

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Export Trade Certificate of Review**

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 87-15A04.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an amendment to the Export Trade Certificate of Review granted originally to The Association for Manufacturing Technology ("AMT") on May 19, 1987. Notice of issuance of the Certificate was published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 1987 (52 FR 19371).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vanessa M. Bachman, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, at telephone (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or at E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR Part 325 (2000).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Department of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Amended Certificate: Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 87-00004, was issued to The Association for Manufacturing Technology on May 19, 1987 (52 FR 19371, May 22, 1987) and previously amended on December 11, 1987 (52 FR 48454, December 22, 1987); January 3, 1989 (54 FR 837, January 10, 1989); April 20, 1989 (54 FR 19427, May 5, 1989); May 31, 1989 (54 FR 24931, June 12, 1989); May 29, 1990 (55 FR 23576, June 11, 1990); June 7, 1991 (56 FR 28140, June 19, 1991); November 27, 1991 (56 FR 63932, December 6, 1991); July 20, 1992 (57 FR 33319, July 28, 1992); May 10, 1994 (59 FR 25614, May 17, 1994); December 1, 1995 (61 FR 13152, March 26, 1996); October 11, 1996 (61 FR 55616, October 28, 1996); May 6, 1998 (63 FR 31738, June 10, 1998); November 10, 1998 (63 FR 63909,

November 17, 1998); and October 29, 1999 (64 FR 61276, November 10, 1999).

AMT's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

1. Add each of the following companies as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 C.F.R. 325.2(1)): Merritech, Inc., Saginaw, Michigan; Mega Manufacturing, Inc., for the activities of its Piranha Division, Hutchinson, Kansas; New Nine, Inc., d/b/a GWI Engineering, Grand Rapids, Michigan; New Monarch Machine Tool Company, Cortland, New York; W.A. Whitney Co., Rockford, Illinois, (controlling entity: Esterline Technologies, Bellevue, Washington); Evana Automation, Inc., Evansville, Indiana, (controlling entity: Phillips Service Industries, Inc., Livonia, Michigan); Compact Manufacturing Systems, Santa Ana, California; ABB Flexible Automation, Inc., New Berlin, Wisconsin, (controlling entity: Asea Brown Boveri Inc., Norwalk, Connecticut); and Welduction Corporation, Novi, Michigan, (controlling entity: INDUCTOHEAT, Inc., Madison Heights, Michigan);

2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate: Bramac Machine Tool Co.; Wyson & Miles Company; DeVlieg-Bullard Services Group, Inc.; Defiance Machine & Tool Co.; Dyna Mechatronics Inc.; and Easco Sparcatron; and

3. Change the two existing Members' names as follows: "Process Control Automation, Inc." is changed to "Hayes-Lemmerz Process Control Automation, Inc." and "Giddings & Lewis, Inc." is changed to "Gilman Engineering & Manufacturing Co."

A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 16, 2001.

Vanessa M. Bachman,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****BEES Please**

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506c(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Barbara C. Lippiatt, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8603, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Over the last six years, the Building and Fire Research Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has developed and automated an approach for measuring the life-cycle environmental and economic performance of building products. Known as BEES (Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability), the tool reduces complex, science-based technical content (e.g., up to 400 material and energy flows from raw material extraction through product disposal) to decision-enabling results and delivers them in a visually intuitive graphical format. BEES Please is a voluntary program to collect data from building product manufacturers so that the environmental performance of their products may be evaluated scientifically using BEES.

NIST will publish in BEES an aggregated version of the data collected from manufacturers that protects data confidentiality, subject to

manufacturer's review and approval. BEES measures environmental performance using the environmental life-cycle assessment approach specified in the ISO 14040 series of standards. All stages in the life of a product are analyzed: raw material acquisition, manufacture, transportation, installation, use, and recycling and waste management. Economic performance is measured using the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard life-cycle cost method, which covers the costs of initial investment, replacement, operation, maintenance and repair, and disposal. Environmental and economic performance are combined into an overall performance measure using the ASTM standard for Multi-Attribute Decision Analysis.

II. Method of Collection

Data on materials use, energy consumption, waste, and environmental releases will be collected using an electronic, MS Excel-based questionnaire. An electronic, MS Word-based User Manual accompanies the questionnaire to help in its completion.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90.

Estimated Time Per Response: 62.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1875 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public: \$0 (no capital expenditures required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to the notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection;

they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 15, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 00-1220361; I.D. 022801A]

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Steller Sea Lion Research Initiative (SSLRI)

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that funding will be made available to assist eligible individuals and entities in carrying out research into the causes for the decline of Steller sea lions in waters off Alaska. NMFS issues this notice describing the conditions under which applications will be accepted and selected for funding. Areas of emphasis for the SSLRI Program were derived from specific legislative directives and supported through recommendations received from non-Federal scientific and technical experts and from NMFS research and operations officials.

DATES: Applications for funding under this program are due 5 p.m. Alaskan standard time on April 23, 2001. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding. No facsimile or electronic applications will be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to Peter Jones, SSLRI Program, Program Office, NMFS Alaska Region, PO Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Jones (907) 586-7280 or via email at: peter.d.jones@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Authority

The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) is authorized under 16 U.S.C. 1380 (d)(1) to undertake a scientific research program to monitor the health and stability of the Bering Sea marine ecosystem and to resolve uncertainties concerning the causes of population declines of marine mammals, sea birds, and other living

resources of that marine ecosystem. In the FY 2001 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 106-554, Miscellaneous Appropriations, Div. A, Chap. 2, Section 209(d)), Congress appropriated \$20 million to the Secretary of Commerce for the development and implementation of a coordinated, comprehensive research and recovery program for the Steller sea lion. The purpose of this announcement is to invite the submission of applications for Federal assistance for research into the possible causes of the Steller sea lion decline in the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, and Aleutian Island areas in accordance with Pub. L. 106-554 and to set forth how applications will be selected for funding.

II. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

This program will be added to the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" (CFDA) under program number 11.439, Marine Mammal Data Program.

III. Program Description

A. Background

The western population of the Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*) is listed as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). NMFS, in conjunction with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, has jurisdiction over Federal fisheries management in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska. NMFS also has stewardship responsibility to ensure the protection and recovery of the Steller sea lion. Several groundfish fisheries are conducted in the Bering Sea/ Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska regions which overlap the designated critical habitat of the Steller sea lion. NMFS conducted a formal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the ESA, examining the likelihood that Federal commercial groundfish fisheries in prescribed Federal waters off Alaska may jeopardize the continued existence of the Steller sea lion and adversely modify or destroy designated critical habitat. A Biological Opinion released by NMFS on November 30, 2000 concluded that the fisheries for certain groundfish species jeopardize the continued existence of the western population of Steller sea lions and adversely modifies its critical habitat.

This information is provided to serve as a brief summary of the background of this research initiative, not as a comprehensive account of the circumstances surrounding this program's origins. For additional