

flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 millimeters but not exceeding 1,250 millimeters and of a thickness of not less than 4 millimeters, not in coils and without patterns in relief, of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances; and certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat-rolled products in straight lengths, of rectangular shape, hot rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 millimeters or more in thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the HTSUS under item numbers 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.0030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0000. Included in this review are flat-rolled products of non-rectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (*i.e.*, products which have been "worked after rolling") for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. Excluded from this review is grade X-70 plate.

### Background

On August 30, 2002, Petitioners requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the sales of subject merchandise made by Altos Hornos de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. ("AHMSA") during the period August 1, 2001, to July 31, 2002. On September 25, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico (*see Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, Requests for Revocation in Part and Deferral of Administrative Reviews*, (67 FR 60210) September 25, 2002). On October 8, 2002, the Department issued an antidumping questionnaire to AHMSA. On October 17, 2002, AHMSA submitted a letter to the Department stating that neither AHMSA, nor any of its affiliated companies sold, shipped, or entered for consumption cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico into the United States during the POR.

AHMSA also requested that the Department rescind the administrative review. In a letter dated October 25, 2002, petitioners requested that the Department investigate the conflict between AHMSA's claim of no entries or sales for consumption during the POR and the U.S. Census Bureau IM-145 data showing that 369 net tons of cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico entered the United States during the POR. Petitioners also surmised that AHMSA is the only producer of cut-to-length carbon steel plate in Mexico. On March 25, 2003, the Department issued a supplemental questionnaire to AHMSA, inquiring whether AHMSA or any of its affiliates exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. On April 1, 2002, AHMSA responded to the Department's supplemental questionnaire. AHMSA stated that its only affiliated reseller, Nacional de Acero S.A. de C.V. ("NASA") did not have any exports of Mexican cut-to-length plate to the United States during the POR.

Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, in whole or only with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Secretary concludes that, during the period of review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of subject merchandise. The Department performed a U.S. Customs Service query for entries of cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico, classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) item numbers in the "Scope Under Review" section of this **Federal Register** notice.

Additionally, the Department inquired with the U.S. Customs Service whether there were any shipments of cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Mexico. We found no entries or shipments from AHMSA or its affiliated reseller NASA during the POR of Mexican cut-to-length plate to the United States. This review has now been rescinded because AHMSA did not have any shipments during the POR. The Department will issue appropriate instructions to Customs.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: April 14, 2003.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 030409079-3079-01; 040303A]

RIN 0648-ZB45

### Coastal Services Center Financial Assistance for Coastal Observing System Projects

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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

**SUMMARY:** The NOAA Coastal Services Center is soliciting applications for federal assistance for the Director's Office in Coastal Observing System Support. This announcement provides guidelines which includes details for the evaluation criteria, and selection procedures. Selected recipients will enter into a grant with the Coastal Services Center.

**DATES:** Applications are due by 5 p.m., e.d.t., May 30, 2003. Applications received after that time will not be reviewed.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all proposals to NOAA Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, Attention Geno Olmi, Room 234A.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Administrative questions should be directed to Violet Legette, 843-740-1222 or [Violet.Legette@noaa.gov](mailto:Violet.Legette@noaa.gov). Technical point of contact is Geno Olmi at 843-740-1230 or [Geno.Olmi@noaa.gov](mailto:Geno.Olmi@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coastal Services Center is soliciting applications for federal assistance for Coastal Observing System Projects. Recipients will enter into a grant with the Coastal Services Center.

All applicants are required to submit a NOAA Grants application package, budget narrative, curriculum Vitae for each principal investigator, and project proposal. The standard NOAA grants application package includes SF-424, SF-424A, SF-424B, CD-511, CD-512, SF-LLL and CD-346. These forms can be obtained from the NOAA grants Web site at <http://www.rdc.noaa.gov/grants/pdf/>. NOTE: CD-512 is a form that the recipient maintains. DO NOT submit this form to the Coastal Services Center. Also, SF-LLL should only be submitted as part of the grant application, if the recipient is reporting lobbying activities. If applicant is any of the following, a CD-346 is required to be submitted with

grant application: sole proprietor, a partnership, a corporation, a joint venture and a non-profit organization. Other applicants are not required to submit a CD-346 with application.

