

This notice also 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 of 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 doubled antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d) or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing this determination in accordance with sections 751(h) and 777(i) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 353.28(c).

Dated: July 15, 1998.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 980716181-8181-01]

#### Cooperative Agreement Program for American Business Centers in Russia and the New Independent States

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The International Trade Administration (ITA) is soliciting competitive applications to establish and operate an American Business Center (ABC) in the city of Khabarovsk, Russia for a two (2) year multi-year award period. The ABC will encourage the export of U.S. goods and services and stimulate trade and investment in the Khabarovsk, Russia region. The award resulting from this announcement is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

The ABC will provide, on a user fee basis, a broad range of business development and facilitation services to United States companies in the Khabarovsk, Russia region. Services provided by the ABC will be designed to encourage more U.S. firms to explore

opportunities for trade and investment in the Khabarovsk, Russia region and to help them conduct business there more effectively. The core services to be provided by the ABC include: international telephone, fax, and data transmission; temporary office space; space for meetings, small seminars, and small product exhibitions or demonstrations; secretarial support (e.g. word processing, typing, message taking); translator/interpreters; photocopying; market research; counseling on local business conditions; and arranging appointments with Russian business contacts. The Center also will work closely with Russian businesses to help them become more attractive trading partners; identify and report obstacles to trade and investment; and serve as a link between financial institutions, U.S. companies, and Russian enterprises.

In addition to these core services, the ABC will support U.S. Government activities under the Regional Investment Initiative (RII). This will include providing, at cost, support for the activities of the RII coordinator. Such support may include office space, computers, telecommunications equipment and secretarial and translation services.

**DATES:** ITA will accept only those applications which are received at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1235, HCHB, no later than 3:00 pm E.S.T. August 21, 1998. Late applications will not be accepted and will not be considered. On July 27, 1998 competitive application kits will be available from the Department of Commerce.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the application kit, please send a written request with a self-addressed mail label to: Russia-NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Room 1235, HCHB, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Requests for application kits also may be faxed to 202-482-2456. Only one application kit will be provided to each organization requesting it, but the kit may be reproduced by the requester. All forms necessary to submit an application will be included in the application kit. The kit will include Standard Forms 424, Application for Federal Assistance; 424A, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs, and 424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs, Rev 4-88). Completed applications should be returned to the same address. Applicants must submit a signed original and two copies of the application and supporting materials. It

is anticipated that it will take ten weeks after the deadline for receipt of applications to process applications and make awards.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Applicants wishing further information should contact Douglas Barry, Russia-NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, room 1235, HCHB, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-2902, or Fax: (202) 482-2456.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Program Authority

The American Business Center program is authorized by Title III of the "Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992" or the "FREEDOM Support Act", Pub. L. 102-511. Funding for the program is provided by the Agency for International Development under Section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

##### Eligible Applicants

United States for-profit firms, non-profit organizations, non-Federal government agencies, industry and trade associations, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. An enterprise which includes or intends to include participation of host country citizens or entities will be considered an eligible applicant so long as the applicant is and will remain, throughout the award period, controlled and managed by citizens and/or entities of the United States.

##### Funding Guidelines

Since it is anticipated that ITA will be involved in the implementation of the project for which an award is made, the funding instrument for the program will be a cooperative agreement. Examples of ITA involvement include but are not limited to the following: supplemental marketing to promote the ABC, guidance on eligibility of ABC clients, and coordination with other U.S. government assistance programs.

ITA anticipates \$320,000 will be available for the first year of funding for one (1) multi-year cooperative agreement award during FY 1999. Applicants will be requested to submit a work-plan and budget which cover a one (1) year period for a total amount of not more than \$320,000 in Federal funds. Applicants must supply at least twenty-percent (20%) of total project costs, with the Federal portion of total project costs to be no more than eighty-percent (80%). A minimum of one half (1/2) of the support supplied by the applicant must be in the form of cash.

The remaining portion of the applicant's support may consist of cash or in-kind contributions (goods and services contributed by a third party). Applicants will be requested to submit a work-plan and budget for a second year of operation based on the level of funding for the first year with the understanding that funding levels may or may not be the same as the first year.

Applicant receipt of future funding is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds, and satisfactory performance, and will be at the sole discretion of ITA. Publication of this notice does not constitute an obligation by the Department of Commerce to enter into a cooperative agreement with any responding applicant.

### Evaluation Criteria

Consideration for financial assistance under the program will be based on the following evaluation criteria:

- (1) Quality of Work Plan: core commercial activities, marketing strategy, management/staffing, cooperation with ITA and outreach programs to NIS firms;
  - (2) Qualifications of Applicant: financial history, personnel's experience in region and in delivering commercial products/services;
  - (3) Market Knowledge of Locations: applicant's demonstrated familiarity with the market conditions in the proposed city and/or region;
  - (4) Project Timetable: ability of applicant to complete major stages in the scope of work quickly, particularly bringing an ABC into the fully-operational stage;
  - (5) U.S. Small Business Utility: accessibility of services to small firms and reasonableness of fees;
  - (6) *Cost-Effectiveness*: reasonableness, allowability and allocability of costs.
- For purpose of evaluation of the applications, the above criteria will be weighted as follows: criterion (1) will be worth a maximum of 30 (thirty) percent; criterion (2) will be worth a maximum of 30 (thirty) percent; criterion (3) will be worth a maximum of 20 (twenty) percent; criterion (4) will be worth a maximum of 10 (ten) percent; criterion (5) and (6) will be worth a maximum of 5 (five) percent each.

### Selection Procedure

Each application will be evaluated by a panel of at least three independent reviewers qualified to evaluate applications submitted under the program. Applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth above. The award will be based on the highest total accumulated score.

### Notifications

All applicants are advised of the following:

- (1) Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.
- (2) If applicants incur any cost prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Federal Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that they may receive, there is no obligation on the part of the Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.
- (3) If an application is selected for funding, the Department of Commerce has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of Commerce.
- (4) No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding debt until either:
  - a. The delinquent account is paid in full;
  - b. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received; or
  - c. Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.
- (5) All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying". 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. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, subpart F "Government wide Requirement for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on the 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". 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.

(6) 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 Transaction 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 submitted by any tier recipient or sub-recipient should be submitted to the Department of Commerce in accordance with instructions contained in the award document.

(7) 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.

(8) All recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal Department of Commerce policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal assistance awards. For-profit organizations shall be subject to OMB Circular A-110.

(9) All non-profit and for-profit applicants are 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.

(10) Recipients are subject to the Fly America Act (49 U.S.C. 1517 as implemented by 41 CFR 301-3.6).

(11) Executive Order 12372 "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" does not apply to this program.

(12) The Paperwork Reduction Act does apply to this program. This document involves collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. 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.

(13) 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.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 11.115.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

**E. Vivian Spathopoulos,**

*Deputy Director, US&FCS/Russia—NIS Program Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071598E]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP).

**DATES:** This meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4 and conclude by 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel members will meet to review the NMFS Gulf of Mexico gag stock assessment that was prepared in October 1997. The RFSAP conducted a preliminary review of this assessment in October 1997, but was unable to complete the review due to insufficient time.

The RFSAP will also review a new Gulf of Mexico vermilion snapper stock assessment by NMFS, and will recommend a range of allowable

biological catch (ABC) to prevent overfishing from occurring. Vermilion snapper in the Gulf of Mexico were identified by NMFS in its September 1997 Report to Congress on the Status of Fisheries of the United States as a stock that is approaching an overfished condition. A stock is considered to be approaching an overfished condition if, based on trends in fishing effort, fishery resource size, and other appropriate factors, NMFS estimates that the fishery will become overfished within two years. As a result of this designation, the Council is required to take action within one year to prevent overfishing from occurring in the fishery.

In addition to reviewing the stock assessments, the RFSAP may review overfishing definitions and proxies for maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for gag and vermilion snapper, as required under the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Panel/Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by July 28, 1998.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Weather Service; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on the Strategic Network Plan

**AGENCY:** National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment on the Strategic Network Plan.

**SUMMARY:** The NWS is announcing its interest in obtaining public comments on its future networking plans.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted until September 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for a copy of the Strategic Network Plan should be made via the Internet at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/snp>. The following is the sequence of steps: access the Internet at the above address; register your organization as directed at the Internet site; receive a password from the NWS; review the Strategic Network Plan; submit your comments via the Internet to [michael.sikorski@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.sikorski@noaa.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael T. Sikorski at 301-713-1737x221.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Systems Operations of the NWS has recently completed a review of existing and planned NWS data communication networks and current and anticipated data distribution requirements and has developed a preliminary strategy for accomplishing future integration of these networks, including the central collection of radar data. The NWS is interested in obtaining outside comments on its networking plans for the future. Accordingly, interested parties are invited to review preliminary NWS plans and offer their views and suggestions on future networking directions that the NWS should consider.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

**John J. Kelly, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071498B]

#### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Mr. Dan Engelhaupt, 9195 Jamaica Beach, Galveston, TX 77554, has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of cetaceans for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before August 21, 1998.