

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 110 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of March 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

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

Dennis Puccinelli,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1215]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; E.I. Dupont De Nemours and Company, Inc. (Chemicals Products), Circleville, OH

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for “* * * the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Rickenbacker Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 138, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the chemical products manufacturing and warehousing facilities of E.I. duPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., located in Circleville, Ohio (FTZ Docket 17-2001, filed 4/23/01);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 21739, 5/1/01); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the

FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the chemicals products manufacturing and warehousing facilities of E.I. duPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., located in Circleville, Ohio (Subzone 138F), at the location described in the application, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of March 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

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

Dennis Puccinelli,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1218]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C. Manufacturing Plant (Pharmaceutical Products), Las Piedras, PR

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for “* * * the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Corporation, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 7, has made application to the Board for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the pharmaceutical product manufacturing plant of Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C., located in Las Piedras, Puerto Rico (FTZ Docket 4-2002, filed January 10, 2002);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 2401, 1/17/02); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the pharmaceutical product manufacturing plant of Schering-Plough Products, L.L.C., located in Las Piedras, Puerto Rico, (Subzone 7G), at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of March 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

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

Dennis Puccinelli,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1213]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 39, Dallas/Fort Worth, TX

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 39, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 39 to include two new sites at the Meacham Airport complex (Site 5) in Fort Worth, and at the Redbird Airport complex (Site 6) in Dallas, within the Dallas/Fort Worth Customs port of entry area (FTZ Docket 26-2001; filed 6/20/01);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 34150, 6/27/01) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 39 is approved, subject to the Act and the

Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall zone project.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of March 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 020325068-2068-01]

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Request for Proposals for FY 2002—NOAA Educational Partnership Program With Minority Serving Institutions: Environmental Entrepreneurship Program

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Department of Commerce is soliciting proposals for the NOAA Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions (EPP/MSI): Environmental Entrepreneurship Program. The goal of the program is to strengthen the capacity of Minority Serving Institutions to foster student careers, entrepreneurship opportunities and advanced academic study in NOAA related sciences.

In Fiscal Year 2002, NOAA plans to make available a total of \$3,000,000 to support the EPP/MSI Environmental Entrepreneurship Program. The program will provide funds on a competitive basis to support projects at eligible Minority Serving Institutions, for up to three years duration, in the following two categories:

(1) Program Development and Enhancement—approximately six grants or cooperative agreements, each up to \$250,000 total for up to three years, to support the development and enhancement of outreach, education, applied research and training programs that will strengthen MSIs and their partners capacity to foster student careers, entrepreneurship opportunities and advanced academic study in NOAA related sciences.

(2) Environmental Demonstration Projects—approximately six grants or cooperative agreements, each up to \$300,000 total for up to three years to support the engagement of MSI faculties and students in field demonstration projects focused on applying environmentally sound methods and technologies to address NOAA related environmental issues.

DATES: A Letter of Intent to aid NOAA in planning the review of proposals is requested by April 30, 2002 but is not required. Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on May 30, 2002 (See Section VI. Instructions for Application: Timetable).

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be submitted to: Jewel M. Griffin-Linzey, EPP/MSI Environmental Entrepreneurship Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Room 11877, SSMC3 (R/SG), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jewel M. Griffin-Linzey, NOAA EPP/MSI: Entrepreneurship Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, SSMC3 (R/SG), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Tel. (301) 713-1495; e-mail: jewel.griffin-linzey@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Program Authority

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1540, 49 U.S.C. 44720, 33 U.S.C. 883a and 883d, 33 U.S.C. 1442, 16 U.S.C. 1854(e), 16 U.S.C. 661, 16 U.S.C. 753(a), 16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq., 16 U.S.C. 1431, and Executive Orders 12876, 12900 and 13021. Catalog of Federal Assistance Number: 11.481—Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions.

II. Program Description

Background

NOAA provides science, technology, and services to describe and predict changes in the Earth's environment, and conserve and manage wisely the Nation's coastal and marine resources to ensure sustainable economic opportunities. The agency has made a commitment to expand and strengthen its partnerships with Minority Serving Institutions that will serve as a catalyst to meet its principal goals of environmental stewardship, assessment, and prediction. In accordance with NOAA's overall mission, and with the policy of NOAA and the U.S. Department of Commerce to foster environmental education, research and economic sustainability, the purposes of the NOAA EPP/MSI Environmental

Entrepreneurship Program are to support:

1. Educational Opportunities. To prepare students with the necessary academic training, technical skills and experiences that will enable them to pursue careers, entrepreneurship opportunities and advanced academic study in environmental fields related to NOAA's mission.

2. Capacity Building. To develop or enhance the capacity of environmental related academic programs at MSIs in order to ensure they are effective pipelines through which students and faculty can gain the necessary experience to make environmentally and economically sound decisions.

3. Partnerships. To facilitate or strengthen MSI partnerships, where appropriate, with NOAA programs and facilities, community colleges and universities, industry, governments (state, local, commonwealth, territorial and tribal), and organizations (public, nonprofit, or private) that foster cooperative education and training activities for students and faculties.

4. Community Economic Development. To support MSIs and partners in preparing students with the necessary knowledge, skills, tools and technology that may be applied outside the classroom to ensure environmentally sustainable and economically viable local communities. The goal is to foster environmental entrepreneurship opportunities that empower students to become stewards of natural resources and the environment and to transfer knowledge gained to address environmental problems of importance in their local communities.

Rationale

The recruitment of minorities, particularly underrepresented minorities, in the fields of science and engineering, lags behind expectations. According to the most recent data compiled by the National Science Foundation (NSF), "Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering: 2000," the percentage of minority scientists and engineers in the workforce ranges from 0.3 percent for American Indians to about 3.0 percent each for African-Americans and Hispanics. The quality and nature of academic experiences at each point of the educational pipeline are crucial to bringing more minorities into environmental science and engineering fields. Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees are the underpinnings of environmental science career achievement and employment. At both the undergraduate and graduate levels,