If recipients have difficulty downloading grant forms, please contact Violet Legette at 843-740-1222 for assistance.

#### **Authority**

Statutory authority for this program is 16 U.S.C. 1456c.

CFDA Number: 11.473 Coastal Services Center.

#### **Project Description**

The Coastal Services Center seeks proposals for projects that enhance the organization, implementation, and application of regional coastal ocean observing systems. For the purposes of this announcement, coastal ocean observing systems are meant to include the sensors, personnel, and data management that obtain regular and sustained in-situ and/or remote observations of the physical, chemical, and biological environment of Great Lakes, estuaries, and the near shore ocean of the United States. Total available funding under this announcement is expected to not exceed \$750,000. The Coastal Services Center desires to fund two types of projects to benefit the development of regional coastal ocean observing systems: (1) projects that facilitate building partnerships and regional organizational structures for regional observing systems, and (2) regional pilot projects.

For the first type of project, Regional Observation System Coordination, the Coastal Services Center seeks to fund projects that will engage stakeholders in a given region to develop collaborative partnerships (Regional Associations) among data collectors, data managers, and users of data and information from coastal ocean observing systems. Proposals should clearly articulate an approach to identify stakeholders, bring them together in a meaningful way, and develop plans for governance and communication, implementation, data management, and product development. The Coastal Services Center believes that it is important to engage end users in the design and implementation of observing systems to maximize the benefits to science and society. Of particular interest to the Coastal Services Center is the utility of such systems for management of coastal and ocean resources and for the benefit of coastal communities. Total available funding for this type of project is anticipated to be between \$200,000 to \$350,000, subject to the availability of

federal appropriations. The Coastal Services Center expects to award two to five grants of \$20,000 - \$100,000 each under this announcement for Regional Observation System Coordination.

The second type of proposal requested is to support implementation of a Regional Coastal Ocean Observation Pilot Project. Pilot project(s) should demonstrate inter-institutional collaboration within a region for sensor deployment, data management, and creation of information products from the data collected. Projects should emphasize regular and sustained in-situ and/or remote observations of the physical, chemical, and biological coastal ocean environment. The pilot project should demonstrate data documentation and management protocols that meet or exceed national standards (FGDC compliant) and ensure accuracy and interoperability with the developing Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). The pilot project should have a defined set of users and create information products relevant to those users. The Coastal Services Center encourages proposals that demonstrate active involvement of public mission agencies. The Coastal Services Center also encourages proposals that develop or sustain observing systems under the auspices of an established or planned regional association with a defined governance structure. Total available funding for Regional Pilot Project(s) is anticipated to be between \$250,000 to \$500,000, subject to the availability of federal appropriations. The Coastal Services Center expects to award only one to two grants under this announcement.

#### **Background**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has a long-standing responsibility to observe, assess and predict conditions in the Nation's oceans and atmosphere. NOAA has a number of operational programs that routinely and systematically measure environmental variables in the atmosphere, open and coastal ocean, estuaries, and the Great Lakes. In addition to its own operational programs, NOAA develops collaborative partnerships with states, universities and for profit and non-profit organizations to increase the scope of its environmental data collection.

Congress has directed the interagency National Ocean Research Leadership Council to develop a plan by which the nation can achieve an Integrated Ocean Observing System. Responsibility for development of this plan has been given to the Ocean.US Office [www.ocean.us](http://www.ocean.us). The Integrated Ocean Observing System

is envisioned to consist of a "national backbone" of federally-maintained observations integrated with "regional" systems that contribute to and benefit from the national backbone and also focus on interests of a local/regional nature. Integration of regional and national components into a national coastal observing system will rely on common data management standards that allow data integration to create products that benefit a broad community of users. While the fully mature IOOS is envisioned to be mostly operational in nature, the developmental stages are expected to include research, pilot, pre-operational and operational components.

