

request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held at the earliest convenience of the parties. Case briefs from interested parties may be submitted not later than 63 days after the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 70 days after the date of publication. The Department will issue the final results of this new shipper administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such written comments or at a hearing, within 90 days of issuance of these preliminary results. Upon completion of this new shipper review, the Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service. The results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by this review and for future deposits of estimated duties.

Furthermore, upon completion of this review, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and § 351.214(e) of the Department's regulations, will no longer be permitted and, should the final results yield a margin of dumping, a cash deposit will be required for each entry of the merchandise.

If the final results should yield no margin of dumping for the six respondents noted above, then the Department will instruct the Customs Service to liquidate all entries of the subject merchandise during the POR both produced and exported by GREN, Haimeng, LABEF, Winhere and ZLAP, and subject merchandise exported by CNIM but manufactured by Hanling Casting Factory without regard to antidumping duties.

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this new shipper antidumping duty administrative review for all shipments of brake rotors from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for each reviewed company will be that established in the final results of this new shipper administrative review; (2) the cash deposit rate for PRC exporters who received a separate rate in the LTFV investigation will continue to be the rate assigned in that investigation; and (3) the cash deposit rate for all other PRC exporters will continue to be 43.32 percent, the PRC-wide rate established in the LTFV investigation.

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

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) 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 double antidumping duties.

This new shipper administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(2)(B)) and 19 CFR 351.214(d).

Dated: September 23, 1998.

Robert S. LaRossa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Reestablishment of the U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Reestablishment of the U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Having determined that the Committee's work continues to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law, the U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (APAC) was reestablished. The reestablishment of the APAC is in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and 41 CFR subpart 101-6.10 (1990), Federal Advisory Committee Management Rule.

The APAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce on June 6, 1989, to advise Department of Commerce officials on issues related to sales of U.S.-made auto parts to Japanese markets. It functions as an advisory body in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Authority for the APAC is contained in 15 U.S.C. 4704, as amended by section 510 of Pub. L. 103-236 (April 30, 1994).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Reck, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Trade Development,

Office of Automotive Affairs, (202) 482-1418.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

Henry P. Misisco,

Director, Office of Automotive Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number 980722187-8187-01]

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Upgrading of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Accreditation Manual

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: ASCLD/LAB has requested that the Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES) at NIST assist in upgrading its laboratory accreditation program to meet applicable international standards. ASCLD/LAB operates an accreditation program for crime laboratories, with members consisting of 139 domestic and 14 foreign laboratories. The work of performing laboratory audits and reviewing audit reports for accreditation is performed on a voluntary basis. The program includes criteria to judge the quality and performance of a crime laboratory and the operation of an evaluation program to identify those laboratories meeting ASCLD/LAB criteria. Accreditation is a tool to ensure that the laboratories' contributions to the criminal justice system are consistent, repeatable, and scientifically based. The current criteria and accreditation program consists of procedures prepared by members of the ASCLD/LAB based on their professional knowledge and experience in crime laboratory operations prior to the establishment of international standards. They must now be modified to conform to established world-wide accepted standards.

As part of the phenomena of globalization of markets, several international organizations have prepared generic criteria for competence of laboratory operations and for operating accreditation programs to measure laboratory competence. The International Organization for Standards (ISO) has prepared ISO Guide 25 General Requirements for the Competence of Calibration and Testing

Laboratories and ISO Guide 58 General Requirement for Operation and Recognition of Calibration and Testing Laboratory Accreditation Program. The International Laboratory Accreditation Conference (ILAC) has provided an international forum for national laboratory accreditation programs to meet and contribute to the ISO standards effort. The ISO and ILAC effort have produced an international consensus on what constitutes a competent laboratory and how an accreditation program to measure that competence should operate. The objective has been to promote world-wide acceptance of test reports from accredited laboratories. The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (that created the World Trade Organization which was adopted in the U.S. as the Trade Agreement Act of 1995) includes an obligation for governments to base technical regulations on such international standards when they exist. It also includes strong pressures for private organizations such as ASCLD/LAB to do as well.

DATES: Applicants must submit their proposals (an original and two (2) copies) to the address below no later than 5 pm Eastern Standard Time on October 30, 1998. The final award decision will be made no later than January 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Office of Law Enforcement Standards, NIST, Building 225, Room A323, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-0001, ATTENTION: Dr. Alim A. Fatah. The envelope should reflect, "Upgrading of ASCLD/LAB Accreditation Manual".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alim A. Fatah, (301) 975-2757 for technical questions and an application kit. For administrative questions concerning this notice may be directed to the NIST Grants Office at (301) 975-6329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards—11.609

Authority: 42 USC Sections 3721; 3722(c), (d); 3788(b), (c) and 15 USC Sections 272(b) (1), (2), (9); (c)(1), (2), (3), (19).

Program Objectives/Description: The primary objective of this solicitation is to provide financial assistance to an organization with expertise and a strong desire to upgrade the policies and procedures of the ASCLD/LAB to meet applicable international standards, in accordance with the ISO Guide 25 and ISO Guide 58 General Requirements. Proposals should cover the following:

1. Revised accreditation manual in accordance with ISO 25 and 58 guide Requirements;

2. A summarization of changes to the current practices;

3. Recommendations of the Operations Manual based on the ISO 58 Requirements;

4. Recommendations for the changes to the bylaws necessary to conform to the criteria of the ISO Guides 25 and 58; and

5. Recommendations for a transition plan to fully implement the new criteria and procedures.

Proposals should show the applicant's familiarity with ISO and past and current performance of these standards.

