DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Application(s) for Duty–Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before May 13, 2010. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3720.

Docket Number: 10–005. Applicant: Liquid Crystal Institute, Kent State University, Summit Street, PO Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, the Czech Republic. Intended Use: This instrument will be used to study the structure and composition of soft materials (liquid crystals, polymers, biomaterials). Justification for Duty–Free Entry: There are no domestic manufactures of this instrument. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 24, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–006. Applicant: Purdue University, 915 W. State Street, Lilly Hall, B126, West Lafayette, IN 47907–2054. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Corporation, the Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study viruses and other macromolecular assemblies. Using cryo–electron microscopy, numerous virus/macromolecular assemblies will be investigated to better understand virus entry into cells as well as the propagation pathway. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: There are no domestic manufactures of this instrument. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 24, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–007. Applicant: Washington University in St. Louis, Purchasing Department, 1 Brookings Drive, Campus Box 1069, St. Louis, MO 63130. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL, Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: This instrument will be used to analyze and characterize medically relevant cells, tissues, and molecules. The objective is to understand the molecular and cellular basis of a wide range of human diseases. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: There are no domestic manufactures of this instrument. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 24, 2010.


Christopher Cassel,
Director, IA Subsidies Enforcement Office.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number 100311135–0182–02]

FY 2010 NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Comprehensive Grants Program Extension of Due Date for Proposals

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NIST publishes this notice to extend the deadline for proposal submission for its Fiscal Year 2010 NCNR Comprehensive Grants Program competition to 5 p.m. EDT, Thursday, May 13, 2010.

DATES: Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT, Thursday, May 13, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Paper copies of full proposals must be submitted to the address below. Paper submissions require an original and two copies:
Tanya Burke, NIST Center for Neutron Research; National Institute of Standards and Technology; 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 6100; Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–6100. Electronic submissions of full proposals must be submitted to: http://www.grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tanya Burke, NIST Center for Neutron Research, National Institute of Standards and Technology; 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 6100; Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–6100. Tel (301) 975–4711, E-Mail: tanya.burke@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 13, 2010, the NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) announced that it was soliciting proposals for financial assistance for significant research involving Neutron Research and Spectroscopy specifically aimed at assisting visiting researchers at the NIST Center for Neutron Research, developing new instrumentation for Neutron...
Research, conducting collaborative research with NIST scientists, and to conduct other outreach and educational activities that advance the use of neutrons by U.S. university and industrial scientists (75 FR 18784). The due date for submission of all proposals was 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 7, 2010. NIST is extending the deadline to give applicants more time to prepare and submit proposals. The new deadline is 5 p.m. EDT, May 13, 2010.

All NCNR Comprehensive Grants Program competition requirements and information announced in the April 13, 2010, Federal Register apply to proposals submitted during the extended time period.

Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs). Proposals under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism). This notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as defined in Executive Order 13132.

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review). This notice is not a significant regulatory action as defined under Executive Order 12866, as it does not materially alter the budgetary impact of a grant program and does not raise novel policy issues. This notice is not an “economically significant” regulatory action under Section 3(f)(1) of the Executive Order, as it does not have an effect on the economy of $100 million or more in any one year, and it does not have a material adverse effect on the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities.

Administrative Procedure Act and Regulatory Flexibility Act. Prior notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)). Because prior notice and an opportunity for public 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.


Marc G. Stanley,
Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XU31

Incidental Takes of Marine Mammals During Specified Activities; Replacement and Repair of Fur Seal Research Observation Towers and Walkways on St. Paul Island, Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) regulations, notification is hereby given that NMFS issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to NMFS, Alaska Region (NMFS AKR) for the take of small numbers of marine mammals, by Level B harassment, incidental to conducting replacement and repair of northern fur seal research observation towers and walkways on St. Paul Island, Alaska, from April to June and December 2010.

DATES: Effective April 20, 2010 through June 7, 2010 and December 1 to 31, 2010.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the IHA and application are available by writing to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation, and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or by telephoning the contact listed here. A copy of the application containing a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to the address specified above, telephoning the contact listed below (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT), or online at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm. Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Goldstein or Jolie Harrison, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 301–713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA establishes an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as:

any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which [i] has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A harassment]; or [ii] has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breeding, nursing, feeding, or sheltering [Level B harassment].

Section 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45–day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30–day public notice and comment period for any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny the authorization.

Summary of Request

On February 2, 2010, NMFS received a letter from NMFS AKR requesting an IHA to authorize the take, by Level B harassment, of small numbers of northern fur seals (Callorhinus ursinus) incidental to conducting replacement and repair operations for fur seal research observation towers and walkways on St. Paul Island, Alaska.

NMFS is currently contracting demolition, repair, and select replacement of northern fur seal walkways on St. Paul Island, Alaska.

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