ORA) for final selection. In addition to the rankings assigned by the panel members, the Director may consider geographic location and balance of technical areas in making his final decision. Selection Criteria (with weights).

1. Relevance of the Proposed Research to NESDIS and NOAA Missions (30 points) Will the activity foster broader knowledge concerning the use of satellite data in meteorological and/or oceanographic research at your institution?

2. Technical Merit (60 points) Is the proposed activity scientifically sound and relevant?

3. Overall Qualifications (10 points) Are the proposers capable of conducting a project of the scope and scale proposed (i.e., scientific, professional, facility, and administrative resources/capabilities)?

### Selection Schedule

Proposals due—October 25, 2001.

Final selection—Approximately January 1, 2002.

Grant start date—Approximately March 1, 2002.

**Note:** All deadlines are for receipt by 5 p.m. EDT on October 25, 2001. All applicants are required to submit one original and two copies of a completed and signed NOAA Grants Application Package. The application package may be obtained by calling (301) 763-8127 or accessed on-line from the NOAA Grants Home Page at <http://www.rdc.noaa.gov/~grants/index/html>.

### Reporting Requirements

The Grantee will be required to provide a semi-annual progress report and a final report to the Federal Program Officer.

### Funding Availability

NOAA expects that approximately \$100,000 will be available in FY 2002 for this program. However, publication of this notice does not obligate NOAA to award any specific grant or cooperative agreement or to obligate all or any part of the available funds.

### Cost Sharing

There is no requirement for matching funds under this award.

### Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, state, local and Indian tribal governments. NESDIS Cooperative Institutes and Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this Notice.

### 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 cost dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

### 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 of 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-wide 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, "Limitations 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.

### 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 possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

### 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, this notice is exempt from the requirements 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 collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF-LLL have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046.

Dated: August 29, 2001.

**Mary M. Glackin,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Denial of Short Supply Request Under the United States - Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) and the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

August 31, 2001.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Denial of the petition alleging that micro-denier, 30 and 36 singles solution dyed staple open-end spun viscose yarn, for use in knit fabrics, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

**SUMMARY:** On June 29, 2001 the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Fabrictex alleging that micro-denier, 30 and 36 singles solution dyed open-end staple spun viscose yarn, for use in knit fabrics, classified in subheading 5510.11.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. It requested that apparel articles of U.S. formed fabrics of such yarns be eligible for preferential treatment under the CBTPA and AGOA. Based on currently available information, CITA has determined that substitutable products can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and therefore denies the petition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 112 (b)(5)(B) of the AGOA, Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA; Sections 1 and 6 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

#### Background

The CBTPA and the AGOA provide for quota- and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns or fabrics formed in the United States or a beneficiary country. The CBTPA and the AGOA also provide for quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more CBTPA or AGOA beneficiary countries from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States or a beneficiary country, if it has been determined that such fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. In Executive Order No. 13191, the President delegated to CITA the authority to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the CBTPA and directed CITA to establish procedures to ensure appropriate public participation in any such determination. On March 6, 2001, CITA published procedures that it will follow in considering requests. (66 FR 13502).

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On July 9, 2001, CITA solicited public comments regarding this request (66 FR 35777) particularly with respect to whether this yarn can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. On July 25, 2001, CITA and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative offered to hold consultations with the relevant Congressional committees. We also

requested advice from the U.S. International Trade Commission and the relevant Industry Sector Advisory Committees.

On the basis of currently available information, including its review of the petition and public comments and advice received and its understanding of the industry, CITA has determined that stock dyed viscose yarn is substitutable for a solution dyed viscose yarn for purposes of the intended use, and that this substitute yarn can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Currently available information indicates that there is available domestic capacity to open-end spin micro-denier viscose yarn and there is available domestic capacity to stock dye fiber to any color required by Fabrictex. Stock dyed open-end spun micro-denier viscose yarn can be supplied in the quantities and in the time frame specified by Fabrictex. CITA concludes in the context of this petition that U.S. producers have the ability to supply substitutable yarns in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Fabrictex's request is denied.

**J. Hayden Boyd,**

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Board of Visitors Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense Acquisition University.

**ACTION:** Board of Visitors meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held in the Executive Conference Room, Building 202, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 from 0900 until 1500. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest.

The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Mr. John Michel at (703) 805-4575.

Dated: August 29, 2001.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate, OSD Federal Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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