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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 061214337-6337-01]

Amendment to the Award Period for the Queens Minority Business Development Center

AGENCY: Minority Business
Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is publishing this notice to allow for up to a 120-day funded extension, on a non-competitive basis, of the current award for the Queens Minority Business Enterprise Center (Queens MBEC) (formerly the Queens Business Development Center). The Queens MBEC was originally funded for a three-year award period commencing on January 1, 2004 and closing on December 31, 2006, pursuant to a **Federal Register** notice published on August 29, 2003. MBDA published a **Federal Register** notice on July 26, 2006 soliciting competitive applications for an operator of the Queens MBEC for the next three-year award period commencing January 1, 2007. However, the solicitation resulted in an unsuccessful competition, and MBDA intends to re-open the solicitation period to allow the public additional time to submit responsive applications to operate the Queens MBEC during the next funding cycle. MBDA is taking the actions set forth in this notice to allow for continued program delivery by the incumbent operator of the Queens

MBEC while MBDA completes the solicitation process.

DATES: The additional award period and related funding, if approved by the Department of Commerce Grants Officer, will commence January 1, 2007 and will continue for a period not to exceed 120 days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Efrain Gonzalez, Program Manager, Minority Business Development Agency, Office of Business Development, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5075, Washington, DC 20230. Mr. Gonzalez may be reached by telephone at (202) 482-1940 and by e-mail at egonzalez@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Queens MBEC (which covers the New York counties of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk) was originally funded for a three-year award period commencing on January 1, 2004 and closing on December 31, 2006, pursuant to a **Federal Register** notice published on August 29, 2003 (68 FR 51965), as amended on September 30, 2003 (68 FR 56265).

On July 26, 2006, MBDA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 42351) announcing the solicitation of competitive applications for an operator of the Queens MBEC for the next three-year funding cycle commencing January 1, 2007. The applications received by MBDA in response to the solicitation for the Queens MBEC did not satisfy the minimum evaluation criterion scoring requirements set forth in the notice, resulting in an unsuccessful competition. Accordingly, MBDA intends to publish a **Federal Register** notice re-opening the solicitation period for the Queens MBEC in order to allow MBDA to conduct additional outreach activities and to provide the public with additional time to submit responsive applications.

This notice amends the August 29, 2003 notice to allow for an up to 120-day funded extension, on a non-competitive basis, to the current award period of the Queens MBEC. MBDA is making this amendment to allow for continued program delivery by Jamaica Business Resource Center, the incumbent operator of the Queens MBEC, while the Agency conducts outreach activities and completes the solicitation process for an operator of the Queens MBEC for the next award cycle. The length of any extension (not to exceed 120 days) and the amount of funding necessary to carry out the extension are at the sole discretion of the Grants Officer, based on such factors as the Queens MBEC's performance, the

availability of funds, and agency priorities.

Limitation of Liability

Funding for the potential award extension listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations, which have not yet been appropriated for the MBEC program. MBDA issues this notice subject to the appropriations made available under the current continuing resolution, H.R. 5631, "Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007," Public Law 109-289, as amended by H.J. Res. 100, Public Law 109-369 and H.J. Res. 102, Public Law 109-383. In no event will MBDA or the Department of Commerce (Department) be responsible to cover any costs incurred outside of the current award period by the incumbent operator of the Queens MBEC if the MBEC program fails to receive funding or is cancelled because of other MBDA or Department priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige MBDA or the Department to award an extension to the current operator of the Queens MBEC or to obligate any available funds for such purpose.

Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the December 30, 2004 **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 78389) are applicable to this notice.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

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

Administrative Procedure Act/ Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

Dated: December 19, 2006.

Ronald N. Langston,

National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Evaluation of Whole-Body Gamma-Ray System—Information Regarding the Administrated Radioactive Material

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kenneth Inn, Research Chemist, at (301) 975-5541, kenneth.inn@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This project will determine the whole-body detector response of the Radioactivity Group's Virtual Gamma-ray Range system to provide support in the event of an emergency radiological incident. The project will evaluate the system's response to a variety of body geometries, and relate the system's response to handheld in vivo gamma-ray detectors readings that would be used during radiological emergency response. Because there are inadequate numbers of phantom types to approximate all body shapes and sizes, we plan to use NIST employees (participants) already subjected to

nuclear medicine procedures as radioactive "sources" to determine the response of our High Purity Germanium (HPGe) measurements system. Physical parameters of the participants such as height, weight will be needed to assess the correlation with counting response that is expected to have uncertainties as large as 50%. The physician or technician who administers the injection of nuclear radiation will be requested to provide written documentation containing the identity and time of the injected radionuclide given to the participants, its radioactivity content, and the calibration date and time of the radionuclide received. All information will be carefully safeguarded.

II. Method of Collection

A paper form will be distributed to the physicians by the participant. Once completed by the physician/technician, the paper form will be returned, by the participant, to the investigator.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Federal Government; and Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 18, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Gaithersburg and Boulder Programs; Availability of Funds

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the following programs are soliciting applications for financial assistance for FY 2007: (1) The Gaithersburg Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program, and (2) the Boulder Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. Each program will only consider applications that are within the scientific scope of the program as described in this notice and in the detailed program descriptions found in the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for these programs.

DATES: See below.

ADDRESSES: See below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards—11.609.

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Gaithersburg and Boulder Programs

Program Description: The SURF Gaithersburg program is soliciting applications in the areas of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Chemical Science and Technology, Physics, Materials Science and Engineering, Building and Fire Research, and Information Technology.

The SURF Boulder program is soliciting applications in the areas of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Chemical Science and Technology, Physics, Materials Science and Engineering, and Information Technology.

Applications for the Gaithersburg and Boulder programs are separate. Application to one program does not