

DATES: To be considered, applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. on September 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to the Industry Assessment Division, Office of Textiles and Apparel, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230 (telephone: (202) 482-4058). Application forms may be obtained from that office (via facsimile or mail) or from the following Internet address: <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/wooltrq.nsf/TRQApp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sergio Botero, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND:

Title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (the Act) created two tariff rate quotas (TRQs), providing for temporary reductions in the import duties on limited quantities of two categories of worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers: (1) For worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters greater than 18.5 microns (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) heading 9902.51.11); and (2) for worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less (HTS heading 9902.51.12). On August 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002, which includes several amendments to Title V of the Act. These include the extension of the program through 2005; the reduction of the in-quota duty rate on HTS 9902.51.12 (average fiber diameter 18.5 microns or less) from 6 percent to zero, effective for goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2002; and an increase in the 2004 and 2005 TRQ levels to 3,500,000 square meters for HTS 9902.51.12 and to 4,500,000 square meters for HTS 9902.51.11. These levels may be modified by the President. See 15 CFR 340.

The Act requires that the TRQs be allocated to persons who cut and sew men's and boys' worsted wool suits, suit-type jackets and trousers in the United States. On January 22, 2001 the Department published regulations establishing procedures for allocating the TRQs. 66 FR 6459, 15 CFR 335. In order to be eligible for an allocation, an applicant must submit an application on the form provided at <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/wooltrq.nsf/TRQApp> to the address listed above by 5 p.m. on September 24, 2004 in

compliance with the requirements of 15 CFR 335. Any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" will be kept confidential and protected from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law.

Dated: August 20, 2004.

James C. Leonard III,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles and Apparel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Notice of Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of government owned inventions available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned in whole by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The inventions are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Attn: Mary Clague, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Information is also available via telephone: 301-975-4188, fax 301-869-2751, or e-mail: mary.clague@nist.gov. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket number and title for the invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

[NIST Docket Number: 02-011]

Title: Superconformal Metal Deposition Using Derivitized Substrates.

Abstract: The invention provides a two-step superconformal process for depositing seam-free and void-free metal microelectronic conductors. The process involves first adsorbing a catalyst on the surface of the specimen by immersion in a catalyst-containing solution, followed by electrolytic metal

deposition in a catalyst-free second solution containing suppressors.

[NIST Docket Number: 03-012]

Title: System And Method For Authenticating Users Using Image Selection.

Abstract: The invention is a general-purpose mechanism for authenticating users through the selection of a sequence of images from a displayed assembly of images. While specifically aimed at hand-held devices, the visual log-in technique is suitable for most computing platforms that require user authentication. The technique takes the image sequences selected by the user and formulates a password that is dependent on both the sequence and style of their selection. Moreover, the invention allows the same image sequence to be used repeatedly in a password change dialogue, yet generate a completely different password value each time. The invention also introduces a new way of "salting" passwords to make them less vulnerable to attack, which can be readily incorporated into the password derivation process.

Dated: August 18, 2004.

Hratch G. Semerjian,
Acting Director.

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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 23, 2004, from 8:30 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 update the board on the latest program developments at MEP including a MEP Update and discussions on Next Generation MEP. Discussions scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and to end at 3:30 p.m. on September 23, 2004, on MEP budget issues will be closed. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register 48 hours in advance in order to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Tuesday, September 21, 2004 and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Peter's email address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is 301/975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene September 23, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on September 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees' Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hines, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-3360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 18, 2003, 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 18, 2004.

Hratch G. Semerjian,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 040708203-4203-01]

Request for Technical Input—Standards in Trade Workshops

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology/Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for workshop recommendations.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to submit recommendations for workshops covering specific sectors and targeted countries or regions of the world where training in the U.S. system of standards development, conformity assessment, and metrology may facilitate trade. Prospective workshops may be scheduled for one or two week periods. This notice is not an invitation for proposals to fund grants, contracts or cooperative agreements of any kind. NIST will offer a limited number of workshops, based upon the availability of resources. NIST will consider recommendations based upon which workshops would be most useful to intended audiences. Additional information about the NIST Standards in Trade Workshops is available at <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/gsig/sitdescr.htm>.

DATES: All recommendations must be submitted no later than September 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: All recommendations must be submitted to Elisabeth Gomez via email (elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov) or by mail to 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elisabeth Gomez (301) 975-3089, elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov. Additional information about the NIST Standards in Trade workshops, to include schedules and summary reports for workshops held to date and participant information, is available at <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/gsig/sitdescr.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standards in Trade Workshops are a major activity of the Global Standards and Information Group (GSIG) in the NIST Standards Services Division (SSD). The workshops are designed to provide timely information to foreign standards officials on U.S. practices in standards and conformity assessment. Participants are introduced to U.S.

technology and principles in metrology, standards development and application, and conformity assessment systems.

Each workshop is a one or two week program offering an overview of the roles of the U.S. Government, private sector, and regional and international organizations engaged in standards development and conformity assessment practices. Specific workshop objectives are to: (1) Familiarize participants with U.S. technology and practices in metrology, standardization, and conformity assessment; (2) describe and understand the roles of the U.S. Government and the private sector in developing and implementing standards; and (3) develop professional contacts as a basis for strengthening technical ties and enhancing trade.

Workshop recommendations (maximum 5 pages) must address at a minimum the following points, in the order noted and labeled accordingly:

1. Name and Description of the Recommending Organization. Provide the primary mailing address and a brief description of the organization, including the name, telephone number and email address of the primary point of contact.
2. Industry Sector for Workshop Focus. Provide a description of the suggested industrial sector and focus area for the workshop. Consider the goals and potential benefits.
3. Calendar Dates Suggested for Workshop. Provide three or more suggested start dates for the workshop. The first date should be no earlier than 6 months from the initial date of this announcement.
4. Relevant NIST Organizational Link. Workshop topics must be linked to NIST activities and/or research. The appropriate NIST organizational unit, laboratory or program must be identified and the relevance of the activity to NIST must be demonstrated. If known, identify the NIST staff who could serve as the NIST internal point of contact.
5. Proposed Foreign Participants. Provide a representative list of the organizations that might participate in the workshop, including a description of their function or business and their country of incorporation or origin.
6. U.S. Stakeholder Participants (e.g., Associations, Agencies, Users, others). Provide a list of the U.S.-based organizations that are likely to participate in the workshop.
7. Principal Topics. Describe the suggested topics for the workshop.
8. Related Site Visits and Events. Workshops can include visits to relevant business sites or events. Provide suggested site visit locations, events or other areas of interest and