

IV. Request for Comments

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Dated: March 15, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031601C]

South Pacific Tuna Fisheries

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should

be directed to Svein Fougner, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802, telephone 562-980-4040, (or via Internet at: svein.fougner@noaa.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

United States participation in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) results in certain recordkeeping requirements for U.S. fishermen who fish in the IATTC's area of management responsibility. These fishermen must maintain a log of all operations conducted from the fishing vessel, including the date, noon position, and the tonnage of fish aboard the vessel, by species. The logbook form provided by the IATTC is universally used by U.S. fishermen to meet this recordkeeping requirement, as permitted by the regulations. Information in the logbooks includes areas of operation and catch and effort by area. Logbook data are used in stock assessments and other research concerning the fishery. If the data were not collected or if erroneous data were provided, the IATTC assessments would likely be incorrect and there would be an increased risk of overfishing or inadequate management of the fishery.

II. Method of Collection

Vessel operators maintain bridge logs on a daily basis, and the forms are collected by the IATTC at the completion of each trip. The data are processed by the IATTC.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0148.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 352.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 001215353-1057-02]

RIN 0660-ZA14

Public Telecommunications Facilities Program: Closing Date

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce, announces the solicitation of applications for a grant for the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program. Applications for the PEACESAT Program grant will compete for funds from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. Applicants should refer to the announcement regarding the submission of applications for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) which is also funded from this account, and which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80709).

Applicants for grants for the PEACESAT Program must file their applications on or before April 23, 2001. NTIA anticipates making the grant award by September 30, 2001. NTIA shall not be liable for any proposal preparation costs.

DATES: Applications for the PEACESAT Program grant must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2001. Applicants sending applications by the United States Postal Service or

commercial delivery services must ensure that the carrier will be able to guarantee delivery of the application by the Closing Date and Time. NTIA will not accept mail delivery of applications posted on the Closing Date or later and received after the above deadline. However, if an application is received after the Closing Date due to (1) carrier error, when the carrier accepted the package with a guarantee for delivery by the Closing Date, or (2) significant weather delays or natural disasters, NTIA will, upon receipt of proper documentation, consider the application as having been received by the deadline. Applicants submitting applications by hand delivery are notified that, due to security procedures in the Department of Commerce, all packages must be cleared by the Department's security office. The security office is located in Room 1874, located at Entrance No. 10 on the 15th St. N.W. side of the building.

ADDRESSES: To submit completed applications, or send any other correspondence, write to: NTIA/PTFP, Room H-4625, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Cooperman, Director, Public Broadcasting Division, telephone: (202) 482-5802; fax: (202) 482-2156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Application Forms and Requirements

Funding for the PEACESAT Program is provided pursuant to Public Law 106-553, the "Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001" and Public Law 106-113, "The Consolidated Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2000." Public Law 106-113 provides "That, hereafter, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program is eligible to compete for Public Broadcasting Facilities, Planning and Construction funds." The PEACESAT Program was authorized under P.L. 100-584 (102 Stat. 2970) and also P. L. 101-555 (104 Stat. 2758) to acquire satellite communications services to provide educational, medical, and cultural needs of Pacific Basin communities. The PEACESAT Program has been operational since 1971 and has received funding from NTIA for support of the project since 1988.

Public Law 106-553 appropriated \$43.5 million for this account to be awarded for Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) grants and for

PEACESAT Program grants. The solicitation notice for the PTFP Program was published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80709). Applications submitted in response to this solicitation for PEACESAT applications are not subject to the requirements of the December 21, 2000 Notice and are exempt from the PTFP regulations at 15 CFR part 2301. NTIA anticipates making a single award for approximately \$475,000 for the PEACESAT Program in FY2001.

NTIA requests that each applicant for a PEACESAT Program grant supply one (1) original signed application and five (5) copies, unless doing so would present a financial hardship, in which case the applicant may submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of the application. The application form consists of the Standard Form 424 Application for Federal Assistance; Standard Form 424A Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs; Standard Form 424 B, Assurances; Standard Form CD-511 Certification; and Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable). These requirements are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040 and 0348-0046.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), unless that collection displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Eligible applicants will include any for-profit or non-profit organization, public or private entity, other than an agency or division of the Federal government. Individuals are not eligible to apply for the PEACESAT Program funds.

Grant recipients under this program will not be required to provide matching funds toward the total project cost.

The costs allowable under this Notice are not subject to the limitation on costs contained in the December 21, 2000 Notice regarding the PTFP Program.

II. Administrative Requirements; Scope of Project and Eligible Costs; Evaluation and Selection Process

Public Law 106-553 was enacted December 21, 2000. Public Law 106-553 appropriated funds to the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. Pursuant to Public Law 106-113 the Pan-Pacific

Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program can compete for funds from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. Funds appropriated to the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account do not carry fiscal year limitations. A notice published on March 16, 1999 set forth the scope of the project and eligible costs, and a description of the evaluation and selection process for applications for the PEACESAT Program. Since funds for the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account are available without limitations, the administrative requirements; scope of project and eligible costs criteria; and evaluation and selection process criteria set forth in the March 16, 1999 notice apply to the 1999 PEACESAT program and to all subsequent years. A copy of the March 16, 1999 Notice is available to potential applicants from NTIA at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section and is also available on the INTERNET at www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/peacesat/peacesat.html. If, in the future, NTIA changes the administrative requirements; the scope of project and eligible costs criteria; or the evaluation and selection process criteria, a new notice will be published containing the new criteria and requirements.

III. Project Period

Any project awarded pursuant to this notice will be for a one-year period.

Authority: Pub. L. 106-553 the "Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001" and Pub. L. 106-113, "The Consolidated Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2000."

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Joint Mission Architectures will meet in The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. on March 30, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive briefings and discuss the direction of the study. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance