

Dated at Washington, DC, March 30, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Nevada Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Nevada State Advisory Committee in the Western Region will convene at 10 a.m. (P.d.t.) and adjourn at 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 7, 2004. The purpose of the conference call is to discuss the status of the civil rights project being considered by the State Advisory Committee.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-800-659-8294, access code number 23186014. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the provided call-in number or over wireless lines and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and access code.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Thomas Pilla of the Western Regional Office, (213) 894-3437, by 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2004.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, April 12, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under

provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Report of Requests for Restrictive Trade Practice or Boycott, Single or Multiple Transactions.

Agency Form Number: 621P, 6051P, 6051P-a.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0012.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Burden: 1,371 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 67 minutes per response.

Number of Respondents: 1,243 respondents.

Needs and Uses: Used to carefully and accurately monitor requests for participation in foreign boycotts against countries friendly to the U.S. which are received by U.S. persons. Used to note trends in such boycott activity and to assist in carrying out U.S. policy of opposition to such boycotts.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: April 9, 2004.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No. 991215339-3300-09]

University Center (UC) Program

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA) Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for proposals.

SUMMARY: EDA is soliciting competition proposals for FY 2004 University Center

funding in the areas served by its Denver and Austin regional offices. EDA's mission is to help our partners across the Nation create wealth and minimize poverty by promoting a favorable business involvement to attract private capital investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs through world-class capacity-building, planning, infrastructure, research grants and strategic initiatives. With funding from EDA, institutions of higher education establish and operate University Centers, which provide technical assistance to public and private sector organizations with the goal of enhancing local economic development. EDA has traditionally renewed an award to a University Center on an annual basis as long as it maintained a satisfactory level of performance and Congress appropriated funds for the program. With the competition announced in this notice for University Centers in the regions served by EDA's Austin and Denver regional offices, EDA is beginning to phase in competition for University Center funding.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the appropriate EDA regional office by 5 p.m. local time on Friday, May 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: For proponents in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, please send proposals to: Economic Development Administration, Austin Regional Office, 327 Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-381-8144.

For proponents in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming, please send proposals to: Economic Development Administration, Denver Regional Office, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Room 670, Denver, Colorado 80204, 303-844-4715.

Full text of the Federal Funding Opportunity announcement can be accessed at EDA's Web site, <http://www.eda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or a copy of the Federal Funding Opportunity announcement for this request for proposals, contact the appropriate EDA regional office listed above in the **ADDRESSES** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: EDA is not currently able to accept electronic submission of proposal packages. However, the full funding opportunity announcement for the FY 2004 University Center competition is available through EDA's Web site, <http://www.eda.gov>, and through Grants.gov at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Funding Availability: The amount of University Center funding available through this announcement for competition in FY 2004 is \$795,217 in the Denver regional office and \$978,502 in the Austin regional office. Anticipated annual awards for University Centers under the FY 2004 competition are in the \$75,000 to \$200,000 range. Regional offices may, however, choose to fund proposals under this competition outside that range.

Statutory Authority: Pub. L. 89-136, as amended by Pub. L. 105-393, 42 U.S.C. 3121, *et seq.*

CFDA: 11.303, Economic Development—Technical Assistance.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants and eligible recipients of EDA financial assistance are defined at 13 CFR 300.2. For the University Center program, EDA considers all accredited institutions of higher education as eligible applicants.

For FY 2004 the University Center competition is open to eligible applicants in areas served by EDA's Denver regional office and Austin regional office. The Denver regional office serves the states of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. The Austin region serves the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Cost Sharing Requirements: Any institution of higher education seeking EDA funding under this announcement must provide financial support for its proposed University Center. Ordinarily, the proposed budget for the University Center is shared on a 50/50 basis between EDA and the applicant. The proposed budget may be shared on a 75/25 basis between EDA and the applicant if the project is not feasible without, and merits, a reduction or waiver of the non-Federal share.

In addition, a project is eligible for a supplemental grant increasing the Federal share up to and including 75 percent when the applicant is able to demonstrate that:

(1) It cannot provide the higher match because there is a lack of available non-Federal resources due, for instance, to the pressing demand for its use elsewhere;

(2) the project is addressing major causes of distress in the area to be served and requires the unique characteristics of the applicant, which will not participate if it must provide all or part of a 50 percent non-Federal share; or

(3) The project is for the benefit of local, State, regional or national economic development efforts and will

be of no or only incidental benefit to the recipient. See 13 CFR 307.7(c).

Funds from other Federal awards may not be considered matching funds. The nature of contribution (cash versus in-kind) and the amount of matching funds will be taken into consideration in the review process. Cash contributions are preferred.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Evaluation and Selection Procedures: EDA's Denver and Austin regional offices will conduct an initial administrative and technical review of each proposal package to determine its completeness and compliance with the requirements.

EDA's Denver and Austin regional offices will then conduct an internal review of each proposal meeting the requirements of this solicitation. This review will be conducted by a minimum of three EDA staff using the criteria provided in the "Evaluation Criteria" section below. Successful proponents under this competition solicitation will be invited to submit a complete application by the Denver or Austin regional office.

Evaluation Criteria: EDA investments in proposed University Centers will be competitively evaluated on their ability to meet or exceed the following investment policy guidelines (each criterion will be given equivalent weight):

(1) Be market-based and results driven. An investment in an EDA University Center will capitalize on the university's competitive strengths and will bolster regional economic competitiveness, resulting in tangible, quantifiable improvements in regional economic health—such as increased numbers of higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, increased tax revenue or increased private sector investment.

(2) Have strong organizational leadership. An investment will have strong leadership, relevant project management experience, and a significant commitment of human resources talent to ensure a high-performing University Center.

(3) Advance productivity, innovation and entrepreneurship. An investment in a proposed University Center will embrace the principles of entrepreneurship, enhance regional industry clusters, and leverage and link technology innovators (university research) with the private sector to create the conditions for greater productivity, innovation and higher-skill, higher-wage job creation.

(4) Look beyond the immediate economic horizon, anticipate economic changes, and diversify the local and regional economy. A University Center's activities will be part of an overarching, long-term comprehensive economic development strategy that enhances a region's success in achieving a rising standard of living.

In making its recommendations on which institutions should be invited to submit a full application, the EDA review team will strive to avoid the concentration of program funding in a single or very limited number of geographic areas. For that reason, EDA cannot predict a minimum ranking of a successful proposal.

Selection Factors: EDA expects to fund the highest ranking proposals submitted under this competition solicitation. However, EDA may select proposals out of order for several reasons, including: (1) Availability of funding; (2) Geographic balance in distribution of funds; (3) Program priorities and policy factors as set out in the full funding opportunity announcement; or (4) Applicant's performance under previous awards.

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Form ED-900P has been approved by OMB under the control number 0610-0094. 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 PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with

Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/ Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for notices concerning grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: April 9, 2004.

Mary Pleffner,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032604B]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Puget Sound Treaty Tribes and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife submitted to NMFS, pursuant to the protective regulations promulgated for Puget Sound chinook salmon under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), a jointly developed Resource Management Plan (RMP). The RMP specifies the future management of commercial, recreational and tribal salmon fisheries potentially affecting listed Puget Sound chinook salmon from May 1, 2004, through April 30, 2010. This document serves to notify the public of the availability for comment of the proposed evaluation of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) as to how the RMP addresses the criteria in the ESA.

DATES: Written comments on the Secretary's proposed evaluation must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on May 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for copies of the proposed evaluation

should be addressed to Keith Schultz, Sustainable Fisheries Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, Washington 98115-0070, or faxed to (206) 526-6736. Comments on this proposed evaluation may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is PSHARVEST.nwr@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following document identifier: "PSHARVEST proposed evaluation". The document is also available on the internet at www.nwr.noaa.gov/1sustfsh/limit6/lmt6sbmt.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Bishop, Puget Sound Team Leader, at phone number: (206) 526-4587, or e-mail: susan.bishop@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to the Puget Sound chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU).

Background

The Puget Sound Treaty Tribes and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife have provided to NMFS a jointly developed Resource Management Plan for Puget Sound chinook salmon. The RMP encompasses fisheries within the area defined by the Puget Sound Chinook Salmon ESU, as well as the western Strait of Juan de Fuca, which is not within the ESU. Harvest objectives specified in the RMP account for fisheries-related mortality throughout the migratory range of Puget Sound chinook salmon from Oregon and Washington to Southeast Alaska. The RMP also includes implementation, monitoring and evaluation procedures designed to ensure fisheries are consistent with these objectives.

As required by Sec. 223.203(b)(6) of the ESA 4(d) rule (50 CFR 223.203), the Secretary must determine pursuant to 50 CFR 223.209, and pursuant to the government-to-government processes therein, whether the RMP for Puget Sound chinook salmon would appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the Puget Sound chinook salmon and other affected threatened ESUs. The Secretary must consider how the RMP addresses the criteria in Sec. 223.203(b)(4) in making that determination.

Authority

Under section 4(d) of the ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1533(d), the Secretary is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of the species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and

steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids or are governed by a program that adequately limits impacts on listed salmonids, and sets out the criteria for such activities. The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the rule do not apply to actions undertaken in compliance with a resource management plan developed jointly within the continuing jurisdiction of United States v. Washington by the Puget Sound Treaty Tribes and the State of Washington (joint plan) and determined by the Secretary to be in accordance with the provisions of 50 CFR sec. 223.203(b)(6).

Dated: March 30, 2004.

Susan Pultz,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020304D]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Establishment of Species of Concern List, Addition of Species to Species of Concern List, Description of Factors for Identifying Species of Concern, and Revision of Candidate Species List Under the Endangered Species Act

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

ACTION: Notice of establishment of species of concern list, addition of species to species of concern list, description of factors for identifying species of concern, and revision of candidate species list.

SUMMARY: NMFS establishes a species of concern list, places 45 species on this list, describes the factors it will consider when identifying species of concern, and revises the candidate species list. NMFS also solicits information and comments concerning the status of, research and stewardship opportunities for, and the factors for identifying species of concern.

DATES: These actions are effective on April 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and documentation regarding the status of any species of concern to the Chief of