

the sum of indirect selling expenses and inventory carrying costs incurred in the United States, and deleted another variable (INDEXPU) from the final margin program. For a complete listing of the changes the Department has made to its final margin program, please see the Department's analysis memorandum and final margin computer program.

Comment 12: Respondents argue that the Department did not calculate CV profit consistent with its determination of the CV profit rate. Respondents assert that the Department calculated the CV profit rate as the ratio of total home market profit on above-cost sales to the sum of the total cost of manufacture, G&A, net financial expense, and packing expenses. However, the Department applied the CV profit rate to a larger base, in calculating the profit amount used to calculate profit for CV. Respondents maintain that the CV profit rate should be applied to the same expenses that were included in the denominator used to calculate the CV profit rate. Therefore, respondents state that the Department should correct its program to exclude direct and indirect selling expenses from the base to which the CV profit ratio was applied.

The petitioners did not comment on this argument.

Department's Position: We agree with respondents and have corrected this error for the final results.

Final Results of Review

As a result of our review, we have determined that the following margins exist:

Manufacturer/ exporter	Time period	Margin (per- cent)
Imphy/Ugine- Savoie	1/1/96—12/31/96	7.46

The Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Individual differences between United States price and normal value may vary from the percentages stated above. The Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by this review. For duty assessment purposes, we calculated an importer-specific assessment rate by aggregating the dumping margins calculated for all U.S. sales to each importer and dividing this amount by the total value of subject merchandise entered during the POR for each importer.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of review for all shipments of certain stainless steel wire rods from France entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rates for the reviewed companies will be the rates for those firms as stated above; (2) if the exporter is not covered in this review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 24.51 percent for stainless steel wire rods, the all others rate established in the LTFV investigation. *See Amended Final Determination and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rods from France* (59 FR 4022, January 28, 1994).

These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation or the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with section 353.34(d) of the Department's regulations. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.33(c)(5).

Dated: May 26, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Grant Funds—Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory—Availability of Funds

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory (MSEL), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), is continuing its program for grants and cooperative agreements in the following fields of research: Ceramics, Metallurgy, Polymer Sciences, Neutron Scattering Research and Spectroscopy. Each applicant must submit one signed original and two copies of each proposal along with a Grant Application, (Standard Form 424 REV. 7/95 and other required forms), as referenced under the provisions of OMB Circular A-110 and 15 CFR 24.

DATES: Applications must be received no later than the close of business September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory, Building 223, Room A305, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-0001; Attention: Patty Salpino. Each application package should be clearly marked to identify the field of research.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical inquiries should be directed to the following Program Managers: Dr. Ronald Munro—(301) 975-6127 [Ceramics Division], Bruno Fanconi—(301) 975-6762 [Polymers Division], John Manning—(301) 975-6157 [Metallurgy Division—transformations, phases, microstructure and kinetic processes in metals and their alloys], Dr. Neville Pugh—(301) 975-5960 [Metallurgy Division—sensors for analytical models for metallurgical processes], Richard Ricker—(301) 975-6023 [Metallurgy Division—degradation of materials in their service environment], John Rush—(301) 976-6220 [NIST Center for Neutron Research]. Inquiries should be general in nature.

Specific inquiries as to a laboratory's needs, the usefulness or merit of any particular project, or other inquiries with the potential to provide and

competitive advantage to an applicant are not acceptable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: "Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards", No. 11.609.

Eligibility: Academic institutions, non-Federal agencies, independent and industrial laboratories are eligible to apply.

Authority: As authorized under 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(6) and (c)(16), the MSEL conducted a basic and applied research program directly and through grants and cooperative agreements to eligible recipients.

Funding Availability: Approximately \$500,000 is available to support grants and cooperative agreements under this program. All awards are contingent on the availability of funds.

Type of Funding Instrument: The MSEL Grants Program is limited to innovative ideas generated by the proposal writer on what research will be performed and how. Grants awarded under the MSEL program will generally provide financial assistance to the recipient without substantial NIST involvement in the projects. Cooperative agreements awarded for MSEL projects will generally involve a close working relationship between a group of NIST experts and the recipient.

Award Period: Proposals will be considered for research projects from one to three years. When a proposal for a multi-year award is approved, funding will initially be provided for only the first year of the program. If an application is selected for funding, NIST has no obligation to provide any additional funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST. Funding for each subsequent year of a multi-year proposal will be contingent upon satisfactory progress, in relation to the mission of the MSEL program, and the availability of funds. The annual awards must have scopes of work that are clearly severable and can be easily separated into annual increments of meaningful work, which represent solid accomplishments if prospective funding is not made available to the applicant, (i.e., the scopes of work for each funding period must produce identifiable and meaningful results in and of themselves).