The Coastal Services Center has a strong interest in working with regional observing systems and partners to achieve integration into a national system. The Coastal Services Center is particularly interested in regional systems that provide timely and appropriate information to public mission agencies. Therefore, the Coastal Services Center anticipates offering grant funds to projects that help achieve these goals.

#### **Project Proposals**

The applicant must submit one original and two copies of the proposal(s) by 5 p.m. (Eastern time) on May 30, 2003 to the attention of Geno Olmi, Room 234A at the NOAA Coastal Services Center, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, SC 29405-2413. In addition to the proposal(s), the applicant must submit a complete NOAA grant application package (with signed originals). No e-mail or fax copies will be accepted. All project proposals must total no more than 20 pages (double spaced, 12-point font, and exclusive of appendices). Appendices should be limited to materials that directly support the main body of the proposal (e.g., support letters, resumes, lists of data sources, maps). Letters of support may be mailed separately, but must be received by the 30 May 2003, deadline. All appendix material must be unbound. All proposals must include sections on the seven following topics:

1. Background. Provide sufficient background information for reviewers to independently assess the significance of the proposed project. Summarize the problem to be addressed and the status of your ongoing efforts to address the problem.

2. Benefits. Identify specific potential users of the information derived from this work and the benefits that will be achieved to those users as well as society as a whole. Describe how this

information from this project will be delivered to those users.

3. Goal(s) and Objective(s). Describe in the narrative the specific project goals and objectives to be achieved. Describe how these project goals support the broader goals of the Integrated Ocean Observing System.

4. Project Description/Methodology. Provide a general work plan that identifies specific tasks to be accomplished, explains the technical approach (including quality control protocols) needed to accomplish the tasks, identifies the roles of partners and cooperators, and identifies potential obstacles to successful completion of the goals and objectives. Describe how potential users are involved in the planning and design process.

5. Milestone Schedule. Display time lines for major tasks, target milestones for important intermediate and final products, and key project outcomes. The time period (period of performance) for the award may be 1–3 years, but funding is assured for only the first year.

6. Project Budget. Provide a detailed budget description that follows the categories and formats in the NOAA grants package and a brief narrative justification of the budget.

7. Resumes. Provide resumes of the Principal Investigator for the project and for other key personnel critical to the success of the project. Ensure that resumes address qualifications relevant to conducting the proposed work. Please limit to two pages for each.

#### **Evaluation Criteria (with Weights) and Selection Process**

A review panel, composed of two NOAA and two non-NOAA reviewers, will be established to evaluate the proposals on the basis of the evaluation criteria listed below. The panelists will provide individual evaluations of proposals, thus there will be no consensus recommendation. All proposals reviewed will be ranked according to the average score and the selecting official (the Center's Director) will use those rankings as the basis for the final funding decisions. The selecting official may also consider the following program policy factors: geographic and institutional balance. Thus proposals with the highest scores may not necessarily be selected for award. Reviewers of the proposal will be asked to judge the merits of the proposal with respect to the following criteria:

##### *1. Significance (25%):*

How well does the proposal demonstrate that the project will directly or indirectly address critical

national, regional, state or local management needs? Are the goals and objectives clearly articulated and relevant to the stated management or science need?

##### *2. Approach (20%):*

Is the technical approach appropriate for the stated goals and objectives? Are the goals and objectives achievable within the proposed timeframe? Does the proposed approach follow a logical work plan with clearly defined and measurable milestones? Do the proposed approaches incorporate innovative or state of the art methodologies? Does the proposal explicitly address data management practices that meet or exceed FGDC standards and promote interoperability with other components of a national ocean observing system?

##### *3. Project Management (10%):*

Does the proposal demonstrate institutional support for the project? Are the principal investigators and the organizational framework and personnel qualified to conduct a project of the nature and scope proposed?

##### *4. Partnerships (15%):*

Does the proposed project engage external partners to make effective use of complimentary capabilities and competencies beneficial to this project? Is the user community clearly identified and are members of the identified user community engaged in the design and execution of the project or its products? Is duplication of effort reduced through strategic partnerships?

