

The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodities and service are hereby added to the Procurement List:

#### Commodities

Tape, Measuring

5210-00-086-4988

5210-00-182-4797

5210-00-150-2920

#### Services

Janitorial/Custodial, Army Research Laboratory (ARL), Adelphi Laboratory Center (ALC), 2800 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Maryland

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

#### Deletions

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on future contractors for the commodities.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities deleted from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the commodities listed

below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Accordingly, the following commodities are hereby deleted from the Procurement List:

Cleaner, Tobacco Pipe

M.R. 204

Stool

P.S. #127-A

P.S. #127-B

P.S. #127-C

P.S. #127-D

Pad, Typewriter

7510-00-849-1137

7510-00-530-6412

7510-00-257-2576

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Survey of U.S. Chemical Industry To Assist in Compliance Activities Regarding Certain Provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 5, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental 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 Dawn Battle, Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW, room 6877, Washington, DC, 20230 (telephone number (202) 482-0637).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Abstract

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is a multilateral arms control treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons (CW). The CWC was signed by the United States in Paris on January 13, 1993, and was submitted by President Clinton to the United States Senate on November 23, 1993, for its advice and consent to ratification. The CWC prohibits, *inter alia*, the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons.

The information that will be collected by this survey is necessary in order to assist efforts by U.S. government officials to ensure that the U.S. is and will be in compliance with certain provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Treaty.

The CWC, after enactment of U.S. implementing legislation and promulgation of appropriate agency regulations, prohibits all individuals and legal entities (e.g. corporations) within the U.S., as well as all individuals outside the U.S. possessing U.S. citizenship, from engaging in activities prohibited under the Convention.

The proposed new information collection by BXA will attempt to survey, by telephone, private companies either known or suspected to have activities involving Schedule 1 chemicals. The additional data obtained from the proposed survey will enable BXA to determine whether the information collection activities already approved by OMB are all that are needed, for the time being, to monitor U.S. compliance with the 1 metric ton limit.

BXA intends to use the CWC Schedule 1 chemical survey to obtain data from those U.S. facilities that are believed to be engaged in the production, acquisition, stockpiling, transfer, or use of chemicals listed in Schedule 1 of the CWC. The facilities that are asked to participate in the survey will be requested to respond, regardless of the amount of Schedule 1 chemicals that they produce, acquire, stockpile, transfer, or use.

BXA will use the data obtained from the survey, as well as data obtained from other sources, in order to determine whether or not it needs to impose additional information collection burdens on the U.S. chemical industry in order to accurately determine U.S. compliance with Part VI.A.2 of the Annex on Implementation and Verification of the CWC, which limits the aggregate amount of Schedule

1 chemicals that may be produced, acquired, retained, transferred, or used by any state party in a single calendar year to 1 metric ton (i.e. 1 million grams).

## II. Method of Collection

Telephone survey.

## III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Submission for new collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,800 for respondents time (no capital expenditures required).

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 30, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 980930252-8252-01]

### Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT)

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces availability of funds for the Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT), for training business executives and scientists (also referred to as "interns") from the NIS. The Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA) established the SABIT program in September 1990 to assist the former Soviet Union's transition to a market economy. Since that time, SABIT has been matching business executives and scientists from the NIS with U.S. firms which provide them with three to six months of hands-on training in a U.S. market economy.

Under the SABIT program, qualified U.S. firms will receive funds through a cooperative agreement with ITA to help defray the cost of hosting interns. ITA will interview and recommend eligible interns to participating companies. Interns may be from any of the following Independent States: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. The U.S. firms will be expected to provide the interns with a hands-on, non-academic, executive training program designed to maximize their exposure to management or commercially-oriented scientific operations. At the end of the training program, interns must return to the NIS.

**DATES:** The closing date for applications is January 29, 1999. An original and two copies of the application (Standard Form 424 (Rev. 4-92) and supplemental material) are to be sent to the address designated in the Application Kit and postmarked no later than the closing date. Applications will be considered on a "rolling" basis as they are received, subject to the availability of funds. If available funds are depleted prior to the closing date, a notice to that effect will be published in the **Federal Register**. Processing of complete applications takes approximately two to three months. All awards are expected to be made by May 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Request for Applications: Competitive Application kits will be available from ITA starting on the day this notice is published. To obtain a copy of the Application Kit please E-mail: [sabitapply@usita.gov](mailto:sabitapply@usita.gov) (please state which format, e.g. WordPerfect© 6.1), telephone (202) 482-0073, facsimile (202) 482-2443 (these are not toll free numbers), or send a written request with two self-addressed mailing labels to Application Request, The SABIT Program, HCHB Room 3319, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230. Only one copy

of the Application Kit will be provided to each organization requesting it, but it may be reproduced by the requester.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Liesel C. Duhon, Director, SABIT Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, phone—(202) 482-0073, facsimile—(202) 482-2443. These are not toll free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SABIT exposes NIS business managers and scientists to a completely new way of thinking in which demand, consumer satisfaction, and profits drive production. Senior-level interns visiting the U.S. for internship programs with public or private sector companies will be exposed to an environment which will provide them with practical knowledge for transforming their countries' enterprises and economies to the free market. The program provides first-hand, eye-opening experience to managers and scientists which cannot be duplicated by American managers traveling to their territories.

**Managers:** SABIT assists economic restructuring in the NIS by providing top-level business managers with practical training in American methods of innovation and management in such areas as strategic planning, financing, production, distribution, marketing, accounting, wholesaling, and labor relations. This first-hand experience in the U.S. economy enables interns to become leaders in establishing and operating a market economy in the NIS, and creates a unique opportunity for U.S. firms to familiarize key executives from the NIS with their products and services. Sponsoring U.S. firms will benefit by establishing relationships with key managers in similar industries who are uniquely positioned to assist their U.S. sponsors do business in the Independent States.

**Scientists:** SABIT provides opportunities for gifted scientists to apply their skills to peaceful research and development in the civilian sector, in areas such as defense conversion, medical research, and the environment, and exposes them to the role of scientific research in a market economy where applicability of research relates to business success. Sponsoring firms in the U.S. scientific community also benefit from exchanging information and ideas, and different approaches to new technologies.

The Special American Business Internship Training program's Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFA) number is 11.114.

**Funding Availability:** Pursuant to section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act")