Program Objectives

All proposals submitted must be in accordance with the program objectives listed below. The appropriate Program Manager for each field of research may

be contacted for clarification of the program objectives.

I. Ceramics Division, 852—The primary objective is to supplement division activities in the area of ceramic processing, tribology, composites, machining, interfacial chemistry, and microstructural analysis.

II. Polymers Division, 854—The primary objective is to support division programs in polymer blends, composites, electrical applications, as well as, dental and medical polymeric materials through participation in research on metrology, synthesis, processing and characterization of structure, mechanical, thermal and electrical properties.

III. Metallurgy Division, 855—The primary objective is to develop techniques to predict, measure and control transformations, phases, microstructure and kinetic processes as well as mechanical, physical and chemical properties in metals and their alloys.

IV. Metallurgy Division, 855—The primary objective is to develop new and improved sensors, measurement techniques, and analytical models for metallurgical structures and processes in order to facilitate the development and adoption of intelligent processing systems for materials.

V. NIST Center for Neutron Research, 856—The primary objective is to develop high resolution cold and thermal neutron research approaches and related physics, chemistry, macromolecular and materials applications.

Proposal Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed in a two-step process. First, a panel of at least three individuals knowledgeable about the particular scientific area described above that the proposal addresses, and that are not employed by the applicable division, will conduct a technical review of proposals. Second, the chief of each division will make final award selections.

Technical Evaluation Criteria

The criteria the technical reviewers will use in evaluating the proposals are as follows:

1. *Rationality.* Reviewers will consider the coherence of the applicant's approach and the extent to which the proposal effectively addresses scientific and technical issues.

2. *Qualifications of Technical Personnel.* Reviewers will consider the professional accomplishments, skills, and training of the proposed personnel to perform the work in the project.

3. *Resources Availability.* Reviewers will consider the extent to which the proposer has access to necessary facilities and other support to accomplish project objectives.

4. *Technical Merit of Contribution.* Reviewers will consider the potential technical effectiveness of the proposal and the value it would contribute to the field of materials science and engineering.

Each of these factors will be given equal weight in the evaluation process.

Selection Procedure

In making final award selections, the chief of each division will take into account the score received by the applicant and the compatibility of the applicant's proposal with the program objectives of the particular division that the proposal addresses. These objectives are described above in the "Program Objectives" section. If an award is made to an applicant that does not receive the highest score in its category by technical reviewers, the division chief shall justify the selection in writing.

Application Process

Matching Requirements: There are no matching requirements.

Application Kit: An application kit, containing all required applications forms and certifications is available by calling Patty Salpino at (301) 975-5731. An application kit includes the following:

- SF 424 (Rev 7/97)—Application for Federal Assistance
- SF 424 A (Rev 7/97)—Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs
- SF 424B (Rev 7/97)—Assurances—Non Construction Programs
- CD 511 (7/91)—Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying
- CD 512 (7/91)—Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusions—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying
- SF-LLL—Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Standard Form 424 and Standard Form LLL mentioned in this notice are subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been approved by OMB under Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040 and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply

with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number.

Primary Application Certification: all primary applicants must submit a completed form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations are hereby provided:

1. **Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension.** Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

2. **Drug-Free Workplace.** Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

3. **Anti-Lobbying.** Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater.

4. **Anti-Lobbying Disclosure.** Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

5. **Lower-Tier Certifications.** Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to NIST in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Preaward Activities: Applicants who incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been provided, there is no obligation on the part of NIST to cover preaward costs.

No obligation for Future Funding: If an application is accepted for funding, NIST has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Past Performance: Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

Name Check Reviews: All for-profit and nonprofit applicants will be subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

False Statements: A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Delinquent Federal Debts: No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

1. The delinquent account is paid in full,
2. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or
3. Other arrangements satisfactory to DoC are made.

Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products: Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

Indirect Costs: The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Federal Policies and Procedures: Awards under the MSEL Grants Research Program shall be subject to all Federal laws and Federal and

Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to financial assistance awards. The MSEL Grants Program does not directly affect any state or local government. Accordingly, the Department of Commerce has determined that Executive Order 12372 is not applicable to the MSEL Grants Program.

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

Dated: May 27, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director, NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Final Regulations for Deep Seabed Mining Commercial Recovery

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to James P. Lawless, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, SSMC-4, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (telephone 301-713-3155, ext. 194).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Public Law 96-283, the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act, authorizes the Administrator of NOAA to permit to eligible U.S. citizen applicants for the commercial recovery of deep seabed mineral resources. Information must be submitted as part of a permit application so that NOAA can determine if statutory requirements for