

VI. PENDING ANTICIRCUMVENTION INQUIRIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997

Country: Mexico

A-201-805 *Certain Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe*

Allied Tube & Conduit Corp., Sawhill Tubular Division of Tex-Tube Co., Century Tube Corp., Laclede Steel Co., LTV Tubular Products Co., Sharon Tube Co., Western Tube & Conduit Co., Wheatland Tube Co., and CSI Tubular Products, Inc. (Petitioners)—

Anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether imports of: (i) Pipe certified to the American Petroleum Institute (API) 5L line pipe specifications (API 5L or line pipe), and (ii) pipe certified to both the API 5L line pipe specifications and the less stringent American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A-53 standard pipe specifications (dual certified pipe), falling within the physical dimensions outlined in the scope of the order, are circumventing the antidumping duty order.

Country: United Kingdom

A-412-810 *Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products*

C-412-811 *Inland Steel Bar Company and USS/Kobe Steel Company* (Petitioners)—Anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether British Steel PLC is circumventing the order by shipping leaded steel billets to the United States, where they are converted into the hot-rolled carbon steel products covered by the order.

Country: Germany

A-428-811 *Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products*

C-429-812 *Inland Steel Bar Company and USS/Kobe Steel Company* (Petitioners)—Anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether Saerstahl A.G. and Thyssen s Stahl A.G. are circumventing the order by shipping leaded steel billets to the United States, where they are converted into the hot-rolled carbon steel products covered by the order.

Country: Italy

A-475-818 *Certain Pasta*

Borden, Inc., Hershey Foods Corp., Gooch Foods, Inc. (Petitioners)—Anticircumvention inquiry to determine whether Barilla S.r.L. (Barilla) is importing pasta in the United States in bulk (defined as packages of greater than five pounds) and repackaging the pasta into packages of five pounds or less for sale in the retail market; and whether such repackaging constitutes

circumvention of the antidumping duty order.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the accuracy of the list of pending scope clarification requests. Any comments should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: February 4, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 971201285-7285-01]

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Precision Measurement Grants

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is continuing a program of research grants, formally titled Precision Measurement Grants, to faculty members of U.S. universities or colleges for significant, primarily experimental research in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants. Applicants must submit an abbreviated proposal for preliminary screening. Based on the merit of the abbreviated proposal, applicants will be advised whether a full proposal should be submitted.

DATES: Abbreviated proposals must be received at the address listed above below no later than 5 p.m. EST March 12, 1998. The semi-finalists will be notified of their status by Monday, March 23, 1998, and will be requested to submit their full proposals to NIST by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 8, 1998. Selection of the awards will be made by Friday, August 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applicants are requested to submit an abbreviated proposal (original and two (2) signed copies), using Standards Form 424 (Rev. 4/92) with a description of their proposed work of no more than five (5) double spaced pages. Standard Form 424A(4-92) and 424B(4-92) are also required. Copies should be

sent to the following: Dr. Barry N. Taylor, Chairman, NIST Precision Measurement Grants Committee, Bldg. 225, Rm. B161, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions concerning the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Programs may be directed to the above address or to Dr. Taylor at 301-975-4220. Prospective applicants with general questions may contact Dr. Taylor before preparing their abbreviated proposal. Specific inquiries as to the usefulness or merit of any particular project, or other specific inquiries that deal with evaluation criteria, can potentially impede the competitive selection process and, therefore, cannot be answered.

Administrative questions concerning the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program may be directed to the Grants Office at 301-975-6329. Written inquiries should be forwarded to the following address: Grants Office, Acquisition and Assistance Division, Building 301/Room B129, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number

Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards 11.609

Authority

As authorized by Section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1901 as amended (15 U.S.C. 272(b)(2) and (c)(3)), NIST conducts directly, and supports through grants and cooperative agreement, a basic and applied research program in the general area of fundamental measurement and the determination of fundamental constants of nature. The annual budget for Precision Measurement Grants is approximately \$300,000. The annual awards must have scopes of work that are clearly severable that can be easily separated into annual increments of meaningful work which represent solid accomplishments if prospective funding is not made available to the Applicant. Because of commitments for supporting multi-year programs, only a portion of the budget is available to initiate new program in any one year. The issuance of awards is contingent upon availability of funding. As part of this research program since 1970, NIST has awarded Precision Measurement Grants to faculty members of U.S. universities and colleges for significant, primarily experimental research in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants.

Award Period

NIST is now accepting applications for two new grants in the amount of \$50,000 per year to be awarded for the period October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999 (fiscal year 1999). Each grant may be renewed for up to two additional years; however, future or continued funding will be at the discretion of NIST based on such factors as satisfactory performance and the availability of funds.

Program Description

NIST sponsors these grants to encourage basic, measurement-related research in U.S. universities and colleges and to foster contacts between NIST scientists and those faculty members of U.S. academic institutions who are actively engaged in such work. The Precision Measurement Grants are also intended to make it possible for such faculty members to pursue new, fundamental measurement ideas for which other sources of support may be difficult to find.

Matching Requirements

The Precision Measurement Grants Program does not involve the payment of any matching funds and does not directly affect any state or local government.

Research Topics

There is some latitude in the kind of research projects that will be considered for support under the Precision Measurement Grants Program. The key requirement is that they are consistent with NIST's mission in the field of basic measurement science, for example.

1. Experimental and theoretical studies of fundamental physical phenomena which test the basic laws of physics or which may lead to new or improved fundamental measurement methods and standards.

2. The determination of important fundamental physical constants.

3. The development of new standards for physical measurement of the highest possible precision and accuracy.

In general, proposals for experimental research will be given preference over proposals for theoretical research because of the greater expense of experimental work. Proposals from workers at the assistant and associate professor level who have some record of accomplishment are especially encouraged in view of the comparative difficulty aspiring researchers have in obtaining funds.

Typical projects which have been funded through the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program include:

- "Fine-Structure constant determination using precision Stark spectroscopy," Michael G. Littman, Princeton University.
- "Eötös experiment-cryogenic version," D.F. Bartlett, University of Colorado.
- "A test of local Lorentz invariance using polarized ^{21}Ne nuclei," T.E. Chupp, Harvard University.
- "A new method to search for an electric dipole moment of the electron," L.R. Hunder, Amherst College.
- "High precision timing of millisecond pulsars," D.R. Stinebring, Princeton University.
- "Precision optical spectroscopy of positronium," S. Chu, Stanford University.
- "Spectroscopy of Francium: Towards a precise parity non-conservation measurement in a laser trap," L. Orozco, State University of New York at Stony Brook.
- "Measurement of the magnetically-induced birefringence of the vacuum," S.A. Lee, Colorado State University.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants under the Precision Measurement Grants Program are limited to U.S. universities and colleges.

Selection Procedure

To simplify the proposal writing and evaluation process, the following selection procedure will be used:

On the basis of the abbreviated proposals, four to eight semifinalist candidates will be selected by the NIST Precision Measurements Grants Committee and the Outside Review Committee and requested to submit full proposals. The same committees will evaluate the detailed proposals and, on the basis of their evaluation, the two grantees for fiscal year 1999 will be selected.

Evaluation Criteria

The criteria to be used in evaluating the preapplication proposals and full proposals include:

1. Importance of the proposed research to science—does it have the potential of answering some currently pressing question or of opening up a whole new area of activity?
2. The relationship of the proposed research to measurement science—is there a possibility that it will lead to a new or improved fundamental measurement method or to a better understanding of important, but already existing, measurement methods or physical standards?
3. The feasibility of the research—is it likely that significant progress can be made in a three year time period with the funds and personnel available?

4. The past accomplishments of the applicant—is the quality of the research previously carried out by the prospective grantee such that there is a high probability that the proposed research will be successfully carried out?

Each of these factors is given equal weight in the selection process.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and LLL mentioned in this notice are subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) and have been cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision 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 PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Application Kit

An application kit, containing all required application forms and certifications, is available by calling Michelle Hane, NIST Precision Measurement Grants Committee, 301-975-4397. An application kit includes the following:

- SF-424* (Rev 4/92)—Application for Federal Assistance
- SF-424A* (Rev 4/92)—Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs
- SF-424B* (Rev 4/92)—Assurances—Non-Construction Programs
- CD-511* (7/91)—Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying
- CD-512* (7/91)—Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying
- SF-LLL*—Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Additional Requirements

Past Performance

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

Preaward Activities

Applicants that incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Applicants are also hereby notified that, notwithstanding

any verbal assurance that they may have received, there is no obligation on the part of DoC to cover pre-award costs.

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 must be 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; and

4. *Anti-Lobbying Disclosure.* Any applicant that has been 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.* Grant 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 DoC. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DoC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

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.

Executive Order Statement

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

False Statements

Applicants are reminded that a false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by 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.

No Obligation for Future Funding

In 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, increased funding, or extending the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Federal Policies and Procedures

Recipients and subrecipients under the Precision Measurement Grants Program are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Departmental policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards. The Precision Measurement Grants Program does not directly affect any state or local government. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Buy American-Made Equipment or 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.

Dated: February, 4, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020298C]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of reports; notice of public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has begun its annual preseason management process for the 1998 ocean salmon fisheries. This notice announces the availability of Council documents and the dates and locations of Council meetings and public hearings. These actions comprise the complete schedule of events followed by the Council for determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon management measures.

DATES: Written comments on the season options must be received by April 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201; telephone: (503) 326-6352. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times, and locations of public meetings and hearings.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Coon, Salmon Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: