

(g) An assessment of the applicant's previous performance/experience with primary and secondary consumer market research.

3. *Budget and Sustainability (30%)*: The factors of budget and sustainability include the reasonableness of the itemized budget for project activities, the amount of cost share/matching requirements that is available, the applicant's plan to maintain the Web site after the award period, and the probability that the project can be continued on a self-sustained basis after the completion of the cooperative agreement.

The three criteria together constitute the application score. The total possible points are 100.

Funding Priorities: Preference may be given to applications during the selection process which address the following:

1. Applicants with the ability to expand the positive affects of the Web site to industries that directly benefit from increased travel to the United States. These include, but are not limited to, retail, sports, and entertainment.

2. Knowledge and understanding of the U.S. and global travel and tourism industry and its direct and indirect sectors.

3. Applicants that provide more than 25 percent cost share/match.

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements: The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389) 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 Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL and CD 346 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. 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 this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comments are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements for the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been done.

Dated: September 29, 2006.

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Director, Office of Travel & Tourism Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 000724217-6248-14]

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC); (Formerly Minority Business Development Center (MBDC))

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; re-open competition solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency publishes this notice to re-open the competitive solicitation for the Minority Business Enterprise Center program for the Louisiana MBEC, covering the geographic service area of the State of Louisiana, and the Detroit MBEC, covering the geographic service area of the State of Michigan.

DATES: The new deadline for the receipt of proposals is October 18, 2006 for both electronic and paper applications.

ADDRESSES: The address for submitting Proposals electronically is: <http://www.grants.gov/>. (Electronic submission is encouraged). Paper submissions should be sent to:

If Mailed: If the application is mailed/shipped overnight by the applicant or its representative, one (1) signed original plus two copies of the application must be submitted. Completed application packages must be mailed to: Office of Business Development—MBEC Program, Office of

Executive Secretariat, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (Between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues).

U.S. Department of Commerce delivery policies for Federal Express, UPS and DHL overnight services require the packages to be sent to the address above.

If Hand-Delivered: U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Office of Business Development—MBEC Program (Extension 1940), Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1874, Entrance No. 10, 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC (Between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues).

U.S. Department of Commerce hand-delivery policies state that Federal Express, UPS and DHL overnight services submitted to the address above (Entrance No. 10) cannot be accepted. These policies should be taken into consideration when utilizing their services. MBDA will not accept applications that are submitted by the deadline, but are rejected due to Departmental hand-delivery policies. The applicant must adhere to these policies in order for his/her application to receive consideration for the award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Efrain Gonzalez, Program Manager, at (202) 482-1940 or via e-mail at egonzalez@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Minority Business Development Agency publishes this notice to re-open the competitive solicitation for the Minority Business Enterprise Center program for the Louisiana MBEC, covering the geographic service area of the State of Louisiana, and the Detroit MBEC, covering the geographic service area of the State of Michigan. This program was originally solicited in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 2006 (71 FR 42351). The original deadline for receipt of proposals was 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on September 20, 2006. MBDA re-opens the solicitation period to provide the public additional time to submit proposals for Louisiana MBEC, covering the geographic service area of the State of Louisiana, and the Detroit MBEC, covering the geographic service area of the State of Michigan. MBDA is re-opening the solicitation period for these two locations as no timely applications were received for these areas under the requirements of the original competition. The new deadline for the receipt of proposals for the Louisiana

and Detroit MBECs is 5 p.m. EDT, October 18, 2006, for both electronic and paper applications. Applicants who submitted or attempted to submit applications under the original competition for these two geographic service areas should consider re-submitting their applications during this period of re-opened competition to ensure that their applications are complete. All applications that are submitted between September 20, 2006 and October 18, 2006, will be considered timely. All other requirements for this solicitation remain the same.

Limitation of Liability

Funding for programs listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for the programs listed in this notice. In no event will MBDA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige MBDA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware that they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the October 30, 2002 **Federal Register**, Vol. 67, No. 210, pp. 66177B66178, for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet (<http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>).

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

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Executive Order 12866

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Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

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Dated: September 29, 2006.

Ronald N. Langston,
National Director, Minority Business
Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Nominations to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC or Committee) is the only Federal advisory committee with the responsibility to advise the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary to

assist in the development and implementation of Departmental regulations, policies and programs critical to the mission and goals of the NMFS. Nominations are encouraged from all interested parties involved with or representing interests affected by NMFS actions in managing living marine resources. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the management of living marine resources and be able to fulfill the time commitments required for two annual meetings. Individuals serve for a term of three years for no more than two consecutive terms if re-appointed. NMFS is seeking qualified nominees to fill a vacancy and bring the Committee to its full complement of 21 members.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked on or before November 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Laurel Bryant, Executive Director, MAFAC, Office of Constituent Services, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway #9508, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel Bryant, MAFAC Executive Director; (301) 713-2379 x171; e-mail: Laurel.Bryant@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The establishment of MAFAC was approved by the Secretary on December 28, 1970, and initially chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5, U.S.C. App.2, on February 17, 1971. The Committee meets twice a year with supplementary subcommittee meetings as determined necessary by the Secretary. No less than 15 and no more than 21 individuals may serve on the Committee. Membership is comprised of highly qualified individuals representing commercial and recreational fisheries interests, environmental organizations, academic institutions, governmental, tribal and consumer groups from a balance of geographical regions, including the Hawaiian, Pacific and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

A MAFAC member cannot be a Federal employee or a member of a Regional Fishery Management Council. Selected candidates must pass security checks and submit financial disclosure forms. Membership is voluntary, and except for reimbursable travel and related expenses, service is without pay.

Each submission should include the submitting person or organization's name and affiliation, a cover letter describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee, a curriculum vitae and or resume of nominee, and no more than three supporting letters describing the