

paperwork burden on the public. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 do not apply.

Conclusion

Six out of 7 chapters of FSM 2200 and all 9 chapters of FSH 2209.13 are updated. Chapter 10, Term Grazing Permits, and Chapter 20, Grazing Agreements, contain most of the new direction. The agency has elected to issue chapters 10 and 20 as interim directives, making them effective immediately. An interim directive expires 18 months from issuance and may be reissued only once for a total duration of 36 months. Thereafter, the direction must be incorporated into an amendment or allowed to expire. Both the regular amendments and the interim directives are being published simultaneously in order for reviewers to synthesize the context of each amended directive in relation to the total package.

The Forest Service is committed to providing adequate opportunities for the public to comment on administrative directives that are of substantial public interest or controversy, as provided in the regulations at 36 CFR part 216. Because it is important to provide Forest Service units with updated guidance and direction in a comprehensive integrated package, the agency is issuing these ID's and making them effective immediately. However, pursuant to 36 CFR 216.7, the Forest Service is also requesting public comment on these ID's.

All comments will be considered in the development of final directives. The full text of these Manuals and Handbook references area available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/directives>.

Single paper copies are available upon request from the address and phone numbers listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, as well as, from the nearest Regional Office, the location of which are also available on the Washington Office headquarters home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us>.

Dated: June 30, 2005.

Sally Collins,

Associate Chief of the Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No. 991215339-5181-18]

National Technical Assistance: Research and Evaluation Program

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA) Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The mission of EDA is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Through the Research and Evaluation program, EDA will work towards fulfilling its mission by funding research and technical assistance projects to promote competitiveness and innovation in urban and rural regions throughout the United States and its territories. By working in conjunction with its research partners, EDA will help States, local and tribal governments and community-based organizations to achieve their highest economic potential. Pursuant to its Research and Evaluation program, EDA is soliciting competitive proposals for the following project: Addressing Competitiveness and Innovation in Rural U.S. Regions—Developing and Analyzing Rural Clusters of Innovation and Linking Rural and Metropolitan Regions.

DATES: Proposals for funding pursuant to this competitive solicitation must be received by the EDA Headquarters representative listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice no later than August 18, 2005 at 4 p.m. (e.d.t.). Proposals received after 4 p.m. (e.d.t.) on August 18, 2005 will not be considered for funding. By September 2, 2005, EDA will notify proponents whether they will be given further funding consideration and will invite the successful proponent to submit a formal application for EDA investment assistance.

ADDRESSES: Proposals submitted pursuant to this competitive solicitation may be (a) E-mailed to W. Kent Lim at klim1@eda.doc.gov; (b) hand-delivered to: W. Kent Lim, Economic Development Administration, Room 1874, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; or (c) mailed to: W. Kent Lim, Economic Development Administration, Room 7015, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington,

DC 20230. Proponents are encouraged to submit proposals by e-mail. EDA will not accept proposals submitted by facsimile. Please note that any correspondence sent by regular mail may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery, since all regular mail sent to the Department of Commerce is subject to extensive security screening.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact W. Kent Lim at (202) 482-6225 or via e-mail at the address listed above. The text of the full FFO announcement may also be accessed at EDA's Internet Web site: <http://www.eda.gov> and at Grants.gov: <http://www.grants.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: The full FFO announcement for this competitive solicitation is available at EDA's Web site, <http://www.eda.gov>, and at Grants.gov at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Funding Availability: EDA may use funds appropriated under Public Law 108-447 for the Research and Evaluation program. These funds are available until expended. EDA expects that the successful proposal for this project will require an EDA investment of between \$250,000 and \$500,000. The EDA award under this competitive solicitation will be in the form of a grant between EDA and the successful proponent.

Statutory Authority: The statutory authority for the Research and Evaluation program is the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended ((Pub. L. 89-136, 42 U.S.C. 3121 *et seq.*), including the comprehensive amendments made by the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-373) (PWEDA).

