

matters pertinent to the implementation of an encryption policy that will support the growth of commerce while protecting the public safety and national security.

The Subcommittee will consist of approximately 25 members to be appointed by the Secretary to assure a balanced representation among the exporting community and those Government agencies with a mandate to implement policy regarding encryption.

The Subcommittee will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The charter will be filed under the Act, fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the establishment of the Subcommittee to Lee Ann Carpenter, Committee Liaison Officer, OAS/EA/BXA, U.S. Department of Commerce, MS: 3886C, Washington, D.C., 20230. Telephone: 202-482-2583. FAX: 202-501-8024.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

Sue E. Eckert,

Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with March anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly A. Kuga, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 353.22(a) and 355.22(a)(1994), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with March anniversary dates.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with sections 19 C.F.R. 353.22(c) and 355.22(c), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings. The Department is not initiating an administrative review of any exporters and/or producers who were not named in a review request because such exporters and/or producers were not specified as required under section 353.22(a) (19 CFR 353.22(a) and 355.22(a) (19 CFR 355.22(a)). We intend to issue the final results not later than March 31, 1998.

| | Period to be reviewed |
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| Antidumping Duty Proceedings | |
| Brazil: Ferrosilicon; A-351-820—Companhia Brasileira Carbureto de Calcio, Cia de Ferro Ligas da Babia-Ferbasa, Companhia Ferroligas Minas Gerais-Minasligas | 3/1/96-2/28/97 |
| Finland: Rayon Staple Fiber; A-405-071—Kemira Fibres | 3/1/96-2/28/97 |
| Germany: Brass Sheet and Strip; A-428-602—Wieland-Werke AG | 3/1/96-2/28/97 |
| South Korea: Steel Wire Rope; A-580-811—Boo Kook Corporation, Chun Kee Steel & Wire Rope Co., Ltd., Chung Woo Rope Co., Ltd., Dong-Il Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Hanboo Wire Rope, Inc., Jinyang Wire Rope, Inc., Kumbo Rope, Kumho Wire Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd., Manho Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Myung Jin Co., Seo Jin Rope, Ssang Yong Cable Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Ssang Yong Steel Wire Co., Ltd., Sungsan Special Steel Processing, Sung Jin, Sungjin Company, TSK (Korea) Co., Ltd., Yeonsin Metal | 3/1/96-2/28/97 |
| Thailand: Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube; A-549-502—Saha Thai Steel Pipe Co., Ltd. | 3/1/96-2/28/97 |
| United Kingdom: Certain Hot-Rolled Lead and Bismuth Steel Products; A-412-810—British Steel PLC and its affiliates (e.g., British Steel Engineering Steels Ltd. and British Steel Engineering Steels Holding Ltd.), Glynwed Steels Limited | 3/1/96-2/28/97 |
| Countervailing Duty Proceedings | |
| Pakistan: Shop Towels; C-535-001—Bita Textile Corporation, Creation (Pvt.) Ltd., Eastern Textiles (Pvt.) Ltd., Fine Fabrico, Galaxy Enterprises, Iantex Industries, Iftikhar Corporation, Ishrat Brothers, Jawad Brothers, Jawwad Industries, Mehtabi Towel Mills (Pvt.) Ltd., Pakistan Textile Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd., Quality Linen Supply Corporation, R.I. Weaving, Safari Enterprises, Salimah International, Shaheen Textiles, Sind Textile Corporation, Sultex Industries, The Khans, United Towel Exporters, Zeba Textile Mills | 1/1/96-12/31/96 |
| Turkey: Certain Welded Carbon Steel Line Pipe; C-489-502—Bant Boru Sanayii ve Ticaret A.S., Borusan Birlesik Boru Fabrikalari A.S., Borusan Ihracat Ithalat ve Dagitim A.S., Erbosan Erciyas Boru Sanayii ve Ticaret A.S., Erkbörü Profil San ve Tic A.S., Mannesmann-Sumerbank Boru Endustrisi T.A.S., Yucel Boru ve Profil Endustrisi A.S. | 1/1/96-12/31/96 |
| Turkey: Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube; C-489-502—Bant Boru Sanayii ve Ticaret A.S., Borusan Birlesik Boru Fabrikalari A.S., Borusan Ihracat Ithalat ve Dagitim A.S., Erbosan Erciyas Boru Sanayii ve Ticaret A.S., Erkbörü Profil San ve Tic A.S., Mannesmann-Sumerbank Boru Endustrisi T.A.S., Yucel Boru ve Profil Endustrisi A.S. | 1/1/96-12/31/96 |
| United Kingdom: Certain Hot-Rolled Lead and Bismuth Steel Products; C-412-811—British Steel PLC and its affiliates (e.g., British Steel Engineering Steels Ltd. and British Steel Engineering Steel Holdings Ltd.) | 1/1/96-12/31/96 |

If requested within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, the Department will determine whether antidumping duties have been absorbed by an exporter or producer subject to any of these reviews if the subject merchandise is sold in the United States through an importer which is affiliated with such exporter or producer.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 353.34(b) and 355.34(b).

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 353.22(c)(1) and 355.22(c)(1).

Dated: April 18, 1997.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

Business Development Center Application: Puerto Rico "Islandwide"

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications under its Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) program to operate the Puerto Rico "Islandwide" Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) for approximately a 3-year period, subject to agency priorities, recipient performance and the availability of funds.

By consolidating the BDCs under an islandwide concept, we save Federal funds while continuing to offer quality service to eligible clients in Puerto Rico. This action also allows for coverage of both the metropolitan and rural areas of Puerto Rico. The main office of the "Islandwide" MBDC will be located in San Juan. The largest areas of minority business concentration are San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez. Satellite offices will be put in place to cover the Ponce and Mayaguez areas. The award number for this MBDC will be 02-10-97006-01.

DATES: The closing date for applications is May 30, 1997. Applications Must be received in the MBDA Headquarters' Executive Secretariat on or before May

30, 1997. A pre-application conference to assist all interested applicants will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 1997. For further information concerning time and location, please contact the Atlanta Regional Office at 404/730-3300.

ADDRESSES: Completed application packages should be submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Executive Secretariat, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230, Telephone Number (202) 482-3763.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT: Robert Henderson, Regional Director, Atlanta Regional Office, (404) 730-3300.

Proper identification is required for entrance into any Federal Building.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from September 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998, is estimated at \$599,187. A 30-day start-up period will be added to the first budget period, making it a 13-month award. The application must include a minimum cost-share of \$89,878, (15%) of the total project cost, through non-Federal contributions. The Federal share, to be in the amount of \$509,308, includes \$12,733 for an annual audit fee. Cost-sharing may be in the form of cash contributions, client fees, in-kind contributions or combinations thereof.

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: the experience and capabilities of the firm and its staff in addressing the needs of the business community in general and, specifically, the special needs of minority businesses, individuals and organizations (45 points); the resources available to the firm in providing both rural and urban business development services (10 points); the firm's approach (techniques and methodologies) to performing the work requirements included in the application (25 points); and the firm's estimated cost for providing such assistance (20 points). An application must receive at least 70% of the points 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 will 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 MBDC 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.

The "Islandwide" MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 15% of the total project cost through non-Federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the "Islandwide" MBDC may charge client fees for management and technical assistance (M&TA) rendered. Fees may range from \$10 to \$60 per hour based on the gross receipts of the client's business.

If an application is selected for funding, DOC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding beyond the initial award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of DOC. Awards under this program shall be subject to all Federal laws, Federal and Departmental regulations, policies and procedures applicable to Federal assistance awards.

Quarterly 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 "Islandwide" MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and Agency priorities.

Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs", is not applicable to this program. 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.

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, or a repayment schedule is established and