

regimes. He will also meet with resident American business representatives.

Criteria for Participation of Companies

The recruitment and selection of private sector participants for these missions will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy governing Department of Commerce-led trade missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997. Participants will be selected separately for each mission and applicants should complete and submit an application for each mission. Approximately 10–15 companies will be selected for each mission. Companies may apply for the one or both of the missions. Selection for one mission does not confer priority for selection for the other mission.

Eligibility

Participating companies must be incorporated in the United States. A company is eligible to participate only if the products and/or services that it will promote (a) are manufactured or produced in the United States; or (b) if manufactured or produced outside the United States, are marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished good or service. (At the discretion of the Department, which will generally be exercised on a mission-specific and sector-by-sector basis, the 51 percent U.S. content requirement may be modified or waived.)

Selection Criteria

Companies will be selected for participation on each mission on the basis of:

- Level of seniority of designated company representatives and appropriateness of the company to the mission objectives;
- Relevance of a company's business and product line to the sectors identified below;
- Past, present, and prospective business activity in the region; and
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business.

In addition, the Department may consider whether the company's overall business objectives, including those of any U.S. or overseas affiliates, are fully consistent with the mission's foreign and commercial policy objectives.

Companies for the Egypt, Israel, Gaza/ West Bank, and Jordan business development mission will be drawn from several sectors including, but not limited to:

- Information technology, including computer hardware, software development, and telecommunications;
- Environmental technologies, including waste treatment and water development;
- Agribusiness and food processing, farm machinery, fertilizers;
- Tourism, including hotel construction and management, resort development, and entertainment;
- Insurance and banking;
- Medical services and equipment; and
- Franchising.

Companies for the Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates business development mission will be drawn from several sectors, including, but not limited to:

- Energy, including power generation, and oil and gas exploration and development;
- Information technology, including computer hardware, software development, and telecommunications;
- Environmental technologies;
- Agribusiness; and
- Medical services and equipment.

An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process.

Time Frame For Applications

Applications for the Middle East trade missions will be made available beginning on or about July 13, 1999. Companies/participants may apply to one or both trade missions, however, separate applications will be required for each trade mission. The fees to participate in these missions have not yet been determined. The fees will not cover travel or lodging expenses. For additional information on these trade missions or to obtain an application for either or both, business persons should be referred to Lucie Naphin, Director of the Office of Business Liaison, or Jennifer Andberg, Office of Business Liaison, at 202–482–1360. Applications should be submitted to Lucie Naphin by August 18, 1999, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: July 7, 1999.

Thomas Parker,

Director, Office of the Near East, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Notice 2]

National Fire Codes: Request for Proposals for Revision of Codes and Standards

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is publishing this notice for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a public service. NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) proposes to revise some of its fire safety codes and standards and requests proposals from the public to amend existing NFPA fire safety codes and standards. The purpose of this request is to increase public participation in the system used by NFPA to develop its codes and standards.

DATES: Interested persons may submit proposals on or before the dates listed with the standards.

ADDRESSES: Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269–9101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, at the above address, (617) 770–3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NFPA develops fire safety codes and standards which are known collectively as the "National Fire Codes." Federal agencies frequently use these codes and standards as the basis for developing Federal regulations concerning fire safety. Often, the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference of these standards under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51.

Request for Proposals

Interested persons may submit amendments, supported by written data, views, or arguments to Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council NFPA, at the above address. Proposals should be submitted on forms available from the NFPA Codes and Standards Administration Office at the same address.

Each person must include his or her name and address, identify the document and give reasons for the proposal. Proposals received before or by 5:00 PM local time on the closing date indicated will be acted on by the Committee. The NFPA will consider any proposal that it receives on or before the date listed with the code or standard.

At a later date, each NFPA Technical Committee will issue a report which

will include a copy of written proposals that the Committee has received and an account of their disposition by the Committee. Each person who has submitted a written proposal will receive a copy of the report.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272.

Dated: July 6, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director.