CFDA: 11.312 Economic Development—Research and Evaluation Program.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants for, and eligible recipients of, EDA financial assistance under the Research and Evaluation program include: Economic Development Districts; Indian tribes; States; cities or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; public or private nonprofit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State; private individuals; and for-profit

organizations. See 42 U.S.C. 3122 and 13 CFR 300.2.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Section 204(a) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) provides that the maximum EDA investment rate for a project must not exceed the sum of fifty (50) percent of the overall project cost, plus an additional thirty (30) percent of the overall project cost that is based on the "relative needs" of the region in which the project will be located. For projects under the Research and Evaluation program, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development (the "Assistant Secretary") has the discretion to establish a maximum EDA investment rate of up to one hundred (100) percent of the overall project cost where the project merits and is not otherwise feasible without an increase to the EDA investment rate. While cash contributions are preferred, the project's matching funds requirement (*i.e.*, the non-Federal share) may consist of in-kind contributions, fairly evaluated by EDA, such as contributions of space, equipment and services. See Section 204(b) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(a). In-kind contributions must be eligible project costs and meet applicable Federal cost principles and uniform administrative requirements. *Id.* Additionally, the non-Federal share of the project's costs must be committed to the project, available as needed and not conditioned or encumbered in any way that preclude its use consistent with the requirements of the EDA investment assistance. See 13 CFR 316.17.

Intergovernmental Review: Proposals and applications under the Research and Evaluation program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Evaluation and Selection Procedures:

A. Review Criteria and Selection Procedures

To apply for an award under this request, an eligible applicant must submit a proposal to EDA during the specified timeframe provided in the **DATES** section of this notice. Proposals that are not timely submitted or that do not meet all items required or that exceed the page limitations set forth in this competitive solicitation will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered by the review panel. Proposals that meet all of the technical requirements set forth in this competitive solicitation will be evaluated by a review panel comprised of at least three members, all of whom will be full-time Federal employees. See 13 CFR 304.1(b), 304.2(a). The review

panel will evaluate those proposals meeting the technical requirements of this competitive solicitation and rate and rank them using the following criteria of approximate equal weight:

1. General evaluation criteria set forth in 13 CFR 304.2;

2. Supplemental evaluation criteria (Investment Policy Guidelines) set forth in Section B. below; and the

3. Cost to the Federal Government. The Assistant Secretary is the Selecting Official and will normally follow the recommendation of the review panel. However, the Assistant Secretary may not make any selection, or he may substitute one of the lower-rated proposals, if he determines that it better meets the overall objectives of PWEDA.

B. Supplemental Evaluation Criteria: Investment Policy Guidelines

EDA's mission is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Accordingly, all potential EDA investments will be analyzed using the following five Investment Policy Guidelines, which constitute supplemental evaluation criteria of approximate equal weight and which further define the general evaluation criteria provided at 13 CFR 304.2:

1. Be market-based and results driven. An investment will capitalize on a region's competitive strengths and will positively move a regional economic indicator measured on EDA's Balanced Scorecard, such as: an increased number of higher-skill, higher-wage jobs; increased tax revenue; or increased private sector investment.

2. Have strong organizational leadership. An investment will have strong leadership, relevant project management experience, and a significant commitment of human resources talent to ensure a project's successful execution.

3. Advance productivity, innovation, and entrepreneurship. An investment will embrace the principles of entrepreneurship, enhance regional clusters, and leverage and link technology innovators and local universities to the private sector to create the conditions for greater productivity, innovation, and job creation.

4. Look beyond the immediate economic horizon, anticipate economic changes, and diversify the local and regional economy. An investment will be part of an overarching, long term comprehensive economic development

strategy that enhances a region's success in achieving a rising standard of living by supporting existing industry clusters, developing emerging new clusters, or attracting new regional economic drivers.

5. Demonstrate a high degree of commitment by exhibiting: (a) High levels of local government or non-profit matching funds and private sector leverage; (b) clear and unified leadership and support by local elected officials; and (c) strong cooperation between the business sector, relevant regional partners and local, State and Federal Governments.

Announcement and Award Dates: By September 2, 2005, EDA will notify proponents whether they will be given further funding consideration and will invite the successful proponent to submit a formal application for EDA investment assistance. The proponent invited by EDA to submit a formal application should expect to receive funding for its project by September 30, 2005; however, there is no guarantee that the proponent will receive funding.

Supplemental Notice

EDA's reauthorization legislation was signed into law on October 27, 2004, with amendments made to PWEDA through the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-373). Since reauthorization, EDA is in the process of conducting a full scale review and revision of its regulations. When revised regulations are published, EDA may publish a supplemental notice in the **Federal Register** in order to provide applicants with updated information on the revised regulations.

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 28, 2004 (69 FR 78389) is applicable to this solicitation.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Form ED-900A has been approved by OMB under the control number 0610-0094. Notwithstanding any other provision of 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.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined not to be significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this rule concerning grants, benefits and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: July 13, 2005.

Sandy Baruah,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Scope Rulings

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 19, 2005.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) hereby publishes a list of scope rulings completed between January 1, 2005, and March 31, 2005. In conjunction with this list, the Department is also publishing a list of requests for scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations pending as of March 31, 2005, as well as scope rulings inadvertently omitted from prior published lists. We intend to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irina Itkin or Greg Kalbaugh, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0656 or (202) 482-3693.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department's regulations provide that the Secretary will publish in the **Federal Register** a list of scope rulings. See 19 CFR 351.225(o). Our most recent "Notice of Scope Rulings" was published on May 10, 2005. See 70 FR 24533. The instant notice covers all scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations completed by Import Administration between January 1, 2005, and March 31, 2005, inclusive. It also lists any scope or anticircumvention inquiries pending as of March 31, 2005, as well as scope rulings inadvertently omitted from prior published lists. As described below, subsequent lists will follow after the close of each calendar quarter.

Scope Rulings Completed Between January 1, 2005, and March 31, 2005:

Japan

A-588-854: Certain Tin Mill Products from Japan

Requestor: Metal One America, Inc.; certain electrolytic tin plate and tin free steel products, made in Colombia by Hojalata y Laminados S.A. from Japanese single-reduced black plate and double-reduced black plate, are excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 7, 2005.

People's Republic of China

A-570-506: Porcelain-On-Steel Cooking Ware from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Taybek International; the Pro Popper professional popcorn popper is within the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 4, 2005.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Illuminations Stores, Inc.; two candles (item numbers 1050-0593 and 1050-0594) and two candle sets (item numbers 1050-0591 and 1050-0592) are within the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 6, 2005.

A-570-881: Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China

Requestors: 1) Nitek Electronics, Inc. and Sango International, L.P., and 2) A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co.; meter swivels and meter nuts are within the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 11, 2005.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Holly Lobby Stores, Inc.; "Fall Floating Leaf Candles" and

"Pumpkin Floating Candles" are within the scope of the antidumping duty order. "Floating Rose Candles" are excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 14, 2005.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Coppersmith Inc., on behalf of Specialty Merchandise Corp.; "Xmas JOY" candles are within the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 14, 2005.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Noteworthy, a division of Papermates, Inc.; "Floater Flower Candle" and "Rose Pillar Candle" are within the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 14, 2005.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Abrim Enterprises, Inc.; "Easter Egg/Flower Basket," "Square-M Angel," "Garlic-L," "Easter Egg-E," "Strobile-M," "Halloween Skull-A," "Tulip Bud-L," "Birthday Cake-S," "Censer," and "X-Mas Tree-A" candles are within the scope of the antidumping duty order. "Snowman (Wife)" and "Snowman (Husband)" candles are excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 19, 2005.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Kathryn Beich, Inc.; "Jewel," "Red Rose," and "Polka Dot" candles are within the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 19, 2005.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Dollar Tree Stores, Inc.; one candle (molded "orchid stem" candle, SKU 806827) is excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty order because it is an identifiable object, while sixteen candles are within the scope of the antidumping duty order; January 26, 2005.

A-570-504: Petroleum Wax Candles from the People's Republic of China

Requestor: Garden Ridge; one candle (item number GRI/CXF112) is excluded from the scope of the antidumping duty order because it is associated with a recognized holiday, while ten candles are within the scope of the antidumping duty order; February 2, 2005.