

Section 766.23 of the Regulations, any person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to the denied person by affiliation, ownership, control, or position of responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order.

*Fourth*, that this Order does not prohibit any export, reexport, or other transaction subject to the Regulations where the only items involved that are subject to the Regulations are the foreign-produced direct product of U.S.-origin technology.

*Fifth*, that a copy of this Order shall be served on Attia and on BXA, and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

This Order, which constitutes the final agency action in this matter, is effective immediately.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

**William A. Reinsch**,  
*Under Secretary for Export Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

#### Minority Business Development Center Applications: Atlanta, GA

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; revised dates.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency is revising the announcement to solicit competitive applications to operate its Atlanta, GA Minority Business Development Center program to change the closing and start dates. The solicitation was originally published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, 62 FR 51454.

**DATES:** The revised closing is December 31, 1997, and the revised start date is April 1, 1998.

**PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE:** For the exact date, time and place, contact the Atlanta Regional Office at (404) 730-3300.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail applications to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Henderson at (404) 730-3300.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: 11.800 Minority Business Development Center Program)

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**Donald L. Powers**,  
*Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

#### Native American Business Development Center Applications: Cherokee

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; revised dates.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency is revising the announcement to solicit competitive applications to operate its Cherokee Native American Business Development Center program to change the closing and start dates. The solicitation was originally published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, 62 FR 51457.

**DATES:** The revised closing is December 31, 1997, and the revised start date is April 1, 1998.

**PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE:** For the exact date, time and location contact the Atlanta Regional Office at (404) 730-3300.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail applications to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 5073, Washington, DC. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Henderson at (404) 730-3300.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

#### Native American Business Consultant Applications: Nationwide

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; revised dates.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency is revising the announcement to solicit competitive applications to operate its Native American Business Consultant program to change the closing and start dates and to notify interested parties of a pre-application conference. The solicitation was originally published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, 62 FR 51456.

**DATES:** The revised closing is December 31, 1997, and the revised start date is April 1, 1998. The date of the pre-application conference is November 20, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The pre-application conference will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 5045, Washington, D.C. 20230. Mail applications to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Hardy at (202) 482-2366.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

#### Native American Business Development Center Applications: Northwest

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; revised dates.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency is revising the announcement to solicit competitive applications to operate its Northwest Native American Business Development Center program to change the closing and start dates. The solicitation was originally published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, 62 FR 51438.

**DATES:** The revised closing is January 2, 1998, and the revised start date is April 1, 1998.

**PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE:** For the exact date, time and place, contact the

San Francisco Regional Office at (415) 744-3001.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail applications to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melda Cabrera at (415) 744-3001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### **Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan Environmental Assessment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the alternatives being considered for implementation of the Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan. NMFS is requesting comments on the EA before it is finalized.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 4, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the EA or the draft Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan may be obtained from Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by calling (301) 713-2322.

Written comments should be submitted to Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victoria Cornish, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 713-2322.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 118(f) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) requires NMFS to establish a Take Reduction Team (TRT) to

prepare a draft Take Reduction Plan (TRP) designed to assist in the recovery or to prevent the depletion of each strategic marine mammal stock that interacts with certain fisheries. The immediate goal of a TRP is to reduce, within 6 months of its implementation, the mortality and serious injury of strategic stocks incidentally taken in the course of commercial fishing operations to below the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) levels established for such stocks.

The U.S. Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico pelagic drift gillnet fishery for swordfish, tuna, and shark interacts with several strategic marine mammal stocks, including long-finned and short-finned pilot whales, common dolphins, Atlantic spotted dolphins, the offshore stock of bottlenose dolphin, humpback whales, northern right whales, and sperm whales. The U.S. Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico pelagic longline fishery for swordfish, tuna, and shark interacts with two strategic marine mammal stocks: Pilot whales and Atlantic spotted dolphins (62 FR 3005, January 21, 1997). These stocks are considered strategic under the MMPA because they are listed as either an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act or because the level of human-caused mortality is greater than their PBR levels.

NMFS established the Atlantic Offshore Cetacean TRT on May 23, 1996 (61 FR 25846) to prepare a draft plan aimed at reducing bycatch of the strategic marine mammals stocks taken as bycatch in the U.S. Atlantic pelagic drift gillnet and longline fisheries. The Team submitted a draft Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan to NMFS on November 25, 1996.

NMFS has prepared an EA on the alternatives being considered for implementation of the final Plan. The EA addresses four alternatives: (1) A no-action alternative, (2) adoption of the draft plan as submitted by the Team, (3) adoption of a modified plan, with a marine mammal bycatch limit for drift gillnets, and (4) adoption of a modified plan, with a drift gillnet gear prohibition.

This assessment considers information that was not available to the Team at the time of their deliberations. This new information has resulted in the development of Alternatives 3 and 4, which are based on take reduction strategies discussed by the team while they were developing their draft plan. NMFS is making this EA available to the public, with a discussion of the new information and the rationale for the development of Alternatives 3 and 4, to

provide an opportunity for public consideration and comment before regulations to implement a TRP for the drift gillnet and longline fisheries are proposed. As a result, this EA does not indicate a preferred alternative or identify a proposed action for implementation of the plan. After the close of the public comment period on this EA, NMFS will identify the preferred alternative for reducing incidental takes of marine mammals in these fisheries and request public comments on these proposed regulations.

A brief description of the take reduction strategies in each alternative is as follows:

#### *Alternative 1: Status Quo, or No Action, Alternative*

The no-action alternative would maintain existing regulations for both the pelagic drift gillnet and longline fisheries. This alternative would allow continued mortality and serious injury of strategic marine mammal stocks in these fisheries at a level above each stock's PBR level, which is in violation of section 118 of the MMPA.

#### *Alternative 2: Take Reduction Plan, as Drafted by the Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Team*

This alternative would adopt the Team's draft plan as submitted to NMFS on November 25, 1997. This plan would prohibit fishing in right whale critical habitat areas by both the drift gillnet and longline fisheries. This plan would regulate the drift gillnet fishery using the following strategies: (1) 100 percent marine mammal observer coverage, (2) limited entry for the swordfish drift gillnet fishery, (3) prohibition of drift gillnet gear south of Hudson Canyon from December 1 through May 31, and (4) a set allocation designed to reduce the derby nature of the fishery. In the longline fishery, the following regulatory strategies would be implemented: (1) Length-of-gear limit on pelagic longline gear from August to November in the Mid-Atlantic Bight, (2) reduction in maximum soak time in the Mid-Atlantic Bight during August-November by hauling gear in the order it was set, and (3) a requirement that longliners move after one entanglement with a marine mammal. In addition to these regulatory changes, the Team's draft plan included several non-regulatory strategies which were not considered in the preparation of the EA. Non-regulatory measures recommended by the team primarily focus on NMFS' long-term research, monitoring, and management objectives which would not be implemented by regulation in the near future and are an extension of actions currently underway to