

assigned to each evaluation criteria category to be considered programmatically acceptable and responsive. Those applications determined to be acceptable and responsive will then be evaluated by the Director of MBDA. Final award selections shall be based on the number of points received, the demonstrated responsibility of the applicant, and the determination of those most likely to further the purpose of the MBDA program. Negative audit findings and recommendations and unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for award. The applicant with the highest point score will not necessarily receive the award. Periodic reviews culminating in year-to-date evaluations will be conducted to determine if funding for the project should continue. Continued funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA based on such factors as the MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and Agency priorities.

The MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 40% of the total project cost through non-federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the MBDC may charge client fees for services rendered. Fees may range from \$10 to \$60 per hour based on the gross receipts of the client's business.

Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," is not applicable to this program. Federal funds for this project include audit funds for non-CPA recipients. In event that a CPA firm wins the competition, the funds allocated for audits are not applicable. Questions concerning the preceding information can be answered by the contact person indicated above, and copies of application kits and applicable regulations can be obtained at the above address. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The collection of information requirements for this project have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and assigned OMB control number 0640-0006.

Awards under this program shall be subject to all Federal laws, and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

Pre-Award Costs—Applicants are hereby notified that if they incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that an applicant may have received, there is no obligation on the part of the Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.

Outstanding Account Receivable—No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either the delinquent account is paid in full, repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.

Name Check Policy—All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

Award Termination—The Departmental Grants Officer may terminate any grant/cooperative agreement in whole or in part at any time before the date of completion whenever it is determined that the award recipient has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant/cooperative agreement. Examples of some of the conditions which can cause termination are failure to meet cost-sharing requirements; unsatisfactory performance of the MBDC work requirements; and reporting inaccurate or inflated claims of client assistance. Such inaccurate or inflated claims may be deemed illegal and punishable by law.

False Statements—A false statement on an application for Federal financial assistance is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Primary Applicant Certifications—All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying."

Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension—Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of

the certification form prescribed above applies.

Drug Free Workplace—Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

Anti-Lobbying—Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 28.105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000 or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater.

Anti-Lobbying Disclosures—Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

Lower Tier Certifications—Recipients shall require applications/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to DOC. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DOC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Buy American-Made Equipment or Products—Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

11.800 Minority Business Development Center

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)

Dated: June 13, 1996.

Donald L. Powers,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.

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Business Development Center Applications: Chicago

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency.

ACTION: Cancellation.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is cancelling the announcement to solicit competitive applications under its Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program to operate the Chicago, Illinois MBDC. This solicitation was originally published in the Federal Register, Wednesday, June 12, 1996, Vol. 61, No. 114, page 29735.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Fire Codes: Request for Proposals for Revision of Standards

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) proposes to revise some of its fire safety standards and requests proposals from the public to amend existing NFPA fire safety standards. The purpose of this request is to increase public participation in the system used by NFPA to develop its standards.

The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of NFPA is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

DATES: Interested persons may submit proposals on or before the dates listed with the standards.

ADDRESSES: Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, at above address, (617) 770-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) develops fire safety standards which are known collectively as the National Fire Codes. Federal agencies frequently use these standards as the basis for developing Federal regulations concerning fire safety. Often,

the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference of these standards under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51.

Request for Proposals

Interested persons may submit amendments, supported by written data, views, or arguments to Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101. Proposals should be submitted on forms available from the NFPA Standards Administration Office.

Each person must include his or her name and address, identify the document and give reasons for the proposal. Proposals received before or by 5:00 PM local time on the closing date indicated will be acted on by the Committee. The NFPA will consider any proposal that it receives on or before the date listed with the standard.

At a later date, each NFPA Technical Committee will issue a report which will include a copy of written proposals that have been received and an account of their disposition by the NFPA Committee as the Report on Proposals. Each person who has submitted a written proposal will receive a copy of the report.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

NFPA No.	Title	Proposal closing date
NFPA 10-1994	Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers	7/19/96
NFPA 17-1994	Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems	7/19/96
NFPA 17A-1994	Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems	7/19/96
NFPA 25-1995	Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems	7/19/96
NFPA 30B-1994	Code for the Manufacture and Storage of Aerosol Products	8/1/96
NFPA 33-1995	Standard for Spray Application Using Flammable and Combustible Materials	8/1/97
NFPA 34-1995	Standard for Dipping and Coating Processes Using Flammable or Combustible Liquids	8/1/97
NFPA 35-1995	Standard for the Manufacture of Organic Coatings	12/31/96
NFPA 37-1994	Standard for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines	7/19/96
NFPA 43D-1994	Code for the Storage of Pesticides	1/17/97
NFPA 58-1995	Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases	8/1/96
NFPA 59-1995	Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants	8/1/96
NFPA 65-1993	Standard for the Processing and Finishing of Aluminum	1/17/97
NFPA 68-1994	Guide for Venting of Deflagrations	7/19/96
NFPA 70-1996	National Electrical Code	11/8/96
NFPA 70B-1994	Recommended Practice for Electrical Equipment Maintenance	1/17/97
NFPA 77-1993	Recommended Practice on Static Electricity	8/1/96
NFPA 80-1995	Standard for Fire Doors and Fire Windows	1/17/98
NFPA 91-1995	Standard for Exhaust Systems for Air Conveying of Materials	7/19/96
NFPA 105-1993	Recommended Practice for the Installation of Smoke-Control Door Assemblies	1/17/97
NFPA 160-P*	Standard for the Use of Flame Special Effects before a Proximate Audience	7/19/96
NFPA 220-1995	Standard on Types of Building Construction	1/2/98
NFPA 260-1994	Standard Methods of Tests and Classification System for Cigarette Ignition Resistance of Components of Upholstered Furniture	1/17/97
NFPA 261-1994	Standard Method of Test for Determining Resistance of Mock-Up Upholstered Furniture Material Assemblies to Ignition by Smoldering Cigarettes	1/17/97
NFPA 262-1994	Standard Method of Test for Fire and Smoke Characteristics of Wires and Cables	1/17/97
NFPA 263-1994	Standard Method of Test for Heat and Visible Smoke Release Rates for Materials and Products	1/17/97