##### *5. Application of Results (20%):*

Does the proposal demonstrate that it will significantly address relevant science and management issues? Does the proposal demonstrate that information generated by the project will reach its target audience and have a positive impact on the users ability to perform their responsibilities? Does the proposal include outreach and education components that will ensure the results are effectively applied to address the identified issues?

##### *6. Cost Efficiency (10%):*

Does the proposal demonstrate that the budget is commensurate with project needs?

#### **Selection Schedule**

Proposals will be reviewed once during the year. The following schedule lists the dates for the project selection and award process for grants: Proposal Deadline (with completed grant package) May 30, 2003. The review

process will take up to three months, and applicants will not be notified of the status of their application until the review process is completed. Earliest Approximate Grant Start Date 1 October 2003. Note: All deadlines are for receipt by close of business (5 p.m. Eastern time) on the dates identified. Receipt of proposal and grant package (with original signatures) will be time stamped. Unsuccessful applications will be destroyed by the Program Manager and not returned to the applicant.

#### **Funding Availability**

Total funding available for the Coastal Observing System Projects with the Director's Office is anticipated to be no more than \$750,000 and funding will be distributed among multiple Projects. The Coastal Services Center desires to fund two types of projects to benefit the development of regional coastal ocean observing systems: (1) projects that facilitate building partnerships and regional organizational structures for regional observing systems (estimated funding for this type of project is anticipated to be between \$200,000 to \$350,000 with two to five grants being awarded ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000), and (2) regional pilot projects (estimated funding for this type of project is anticipated to be between \$250,000 to \$500,000 with only one or two grants being awarded). Publication of this document does not obligate NOAA to fund any specific grant or to award all or any parts of the available funds.

#### **Cost Sharing**

There is no requirement for cost sharing in response to this program announcement.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profit and for-profit organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments. Organizations are encouraged to collaborate in development of multi-institutional proposals, however, funding for such a proposal must be awarded to a single (lead) entity that then has responsibility for administration and execution of any subawards. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners. Note: Federal agencies or institutions who are project partners must demonstrate that they have legal

authority to receive funds from outside sources in excess of their appropriation.

### General Information

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 01, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), is applicable to this solicitation.

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

The recipients must comply with Executive Order 12906 regarding any and all geospatial data collected or produced under grants or cooperative agreements. This includes documenting all geospatial data in accordance with the Federal Geographic Data Committee Content Standard for digital geospatial data.

### 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 (APA) or any other law for this notice concerning grants, cooperative agreements, benefits, and contracts, 5 U.S.C. 533 (a) (2). Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et. seq and has not been prepared.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. The use of the standard grants application package referred to in this notice involves collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 have been approved by OMB under the respective Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001.

Dated: April 14, 2003.

**Jameson S. Hawkins,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031803B]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 116-1697

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Sea World Inc., 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, FL 32821, has applied in due form for a permit to take one Guadalupe fur seal (*Arctocephalus townsendi*) for purposes of enhancement.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before May 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The applicant requests authorization to permanently maintain one non-releaseable rehabilitated juvenile male Guadalupe fur seal at Sea World of California (and other Sea World facilities if relocation is necessary) for enhancement purposes. The animal has recurring grand mal seizures and thus, release of this animal may not be in the best interest for the wild population due to the undetermined cause of the condition and the possibility that it may be hereditary. The animal would be provided with daily husbandry care and treatment for seizures, routine medical procedures and neutering, and would be

available for opportunistic research. The applicant has requested a five-year permit.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 14, 2003.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Establishment of the U.S. European Command Senior Advisory Group

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. European Command Senior Advisory Group (SAG) is being established in consonance with the public interest and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," title 5 U.S.C., appendix 2. The SAG will provide the Commander, U.S. European Command with advice, guidance, and assistance toward fulfilling its mission.

The SAG will be composed of a broad spectrum of nationally renowned civilian and military members able to give diverse and divergent points of