

Docket Number: 02-042. *Applicant:* The Pennsylvania State University, Microarray Facility, Wartik Laboratory, University Park, PA 16802. *Instrument:* Plate Filler, Model QFill2. *Manufacturer:* Genetix Limited, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to rapidly dispense growth medium into 96 and 384-well microtitre plates to support bacterial growth for molecular biology experiments. The gene and genome sequences of an organism under study will be cloned into small circular DNA molecules ("plasmids") that are grown inside standard *E. coli* bacteria in any molecular or genomics laboratory for use in performing the experiments. Objectives pursued in the course of the investigations are: (a) Gene discovery, (b) gene sequence characterization, (c) discovery of expressed gene sequences, and (d) genome-wide description of gene expression patterns in different tissues. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 26, 2002.

Docket Number: 02-043. *Applicant:* The Pennsylvania State University, Microarray Facility, Wartik Laboratory, University Park, PA 16802. *Instrument:* Colony Picking/Arraying Robot, Model Q PixII. *Manufacturer:* Genetix Limited, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to manipulate (pick, transfer, sort or replicate) bacterial colonies that contain either circular plasmids or viral phage particles. The plasmids and phage in turn will contain fragments (clones) of DNA or expressed gene sequences (cDNAs) from an organism of interest. Libraries of DNA or cDNA are used to map and study the sequence of genes in the genome, and to obtain information about which genes are expressed in an organism at a given time. Objectives pursued in the course of the investigations are: (a) Gene discovery, (b) gene sequence characterization, (c) discovery of expressed gene sequences and (d) genome-wide description of gene expression patterns in different tissues. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 26, 2002.

Docket Number: 02-045. *Applicant:* University of Vermont, College of Medicine, Molecular Physiology & Biophysics, HSRF, Room 120, 149 Beaumont Avenue, Burlington, VT 05405. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai 12 TWIN. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, The Netherlands. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to carry out structural studies of biological samples for the purpose of biomedical research

involving metabolic enzymes. The enzymes will be isolated from yeast and plunged into liquid ethane to preserve their structure and samples will be analyzed. An enzyme goes through different steps or stages as it performs its task in the cell. By analyzing all the different states of the enzyme, a better understanding of its function can be achieved. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 1, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscope

This is a decision pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 02-037. *Applicant:* University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Tyler, TX 75708-3154. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-1230. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 67 FR 58355, September 16, 2002. *Order Date:* June 26, 2002.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as the instrument is intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instrument was ordered. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of the instrument.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Tuesday, November 12, 2002, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 13, 2002, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 14, 2002, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, November 15, 2002, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the site visit process, review the final judging process and meeting procedures, final judging of the 2002 applicants, learnings and improvements for 2003 judging cycle, update on the 2003 program and review 2003 judges calendar. The review process involves examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

DATES: The meeting will convene November 12, 2002 at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on November 15, 2002. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 222, Red Training Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 11, 2002, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and a discussion of this data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public