

scoring criteria in 7 CFR 1740.8. Applications will be ranked and grants awarded in rank order until all grant funds are expended.

4. Regardless of the score an application receives, if it is determined that the Project is technically or financially infeasible, the applicant will be notified, in writing, and the application will be returned with no further action.

C. Scoring Guidelines

1. The applicant's self scores in Rurality and Economic Need will be checked and, if necessary, corrected by USDA Rural Development.

2. The Critical Need score will be determined by USDA Rural Development based on information presented in the application. This score is intended to capture from the rural public's standpoint the necessity and usefulness of the proposed project. This scoring category will also recognize that some transition purchases are more essential than others, so that applications for first digital transmitter capability and transmitter power upgrades that extend coverage into rural-only areas will receive scoring advantages. Master control facilities which tailor programming to local needs will also be recognized in this category.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Each funded project is unique, and, therefore, various conditions may attach to different projects' which will appear in the award documents. Generally applicants whose projects are selected for awards are final by faxing an award letter. The award letter is followed with a grant agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. An applicant must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the grant agreement.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The items listed in the program regulation at 7 CFR 1740.9(j) implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

C. Performance Reporting

All recipients of Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to USDA Rural Development until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final

report must include an evaluation of the success of the project.

VII. Agency Contacts

A. Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>. USDA Rural Development Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program.

B. Phone: 202-690-4493.

C. Fax: 202-720-1051.

D. Main point of contact: Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, USDA Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

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Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Vessel Monitoring System for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0372.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,567.

Number of Respondents: 329.

Average Hours Per Response: VMS installation: 4 hours; installation checklist: 5 minutes; annual VMS maintenance: 2 hours; VMS transmissions: 0.3 seconds.

Needs and Uses: Vessels fishing for Atlantic tuna and swordfish that use pelagic longline gear and vessels fishing for sharks with bottom longline or gillnet gear are required to install and operate vessel monitoring systems. Automatic position reports are submitted on an hourly basis whenever the vessel is at sea. NMFS proposes to revise the current requirements to add an installation checklist that vessel operators would follow and then submit to NMFS. The checklist provides information on the hardware and communications service selected by each vessel. NMFS will use the returned checklists to ensure that position reports are received and to aid NMFS in troubleshooting problems.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No.: 060309060-6060-01]

Gulf Coast Business Investment Mission

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce publishes this notice to invite applications to participate in a business investment mission to the Gulf Coast Region. Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez in coordination with Federal Coordinator Donald E. Powell, Gulf Coast Rebuilding, Department of Homeland Security, will lead a senior-level business delegation to the Gulf Coast, with stops in Louisiana and Mississippi, on May 4-5, 2006. The focus of the trip will be to highlight opportunities for investment in the Gulf Coast, including the incentives in the recently-enacted Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005. During this trip, business delegation members will be briefed by ranking federal, state, and local officials on the opportunities available for investment in the Gulf Coast, including the advantages of using the region as a platform for export production or shipping. This mission is geared specifically to businesses with a strong interest in, and capable of, making capital investments (of at minimum \$5

Million) in the Gulf Coast region and companies which already have significant (at least \$5 Million) investments in the region.

DATES: Applications should be submitted to the Department of Commerce's Office of Business Liaison by COB, Tuesday, April 11, 2006. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request an application, or to obtain further information, please contact, the Office of Business Liaison, Department of Commerce, Room 5062, Washington, DC 20230, tel: (202) 482-1360; Fax: (202) 482-4054, obl@doc.gov, or visit the following Web site: <http://www.gulfcoastopportunity.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Gulf Coast Business Investment Mission, May 4-5, 2006. Participants for this mission will be selected by the Department of Commerce on the basis of applicability towards the goal of fostering business investment in the Gulf Coast region and U.S. exports in accordance with the criteria set forth in this announcement.

The participation fee for this mission is approximately \$1,000 per company/consortium. Only one representative from the company/consortium can apply for participation in the business mission. Expenses for travel to and from the Gulf Coast region, lodging, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

Any partisan political activities (including political contributions) of an applicant are entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

Mission Description

Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez in coordination with Federal Coordinator Donald E. Powell, Gulf Coast Rebuilding, Department of Homeland Security, will lead a senior-level business delegation to the Gulf Coast, including Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana and Biloxi, Mississippi on May 4-5, 2006, to highlight opportunities for business investment in the Gulf Coast—specifically in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The Gulf Coast Business Investment Mission will target, but not be limited to, the following industry sectors: Agricultural Processing, Biotechnology, Chemicals, Energy, Commercial Construction, Fisheries, Information Communication Technology, Petrochemicals, Shipbuilding, Real Estate Investment and Financing, Capital Financing, Transportation,

Manufacturing, Retail, and Travel & Tourism.

