

program. Attachment 1 is a table that compares ODOT's and Marion County's best management practices. Attachment 2 describes the best management practices being implemented by Marion County, including their dust abatement activities. Attachment 3 describes and provides documentation for the Salmon Recovery Mapping Project. The Salmon Recovery Mapping Project documents the best available biological and natural resource geospatial data relevant to threatened salmonids in Marion County and directs or limits best management practices where their activities are adjacent to or have the potential to affect threatened salmonids. The end result is two mapping projects: the Sensitive Area Maps that depict the relevant biological and natural resource data at a scale that can be used to direct activities on the ground, and the Environmentally Sensitive Zone Maps that direct or limit best management practices along county roads. The maps are available for review on the Internet at the site identified in **ADDRESSES**. Attachment 4 provides instructions on how to connect the best management practices to the Environmentally Sensitive Zone Maps.

The RMP defines what activities are routine road maintenance. These consist of maintenance activities that are conducted on currently serviceable structures, facilities, and equipment, involve no expansion of or change in use, and do not result in significant negative hydrological impact. The Marion County best management practices (Attachment 2) includes activities beyond routine road maintenance activities as presented in ODOT's Guide (e.g., park maintenance, ferry maintenance and operation, fleet maintenance, service districts) and these specific activities are not eligible for approval at this time. Approval or disapproval of the RMP will depend on NOAA Fisheries' findings after public review and comment.

Authority

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 424222, July 10, 2000) identifies specific categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the rule do not apply to activities associated with routine road maintenance provided that a state or local program has been

approved by NOAA Fisheries to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 424222, July 10, 2000).

Dated: March 18, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 000410097-3067-08] [RIN 0660-ZA-11]

Public Telecommunications Facilities Program: Notice of Funds Available

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: On October 17, 2002, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced the Notice of Closing Date and Solicitation of Television Applications for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP). On March 5, 2003, the NTIA announced the Notice of Closing Date and Solicitation of Radio and Nonbroadcast Applications for the PTFP. On February 20, 2003, legislation appropriating FY 2003 funds for the PTFP was completed. NTIA is now publishing this Notice of Availability of Funds to announce the funds available for fiscal year 2003 PTFP grants.

ADDRESS: To obtain an application package, submit completed applications, or send any other correspondence, write to: NTIA/PTFP, Room H-4625, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Cooperman, Director, Public Broadcasting Division, telephone: (202) 482-5802; fax: (202) 482-2156. Materials needed to complete an application can be obtained electronically via PTFP's Web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ptfp>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

The Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, Public Law 108-7.

Funding Availability

On October 17, 2002, the National Telecommunications and Information

Administration (NTIA) announced the Notice of Closing Date and Solicitation of Television Applications for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) (67 FR 64297). On March 5, 2003, the NTIA announced the Notice of Closing Date and Solicitation of Radio and Nonbroadcast Applications for the PTFP (68 FR 10610). The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce announces that approximately \$21 million is available for award to applicants submitting applications in response to the Notices of Closing Date published October 17, 2002 and March 5, 2003. Pursuant to Pub. L. 108-7, the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, the Congress appropriated \$41.1 million for Public Telecommunications Facilities Program grants. NTIA has allocated approximately \$20 million from the \$41.1 million for funding additional phases of multi-year projects initially funded in FY 2000, FY 2001 and FY 2002.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Commercial Availability Request under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

March 25, 2003.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning a request for a determination that certain light- and medium-weight dyed warp pile cotton velvet, for use in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

SUMMARY: On March 21, 2003, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Crystal Apparel Limited of Hong Kong and Sinotex Mauritius Limited in Mauritius alleging that certain light- and medium-weight dyed warp pile cotton velvet for use in men's and boys' jackets and pants and women's and girls' jackets, dresses, skirts, pants, and shorts, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial