

withdraw bids, and prevent bidders from bidding on a particular market if the Bureau finds that a bidder is abusing the Commission's bid withdrawal procedures.

23. Applying this reasoning, the Bureaus propose to limit each bidder in the auction to withdrawals in no more than two rounds during the course of the auction. To permit a bidder to withdraw bids in more than two rounds would likely encourage insincere bidding or the use of withdrawals for anti-competitive strategic purposes. The two rounds in which withdrawals are utilized will be at the bidder's discretion; withdrawals otherwise must be in accordance with the Commission's rules. There is no limit on the number of standing high bids that may be withdrawn in either of the rounds in which withdrawals are utilized. Withdrawals will remain subject to the bid withdrawal payment provisions specified in the Commission's rules. The Bureaus seek comment on this proposal.

g. Stopping Rule

24. The Bureaus propose to employ a simultaneous stopping approach. The Bureaus have discretion to establish stopping rules before or during multiple round auctions in order to terminate the auction within a reasonable time. A simultaneous stopping rule means that all construction permits remain open until the first round in which no new acceptable bids, proactive waivers or withdrawals are received. After the first such round, bidding closes simultaneously on all construction permits. Thus, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, bidding would remain open on all construction permits until bidding stops on every construction permit.

25. The Bureaus seek comment on a modified version of the simultaneous stopping rule. The modified stopping rule would close the auction for all licenses after the first round in which no bidder submits a proactive waiver, a withdrawal, or a new bid on any license on which it is not the standing high bidder. Thus, absent any other bidding activity, a bidder placing a new bid on a construction permit for which it is the standing high bidder would not keep the auction open under this modified stopping rule. The Bureaus further seek comment on whether this modified stopping rule should be used.

26. We propose that the Bureaus retain the discretion to keep an auction open even if no new acceptable bids or proactive waivers are submitted and no previous high bids are withdrawn. In this event, the effect will be the same as

if a bidder had submitted a proactive waiver. The activity rule, therefore, will apply as usual and a bidder with insufficient activity will either lose bidding eligibility or use a remaining activity rule waiver.

27. The Bureaus propose to reserve the right to declare that the auction will end after a specified number of additional rounds ("special stopping rule"). If the Bureaus invoke this special stopping rule, it will accept bids in the final round(s) only for construction permits on which the high bid increased in at least one of the preceding specified number of rounds. The Bureaus propose to exercise this option only in certain circumstances, such as, for example, where the auction is proceeding very slowly, there is minimal overall bidding activity, or it appears likely that the auction will not close within a reasonable period of time. Before exercising this option, the Bureaus are likely to attempt to increase the pace of the auction by, for example, increasing the number of bidding rounds per day, and/or increasing the amount of the minimum bid increments for the limited number of construction permits where there is still a high level of bidding activity. The Bureaus seek comment on these proposals.

h. Information Relating to Auction Delay, Suspension or Cancellation

28. The Bureaus propose that, by Public Notice or by announcement during the auction, they may delay, suspend or cancel the auction in the event of natural disaster, technical obstacle, evidence of an auction security breach, unlawful bidding activity, administrative or weather necessity, or for any other reason that affects the fair and competitive conduct of competitive bidding. In such cases, the Bureaus, in their sole discretion, may elect to: resume the auction starting from the beginning of the current round; resume the auction starting from some previous round; or cancel the auction in its entirety. Network interruption may cause the Bureaus to delay or suspend the auction. The Bureaus emphasize that exercise of this authority is solely within the discretion of the Bureaus, and its use is not intended to be a substitute for situations in which bidders may wish to apply their activity rule waivers. The Bureaus seek comment on this proposal.

i. Information Pertaining to Further Auction Details

29. Future public notices will include further details regarding short form (FCC Form 175) application filing and

payment deadlines, a bidder seminar, and other pertinent information.

Federal Communications Commission.

Gerald P. Vaughan,

Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Safety National Coordination Committee

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Public Notice advises interested persons of a meeting of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee ("NCC"), which will be held at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, requires public notice of all meetings of the NCC. This notice advises interested persons of the second meeting of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee.

DATES: June 18, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Commission Meeting Room, Room TW-C305, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Wilhelm, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC and Designated Federal Officer of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee (202-418-0680).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is the complete text of the Public Notice: The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has established the Public Safety National Coordination Committee, pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, to advise the Commission on a variety of issues relating to the use of the 24 MHz of spectrum in the 764-776/794-806 MHz frequency bands (collectively, the 700 MHz band) that has been allocated to public safety services. See The Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements For Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communications Requirements Through the Year 2010 and Establishment of Rules and Requirements For Priority Access Service, WT Docket No. 96-86, First Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 98-191 (1998), 63 FR 58645, November 2, 1998.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, requires public notice of all meetings of the NCC. This notice advises interested persons of the second meeting of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the second meeting is as follows:

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Summary of minutes from last meeting.
4. Other Administrative Matters.
5. Reports on Subcommittee Structure, Leadership and Work.
6. Other Business.
7. Upcoming meeting dates and locations.
8. Public Comment.
9. Closing Remarks.

The NCC has an open membership. Previous expressions of interest in membership have been received in response to several Public Notices inviting interested persons to become members and to participate in the NCC's processes. All persons who have previously identified themselves or have been designated as a representative of an organization are deemed members and are invited to attend. All other interested parties are hereby invited to attend and to participate in the NCC processes and its meetings and to become members of the Committee. This policy will ensure balanced participation. Members of the general public may attend the meeting. To attend the second meeting of the Public Safety National Coordination Committee, please RSVP to Solita Griffis or Bertram Weintraub of the Policy and Rules Branch of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of the FCC by calling (202) 418-0680, by faxing (202) 418-2643, or by E-mailing at bweintra@fcc.gov or sgriffis@fcc.gov. Please provide your name, the organization you represent, your phone number, fax number and email address. This RSVP is for the purpose of determining the number of people who will attend this second meeting. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. However, admittance will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written comments to the NCC's Designated Federal Officer, Michael Wilhelm, before the meeting.

Federal Communications Commission.

Kathleen O'Brien-Ham,

Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 207-011280-002.

Title: Star West Joint Service

Agreement.

Parties:

Albion Reefers Ltd., Overseas Freezer Operators AG.

Synopsis: The proposed modification substitutes Albion Reefers Ltd. in place of The Blue Star Line Ltd. and Overseas Freezer Operators KG in place of Overseas Freezer Operators GmbH.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[Program Announcement 99143]

Program To Build Capacity To Conduct Environmental Health Promotion Activities; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a cooperative agreement program to build the capacity of a national organization to conduct health promotion activities for their members.

This program addresses "Healthy People 2000" in the priority areas of Educational and Community-Based Programs and Environmental Health.

The purpose of this program is to build capacity for the conduct of health professional education and community health promotion activities for its membership.

B. Eligible Applicants

This program is directed only to non-profit national organizations of health professionals that provide environmental health education and environmental public health promotion activities for their defined membership.

Note: Public Law 104-65 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, cooperative agreement, contract, loan or any other form.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$1,200,000 is available in FY 99 to fund one award. It is expected that the award will begin on or about September 30, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Use of Funds

Funds awarded may be expended for reasonable program purposes, such as personnel, travel, supplies and services, including contractual services. ATSDR funding is generally not to be used for the purchase of furniture or equipment. The direct and primary recipient in a cooperative agreement program must perform a substantive role in carrying out project activities and not merely serve as a conduit for an award to another party or provide funds to an ineligible party.

D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of the program, the recipient shall be responsible for conducting activities under 1 below, and ATSDR will be responsible for conducting activities under 2 below:

1. Recipient Activities

a. Conduct an assessment of health promotion needs, including health professional education needs of the membership.

b. Plan, conduct, and evaluate health professional education and training in