Background

The Office of the Secretary is re-opening the period for receiving information and expressions of interest to serve on the Board of the Corporation for Travel Promotion (Corporation). Although the Department has received many applications, the Department re-opens the solicitation period to seek a broader applicant pool representative of each sector of the travel and tourism industry as described in the Travel Promotion Act of 2009 (TPA). The deadline for submitting information and expressions of interest is June 30, 2010. Information and expressions of interest received after the prior deadline of May 10, 2010 but before the issuance of this notice will be considered timely and will be given full consideration. Interested parties with appropriate expertise and experience from the passenger air sector are strongly encouraged to consider this opportunity. The selection criteria contained in the April 19, 2010 notice continue to apply and are republished herein for convenience. Information and expressions of interest already received remain under consideration and do not need to be resubmitted.

The Travel Promotion Act of 2009 (TPA) was passed on February 25, 2010 and signed into law on March 4, 2010. The TPA establishes the Corporation, a nonprofit corporation that will communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

The TPA states that the Corporation shall develop and execute a plan to (A) Provide useful information to those interested in traveling to the United States; (B) identify and address perceptions regarding U.S. entry policies; (C) maximize economic and diplomatic benefits of travel to the United States through the use of various promotional tools; and (D) ensure that international travel benefits all States and the District of Columbia, and identify opportunities to promote tourism to rural and urban areas equally, including areas not traditionally visited by international travelers.

The Corporation will be governed by a board of directors of eleven members with knowledge of international travel promotion and marketing and with appropriate expertise and experience in specific sectors of the travel and tourism industry. These members will broadly represent various regions of the United States.

Selection Criteria

The TPA directs the Secretary of Commerce (after consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State) to appoint the board of directors for the Corporation for Travel Promotion. Thus, in accordance with the TPA, the Department of Commerce will be selecting individuals with the appropriate expertise and experience from specific sectors of the travel and tourism industry to serve on the Board as follows:

(A) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the hotel accommodations sector;

(B) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the restaurant sector;

(C) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the small business or retail sector or in associations representing that sector;

(D) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the travel distribution services sector;

(E) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the attractions or recreations sector;

(F) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience as officials of a city convention and visitors' bureau;

(G) 2 shall have appropriate expertise and experience as officials of a State tourism office;

(H) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the passenger air sector;

(I) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in immigration law and policy, including visa requirements and United States entry procedures; and

(J) 1 shall have appropriate expertise in the intercity passenger railroad business.

To be eligible for Board membership, one must have international travel and tourism marketing experience and must also be a U.S. citizen. In addition, individuals cannot be federally registered lobbyists or registered as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Those selected for the initial Board must be able to meet the time and effort commitments of the Board to establish the new Corporation. Priority may be given to individuals with experience as a Chief Executive Officer or President (or comparable level of responsibility) of an organization or entity in the travel and tourism sector in the United States.

Board members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce (who may remove any member of the Board for good cause). The term of office of each member of the Board will be 3 years, except that, of the members first appointed: (A) 3 shall be appointed for terms of 1 year; (B) 4 shall be appointed for terms of 2 years; and (C) 4 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years. Board members can serve a maximum of two consecutive full three-year terms.

Board members are not considered Federal government employees by virtue of their service as a member of the Board and will receive no compensation from the Federal government for their participation in Board activities. Members participating in Board meetings and events will be paid actual travel expenses and per diem when away from their usual places of residence.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following:

1. Name, title, and personal resume of the individual requesting consideration; and

2. A brief statement of why the person should be considered for membership on the Board. This statement should also address the individual's relevant international travel and tourism marketing experience and indicate clearly the sector or sectors enumerated above in which the individual has the requisite expertise and experience. Individuals who have the requisite expertise and experience in more than one sector can be appointed from only one of those sectors.

Appointments of members to the Board will be made by the Secretary of Commerce.

Dated: June 11, 2010.

John Connor,

Director, Office of the Secretary.

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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 July 6, 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: 10–025. Applicant: University of Minnesota (Dept. of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science), 151 Amundson Hall, 421 Washington Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Instrument: High Pressure Oxygen Sputtering System. Manufacturer: Forschungszentrum Juelich GmbH, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to synthesize thin films, or coatings, of very high crystalline quality materials known as complex oxides. A pertinent characteristic of this instrument is that the special design of the sputter sources and vacuum chamber/pumping system allows it to operate properly at pressures in excess of 1 Torr. It also is designed to work in pure oxygen and is capable us substrate heating to over 900 C in a high pressure such an environment. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: No instruments of the same general category as the foreign instrument being manufactured in the U.S. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: May 20, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–027. Applicant: Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Ave., Lemont, IL 60439. Instrument: MultiView 400 SPM/NSOM/Confocal Multi Probe System Probe and Sample Scanning Scan Head Assembly. Manufacturer: Nanonics Imaging, Ltd., Israel. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to study the optical properties of nanoscale materials made of metal, semiconducting, or organic materials. The instrument can detect small changes in absorption, emission, and light–scattering properties of materials with a spatial resolution of under 100 nanometers. The system has dual scanning probe heads that are independently controlled, which enables illumination and detection with sub–wavelength spatial resolution. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: No instruments of the same general category as the foreign instrument being manufactured in the U.S. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: June 1, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–028. Applicant: Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. Instrument: Infrared Mirror Furnace 4 Mirror Furnace. Manufacturer: Crystal Systems Corp., Japan. Intended Use: To synthesize a large array of known crystals along with future exploration of novel new crystalline materials. A unique characteristic of this furnace is that it can synthesize extremely high quality crystals without crucible contact during growth, which prevents contamination. The technique employed during crystal growth is the "traveling solvent, floating zone" method, which produces ultra–high purity crystal due to the fact that no crucible touches or contaminates the crystal and feed material during crystal growth. The instrument also allows for visual monitoring of the crystal during its growth and nucleation and can achieve heating gradients greater than 1500 Celsius per centimeter. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: No instruments of the same general category as the foreign instrument being manufactured in the U.S. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: May 28, 2010.

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Christopher Cassel,

Director, IA Subsidies Enforcement Office.

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Docket Number: 10–019. Applicant: Saint Louis University Department of Chemistry, 3501 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Co., Czech Republic. Intended Use: This instrument will be used for the study of nanomaterial and microchip structure. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: There are no domestic manufactures of this instrument. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: May 26, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–021. Applicant: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 501 E. Saint Joseph St. Rapid City, SD 57701. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL, Japan. Intended Use: This instrument will be used for the understanding and materials development of photovoltaic power conversion for terrestrial and space applications, enhanced thermal conductivity (lubricants), thermally stable, light–weight materials for space applications, catalytic nanomaterials for energy storage and conversion, such as fuel cells. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: There are no domestic manufactures of this instrument. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: May 18, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–024. Applicant: National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Laboratory of Cell Biochemistry and Biology, 8 Center Drive, Rm 1A03 Bethesda, MD 20892–0851. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Co., the Netherlands. Intended Use: This instrument will be used to examine purified proteins, including the protein dynamin, using negative stain nad cryo–electron microscopy methods. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: There are no domestic manufactures of this instrument. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: May 19, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–026. Applicant: National institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Laboratory of Cell Biochemistry and Biology, 8 Center Drive, Rm 1A03, Bethesda, MD 20892–0851. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Co., the Netherlands. Intended Use: This instrument will be used to examine purified proteins, including the protein dynamin, using negative stain nad cryo–electron microscopy methods. Justification for Duty–Free Entry: There are no domestic manufactures of this instrument. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: May 20, 2010.

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