In order to qualify for this mission, applicants should be a senior company manager with the ability to make or recommend corporate capital allocation decisions. Applicants must also have over \$5 million invested in the region already or be seriously considering and having the financial capacity to invest \$5 million in the region. Selection for this mission will emphasize in particular those companies with new capital to invest in the region, whose investments will ultimately lead to economic growth, job creation in the region, and export development.

Commercial Setting

Over the past six months, Congress and the President have worked together to provide approximately \$87 billion in total federal assistance for the Gulf Region. A crucial component of these efforts has been to provide tax relief to the private sector in order to encourage business development and job creation. In December of 2005, the President signed the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act, which provides \$8 billion in tax relief to individuals, states, and businesses. The GO Zone Act will boost the private sector and revive the spirit of entrepreneurship across Louisiana and Mississippi. This mission will focus on the GO Zone Act's goals of Gulf private sector investment and economic development.

The Gulf Coast represents approximately 28% of U.S. domestic crude oil production and approximately 15% of U.S. national refining capacity. Additionally, trade flows between the U.S. and over 190 countries through Gulf Coast ports. The Port of New Orleans is the country's top port for imported natural rubber and coffee. Across the board, the Gulf Coast ports are national leaders in shipping agricultural products such as corn, soybeans, wheat and rice. Other leading exports from the region include chemicals, petroleum and coal products, processed foods, and transportation equipment. Additionally, the local history, arts, and cuisine of the Gulf Coast make the area a world-class travel destination. The Gulf Coast region traditionally has boasted a strong tourism industry that generates income and creates jobs.

Tax Incentives

- **Bonus Depreciation:** The GO Zone Act provides significant acceleration of bonus depreciation, where businesses can claim a depreciation deduction in the first year if the property used is equal to 50% of its cost.

- **Small businesses:** For small businesses in the affected area, the GO Zone Act will double expensing for investments and new equipment from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

- **Education tax relief:** The GO Zone Act doubles the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits for students attending colleges and graduate schools in the Go Zone, bolstering workforce skills of the private sector for years to come.

- **Work Opportunity Tax Credit:** A work-opportunity tax credit is available for employers hiring individuals located in the Go Zone.

- **Employer-Provided Housing Incentives:** For a six-month period, the GO Zone Act provides employers with a monthly capped 30% tax credit for the cost of employer-provided housing. In addition, up to \$600 per month of such costs would be excluded from the employee's income.

Mission Goals

The Gulf Coast Business Investment Mission will highlight nationally the investment opportunities available in the Gulf Coast following the passage of the GO Zone Act of 2005. The mission will specifically offer a program where delegation members will be briefed by leading Federal, state, and local decision-makers on the economic and business landscape in the Gulf States following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the opportunities available to businesses who invest in the area now. Mission members interested in exporting or developing export infrastructure will receive briefings targeted specifically at these interests. This mission is designed to highlight the opportunities for companies to invest in the Gulf Coast to foster economic growth, job creation, and export development.

Mission Scenario

The Gulf Coast Business Investment Mission will include stops in three cities: Baton Rouge and New Orleans, LA and Biloxi, MS. In each city, business delegation participants will be briefed by key federal, state, and local government officials capable of speaking to the general economic and business landscape in the Gulf Coast today, including export potential and export infrastructure, as well as the various government programs (including GO Zone and other incentives) geared towards promoting investment in the region. In addition, mission participants will hear from representatives from leading Gulf Coast businesses and business organizations.

Timetable, May 4–5, 2006, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, LA and Biloxi, MI

- Briefing on the Business and Economic Landscape in Louisiana conducted by key federal, state, and local government officials.
- Tour, by motor coach, from Baton Rouge to New Orleans with stops in industrial centers, residential areas and the New Orleans Commercial District.
- Travel to Biloxi via motor coach.
- Briefing on the Business and Economic Landscape in Mississippi conducted by key federal, state, and local government officials.