The vision of the OLES at the NIST is to apply science and technology to the needs of the criminal justice community, including law enforcement corrections, forensic science and fire service. While the primary focus is on the development of minimum performance standards, which are promulgated by the sponsoring agency as voluntary national standards. OLES also undertakes studies leading to new technology development and evaluations, new measuring science protocols, new standard reference materials and standard reference collections for application to the criminal justice system, and issuance of technical reports and user guidelines.

Eligibility: State, local, and tribal governments; colleges and universities; non-profit and for-profit (commercial) entities are eligible to apply.

Funding Availability and Type of Funding Instrument: Approximately \$40,000.00 for one (1) cooperative agreement award is available. NIST will be substantially involved in this activity by collaborating with the applicant who is selected by providing technical guidance, expertise and review of accomplishments during the award period.

Selection Process: Proposals will be reviewed according to the evaluation criteria below, by three (3) or more reviewers with expertise in the criminal justice field. The proposals will be ranked based on the reviewers' scores. The Selecting Official, who is the Director of OLES, will consider the evaluation criteria, the scores of the reviewers, and the cost in making the final award decision.

Evaluation Criteria: The criteria to be used in evaluating these proposals include:

1. The applicants' understanding of the technical approach demonstrating how they plan to meet the requirement of the solicitation. Key elements include the applicants' understanding of Forensic Crime Laboratory quality and accreditation issues. (10 points)

2. The applicants' past performance with inclusion of at least three (3) references from two (2) sources for similar services. At least one of the references shall include the understanding and familiarity with ISO guidelines for laboratory accreditation programs, specifically ISO Guide 25 and ISO Guide 58 and the ability to closely work with Forensic Technical and Professional Associations, such as ASCLD, ASCLD/LAB and American Association of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). (60 points)

3. One key person, the Project Manager, shall have the expertise in Forensic Crime Laboratory quality and accreditation issues and will have at least one year of experience.

Key qualifications include experience with ISO guidelines for laboratory accreditation programs, specifically ISO Guide 25 and ISO Guide 59. (30 points)

Technical approach is paramount, but cost will be considered in negotiating the award. In addition to submitting documents in hard-copy format, the applicant selected for the award will be encouraged to submit progress reports and other documents in electronic readable format (diskette or CD-ROM).

Award Period: It is NIST's intent to fund the cooperative agreement for a one (1) year period.

Matching Requirements: This program does not require matching funds.

Application Kit: An application kit, containing all of the required application forms and certifications is available by contacting Alim Fatah at (301) 975-2757. The application kit includes the following:

SF-424 (Rev 7/97) Application for Federal Assistance

SF-424A (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 Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying

SF-LLL-Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Standard Form 424 and other Standard Forms in the application kit are subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been approved by OMB under Control No. 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0043, and 0348-0046. The applicants must submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of all applications and proposals.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reductions Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Additional Requirements

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

1. **Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension:** Prospective participants (as defined in 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 institutions that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, appendix B.

5. *Lower-Tier Certifications*: Recipients shall require applicant/bidder institutions 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 the 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.

6. *Name Check Reviews*: All for-profit and non-profit applicants will be subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any 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.

Pre-award Activities: Applicants (or their institutions) 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 pre-award costs.

No Obligation for Future Funding: If an application is accepted for funding, DoC 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.

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.

Indirect Costs: No Federal funds will be authorized for Indirect Cost (IDC).

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

Federal Policies and Procedures: Recipients and subrecipients under the above grant program shall be subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to financial assistance awards. The above grant program does not directly affect any state or local government.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Executive Order Statement: This funding notice was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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COMMISSION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Meeting

AGENCY: Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

TIMES AND DATES:

Monday, October 5, 1998: 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

Tuesday, October 6, 1998: 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

Thursday, November 12, 1998: 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

Friday, November 13, 1998: 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

Tuesday, December 1, 1998: 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

Wednesday, December 2, 1998: 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

Hearing dates for 1999 have yet to be determined.

SUMMARY: The Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement was created by the Congress in section 806 of Pub. L. 104-132, more commonly known as the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996. Congress' charge to

the Commission is extremely broad and directs the Commission to "review, ascertain, evaluate, report and recommend" action to the Congress on a broad array of issues affecting federal law enforcement priorities for the 21st century. The Commission's report will include recommendations for administrative and legislative action that the Commission considers advisable on the issues it is evaluating. The Commission announces its hearing schedule, thereby notifying the general public of their opportunity to attend the hearings and to offer testimony. These public hearings are designed to give the Commission the considered views of those testifying to assist the Commission in the preparation of its report and to give interested parties the opportunity to present to the Commission information that these parties believe will assist the Commission in its task. The Commission will include in its study of the various federal law enforcement entities their respective functions, programs, responsibilities, and jurisdictions, along with questions involving their training, coordination, and their interaction with each other, as well as with state and local law enforcement bodies.

Date and Time: Monday, October 5, 1998; 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Tuesday, October 6, 1998; 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Location: The American Chemical Society (Othmer Hall), 1155 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Date and Time: Thursday, November 12, 1998; 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Friday, November 13, 1998; 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Location: To be determined.

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 1, 1998; 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Wednesday, December 2, 1998; 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Location: To be determined.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carmelita Pratt, Administrative Officer, Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement, 1615 M Street, NW., Suite 240, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone (202) 634-6501. Facsimile: (202) 634-6038.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement was established by Pub. L. 104-132, dated April 24, 1996.

Carmelita Pratt,

Administrative Officer.

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