DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Call for 2010 Nominations


ACTION: Notice and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (United States Patent and Trademark Office) is accepting nominations for its National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI).

Since establishment by Congress in 1980, the President of the United States has awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (formerly known as the National Medal of Technology) annually to our Nation’s leading innovators. If you know of a candidate who has made an outstanding contribution to the economy through the promotion of technology or technological manpower, you may obtain a nomination form from:

http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/index.jsp

Nomination applications should be submitted to Richard Maulsby, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, by electronic mail to: NMTI@uspto.gov or by mail to: Richard Maulsby, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313–1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Maulsby, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313–1450, telephone (571) 272–8333, or electronic mail: nmti@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Enacted by Congress in 1980, the Medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985. On August 9, 2007, the President signed the America COMPETES (Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Education, Technology, and Science) Act of 2007. The Act amended Section 16 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, changing the name of the Medal to the “National Medal of Technology and Innovation.” The Medal is the highest honor awarded by the President of the United States to America’s leading innovators in the field of technology, and is given annually to individuals, teams, or companies who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology or technological manpower for the improvement of the economic, environmental or social well-being of the United States.

The primary purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize American innovators whose vision, creativity, and brilliance in moving ideas to market has had a profound and lasting impact on our economy and way of life. The Medal highlights the national importance of fostering technological innovation based upon solid science, resulting in commercially successful products and services.

Eligibility and Nomination Criteria: Information on eligibility and nomination criteria is provided on the NMTI’s Guidelines Form at:

http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/index.jsp

Dated: January 12, 2010.

David J. Kappos,
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From the People’s Republic of China: Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Countervailing Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) and the International Trade Commission (“ITC”), the Department is issuing a countervailing duty order on certain oil country tubular goods (“OCTG”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). Also, as explained in this notice, the Department is amending its final determination to correct certain ministerial errors.

DATES: Effective Date: January 20, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Neubacher or Shane Subler, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5823 and (202) 482–0189, respectively.

Background


On January 13, 2010, the ITC notified the Department of its final determination pursuant to sections 705(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 705(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized imports of subject merchandise from the PRC. See Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from China, USITC Investigation No. 701–TA–463 (Final), USITC Publication 4124 (January 2010). Pursuant to section 706(a) of the Act, the Department is publishing a countervailing duty order on the subject merchandise.

Scope of the Order

The scope of this order consists of certain oil country tubular goods (“OCTG”), which are hollow steel