NFPA No.	Title	Proposal closing date
15	Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection	01/07/00
17	Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems	01/05/01
17A	Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems	01/05/01
18	Standard on Wetting Agents	06/30/00
25	Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems	06/30/00
31	Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment	07/02/99
36	Standard for Solvent Extraction Plants	07/02/99
50	Standard for Bulk Oxygen Systems at Consumer Sites	07/02/99
51	Standard for the Design and Installation of Oxygen-Fuel Gas Systems for Welding, Cutting, and Allied Processes.	06/30/00
51A	Standard for Acetylene Cylinder Charging Plants	07/02/99
51B	Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting, and Other Hot Work	06/30/00
55	Standard for the Storage, Use, and Handling of Compressed and Liquefied Gases in Portable Cylinders	07/06/01
58	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code	07/02/99
59	Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants	07/02/99
61	Standard for the Prevention of Fires and Dust Explosions in Agricultural and Food Products Facilities	01/05/01
68	Guide for Venting of Deflagrations	07/02/99
70	National Electrical Code	11/05/99
72	National Fire Alarm Code	11/03/00
75	Standard for the Protection of Electronic Computer/Data Processing Equipment	06/30/00
76	Standard for the Protection of Telecommunications Facilities	07/30/99
80	Standard for Fire Doors and Fire Windows	06/30/00
85	Combustion Systems Hazards Code	07/02/99
96	Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations	10/07/00
97	Standard Glossary of Terms Relating to Chimneys, Vents and Heat-Producing Appliances	07/06/01
101A	Guide on Alternative Approaches to Life Safety	07/02/99
105	Recommended Practice for the Installation of Smoke-Control Door Assemblies	07/02/99
160	Standard for the Flame Effects before an Audience	07/02/99
211	Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances	07/06/01
258	Standard Research Test Method for Determining Smoke Generation of Solid Materials	07/02/99
284	Standard Test Method for Mattresses for Correctional Occupancies	07/02/99
287	Standard Methods of Tests for Measurement of Material Flammability Using the Fire Propagation Apparatus.	07/02/99
306	Standard for the Control of Gas Hazards on Vessels	01/07/00
407	Standard for Aircraft Fuel Servicing	01/07/00
471	Recommended Practice for Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents	06/30/00
472	Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents	06/30/00
473	Standard for Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents	06/30/00
502	Standard for Road Tunnels, Bridges, and Other Limited Access Highways	01/07/00
505	Fire Safety Standard for Powered Industrial Trucks Including Type Designations, Areas of Use, Conversions, Maintenance, and Operation.	01/05/01
513	Standard for Motor Freight Terminals	01/07/00
560	Standard for the Storage, Handling, and Use of Ethylene Oxide for Sterilization and Fumigation	01/07/00
664	Standard for the Prevention of Fires and Explosions in Wood Processing and Woodworking Facilities	01/07/00
704	Standard System for the Identification of the Fire Hazards of Materials for Emergency Response	01/07/00
750	Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems	07/06/01
804	Standard for Fire Protection for Advanced Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants	07/02/99
901	Standard Classifications for Incident Reporting and Fire Protection Data	07/02/99
909	Standard for the Protection of Cultural Resources	07/02/99
914	Recommended Practice for Fire Protection in Historic Structures	07/02/99
1081	Standard for Industrial Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications	01/07/00
1126	Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience	07/02/99
1192	Standard on Recreational Vehicles	06/30/00
1194	Standard for Recreational Vehicles Parks and Campgrounds	06/30/00
1401	Recommended Practice for Fire Service Training Reports and Records	07/02/99
1404	Standard for a Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program	07/02/99
1405	Guide for Land-Based Fire Fighters Who Respond to Marine Vessel Fires	07/02/99
8501	Standard for Single Burner Boiler Operation	07/02/99
8502	Standard for Prevention of Furnace Explosions/Implosions in Multiple Burner Boilers	07/02/99
8503	Standard for Pulverized Fuel Systems	07/02/99

NFPA No.	Title	Proposal closing date
8504	Standard on Atmospheric Fluidized-Bed Boiler Operation	07/02/99
8505	Standard for Stoker Operation	07/02/99
8506	Standard on Heat Recovery Steam Generators Systems	07/02/99

*P Proposed NEW drafts are available from the NFPA Codes and Standards Administration, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Notice 1]

National Fire Codes: Request for Comments on NFPA Technical Committee Reports

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is publishing this notice for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a public service. NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

The NFPA revises existing standards and adopts new standards twice a year. At its November meeting or its May meeting, the NFPA acts on recommendations made by its technical committees. The purpose of this notice is to request comments on technical committee reports which will be presented at NFPA's May 2000 Meeting.

DATES: Forty reports appear in the 2000 May Meeting Report on Proposals which becomes available on July 30, 1999. Comments received on or before

October 8, 1999, will be considered by the respective NFPA committees before final action is taken on the proposals.

ADDRESSES: The "2000 May Meeting Report on Proposals" is available from NFPA, Fulfillment Center, 11 Tracy Drive, Avon, MA 02322. Comments on the technical committee reports should be submitted to Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, at the above address, (617) 770-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Standards developed by NFPA technical committees have been used by various Federal agencies as the basis for Federal regulations concerning fire safety. The NFPA codes and standards are known collectively as the "National Fire Codes." Often, the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference of these standards under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51.

Revisions of existing standards and adoption of new standards are reported by NFPA technical committees at the NFPA November meeting or at the May meeting each year. The NFPA invites public comment on its technical committee reports contained in the

"2000 May Meeting Report on Proposals."

Request for Comments

Interested persons may participate in these revisions by submitting written data, views, or arguments to Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

Commenters may use the forms provided for comments in the "2000 May Meeting Report on Proposals." Each person submitting a comment should include his or her name and address, identify the notice, and give reasons for any recommendations. Comments received on or before October 8, 1999 will be considered by the NFPA before final action is taken on the proposals.

Copies of all written comments received and the disposition of those comments by the NFPA committees will be published as the "2000 May Meeting Report on Comments" by March 31, 2000, prior to the May Meeting. A copy of this report will be sent automatically to each commenter. Action on the reports of the NFPA technical committees (adoption or rejection) will be taken at the May Meeting, May 14-18, 2000 in Denver, Colorado, by NFPA members.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272.

Dated: July 6, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director.

REPORT ON PROPOSALS

Doc.	Title	Action
30	Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code	P
30A	Automotive and Marine Service Station Code	P
32	Standard for Drycleaning Plants	C
33	Standard for Spray Application Using Flammable or Combustible Materials	P
34	Standard for Dipping and Coating Processes Using Flammable or Combustible Liquids	P
45	Standard on Fire Protection for Laboratories Using Chemicals	C
73	Residential Electrical Maintenance Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings	P
77	Recommended Practice on Static Electricity	C
92A	Recommended Practice for Smoke-Control Systems	C
92B	Guide for Smoke Management Systems in Malls, Atria, and Large Areas	C
122	Standard for Fire Prevention and Control in Underground Metal and Nonmetal Mines	R
150	Standard on Fire Safety in Racetrack Stables	P
203	Guide on Roof Coverings and Roof Deck Constructions	P
214	Standard on Water-Cooling Towers	P
221	Standard for Fire Walls and Fire Barrier Walls	P
231D	Standard for Storage of Rubber Tires	W
232	Standard for the Protection of Records	C
232A	Guide for Fire Protection for Archives and Records Centers	W