Criteria for Participant's Selection

- Relevance of a company's business line to mission goals.
- Company's primary business objectives for participating on this mission.
- Capacity and intent to invest \$5 million or more in the region and/or current investment of \$5 million or more in the Gulf Coast region.
- Rank of company official proposed for mission; participating company official should have capacity to make or recommend investment decisions.
- Timeliness of the company's signed application and supporting materials.
- Minimum of 10 and maximum of 30 participating companies on the mission.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department's Web site (<http://www.doc.gov>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade association and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. The Department of Commerce will explore and welcome outreach assistance from other interested organizations, including other U.S. Government agencies.

Applications for the Mission will be made available March 7, 2006 through April 11, 2006. Applications can be obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce Office of Business Liaison (202) 482–1360 or from the mission Web site at <http://www.gulfcoastopportunity.gov>. The application deadline is COB, Tuesday, April 11, 2006. Completed applications should be submitted to the Office of Business Liaison. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of the Business Mission Application form has been approved by OMB under control number 6900–0023. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Industry and Security**

[Docket No. 04–BIS–14]

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Sunford Trading, Ltd., Sunford (China) Trading Ltd., Sunford Trading Ltd., Hero Peak Ltd., Joanna Liu, Portson Trading, Ltd., Gold Technology Limited, Sunford Technology Development Ltd., Beijing Gold Technology Ltd., Sunford (International) Technology, Ltd., and Sunford Macau Commercial Offshore, Ltd., In the Matter of: Sunford Trading, Ltd., Room 2208, 22/F, 118 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong, China, Respondent, et al.

Order Making Denial of Export Privileges Against Sunford Trading, Ltd. Applicable to Related Persons

Pursuant to section 766.23 of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR”), the Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”), U.S. Department of Commerce, through its Office of Export Enforcement (“OEE”), has requested that I make the denial order that was imposed against Sunford Trading, Ltd. on August 25, 2005 applicable to the following entities, as persons related to Sunford Trading, Ltd.:

- (1) Sunford (China) Trading Ltd., Room 588, Site B, Zhong Ding Building, No. A 18, North San Huan West Road, Haidian District, Beijing 100086, People's Republic of China
- (2) Sunford Trading Ltd., Room 711, 7/F, HSH Mongkok Plaza, 800 Nathan Road, Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- (3) Hero Peak Ltd., Room D, 11/F, Fui Nam Building, 48–51 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong

- (4) Hero Peak Ltd., Flat C, Block 4, 11/F Golden Bldg., 146 Fuk Wa Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- (5) Joanna Liu, Flat C, Block 4, 11/F Golden Bldg., 146 Fuk Wa Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- (6) Joanna Liu, Flat 23C, 97 High Street, Hong Kong
- (7) Portson Trading, Ltd., Unit D, 8/F., No. 217–223 Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong
- (8) Gold Technology Limited, 20 FuKang Road, ChangPing Science Park, Beijing 102200, People's Republic of China
- (9) Gold Technology Limited, Flat 23C, 97 High Street, Hong Kong
- (10) Gold Technology Limited, Room 408, Site B, Zhong Ding Building, No. A 18 North San Huan West Road, Haidian District, Beijing 100086, People's Republic of China
- (11) Sunford Technology Development Ltd., British Virgin Islands
- (12) Beijing Gold Technology Ltd., Beijing, People's Republic of China
- (13) Sunford (International) Technology, Ltd., Macau, People's Republic of China
- (14) Sunford Macau Commercial Offshore, Ltd., Macau, People's Republic of China (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Related Persons”)

On August 25, 2005, an order was published in the **Federal Register** that imposed a three year denial of export privileges against Sunford Trading, Ltd., Room 2208, 22/F, 118 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong, China (70 FR 49910, August 25, 2005) resulting from the settlement of administrative charges that were pending against Sunford related to its involvement in the illegal export of an industrial hot press furnace to the People's Republic of China.

BIS has presented evidence that indicates that the Related Persons are related to Sunford Trading, Ltd. by ownership control, position of responsibility, affiliation, or other connection in the conduct of trade or business, and that it is necessary to add these persons to the denial order against Sunford Trading, Ltd. in order to avoid evasion of that order.

BIS has notified all Related Persons of this action in accordance with the requirements of sections 766.23 and 766.5(b) of the Export Administration Regulations and has not received any response in opposition. Accordingly, I find that it is necessary to make the Order imposed against Sunford Trading, Ltd. applicable to the above-named Related Persons to prevent the evasion of that Order.

It Is Now Therefore Ordered,