

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-588-046]

Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On January 22, 2004, pursuant to a request made by Showa Denko Elastomers, K.K. and Showa Denko K.K. (SDEL/SDK), the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty finding on polychloroprene rubber (PR) from Japan. On January 30, 2004, SDEL/SDK withdrew its request for an administrative review of PR from Japan. The Department is now rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty finding on PR from Japan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 11, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zev Primor or Maisha Cryor, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4114 or (202) 482-5831, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On December 6, 1973, the U.S. Treasury Department published in the **Federal Register** (38 FR 33593) the antidumping duty finding on PR from Japan. On December 17, 2003, SDEL/SDK requested an administrative review of PR from Japan; on January 22, 2004, the Department initiated an administrative review of the antidumping finding on PR from Japan. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 69 FR 3117 (January 22, 2004). On January 30, 2004, SDEL/SDK withdrew their request for review.

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of PR, an oil resistant synthetic rubber also known as polymerized chlorobutadiene or neoprene, currently classifiable under items 4002.41.00, 4002.49.00,

4003.00.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS). HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Rescission of Review

Section 351.213(d)(1) of the Department's regulations provides that a party that requests an administrative review may withdraw the request within 90 days after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested administrative review. The Department is rescinding the administrative review of the finding on PR from Japan for the period December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003, because the requesting party has withdrawn its request for this administrative review within the 90-day time limit, and no other interested parties have requested a review of PR from Japan for this time period.

This notice is in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 251.213(d)(4).

Dated: February 5, 2004.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Minority Business Development Agency**

[Docket No. 000724217-4040-07]

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate Minority Business Development Centers (MBDCs) under its Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program. The MBDC geographic service areas being solicited in this Notice are: North Carolina Statewide; Illinois Statewide; Michigan Statewide; El Paso, Texas; and Arizona Statewide. The prior solicitation for these geographic service areas was unsuccessful. The anticipated start date is April 1, 2004. The total award period for awards will be two years and nine months. Funding will be provided initially for a nine-month period, and provided annually

thereafter. Future funding will be at the discretion of MBDA and the Department of Commerce, and will depend upon satisfactory performance by the award recipient, availability of funds, and Agency priorities.

The MBDC Program requires MBDC staff to provide standardized business assistance services to rapid growth potential minority businesses directly; to develop a network of strategic partnerships; to charge client fees; and to provide strategic business consulting. These requirements will be used to generate increased results with respect to financing and contracts awarded to minority-owned firms and thus, are a key component of this program.

DATES: The closing date for submission of applications is March 12, 2004. Completed applications must be (1) mailed (USPS Postmark) to the address below; or (2) received by MBDA no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: If the application is mailed by the applicant or its representative, they must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application. Completed application packages must be mailed to: Office of Business Development, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

If the application is hand-delivered by the applicant or his/her representative, one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application must be delivered to Room 1874, which is located at Entrance 10, 15th Street, NW., between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the full Notice and/or an application package, contact the specified MBDA National Enterprise Center (NEC) for the geographic service area in which the project will be located (see Geographic Service Areas), or via MBDA's Minority Business Internet Portal at <http://www.mbda.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prior solicitation for operators for MBDCs in North Carolina, Illinois, Michigan, El Paso, Texas, and Arizona published in the **Federal Register** on August 29, 2003 (68 FR 51965), as amended on September 30, 2003 (68 FR 56265), was unsuccessful. MBDA has elected to re-compete these service areas. The evaluation criteria and selection procedures contained in the August 29, 2003 notice are applicable to this solicitation. For a copy of the August 29, 2003 and the September 30, 2003