

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Small Business Size Standards:
Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Partial Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule (NMR) for Furniture.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) received a request for waiver of the NMR for Furniture for multiple NAICS codes. Based on our evaluation, SBA has determined that there are no small business manufacturers for the following products: Furniture Frames and Parts, Metal, Manufacturing; NAICS 337215; Furniture Frames, Wood, Manufacturing; NAICS 337215; Furniture Parts, Finished Metal, Manufacturing; NAICS 337215; Furniture Parts, Finished Plastics, Manufacturing; NAICS 337215; Furniture, Factory-type (e.g., cabinets, stools, tool stands, work benches), Manufacturing; NAICS 337127; Furniture, Hospital (e.g., hospital beds, operating room furniture), Manufacturing; NAICS 339111 and Furniture, Laboratory-type (e.g., benches, cabinets, stools, tables), Manufacturing, NAICS 339111. Therefore, the SBA is granting a waiver for the above items.

The SBA is denying a waiver of the NMR for the following: Furniture (except wood), office-type, padded, upholstered, or plain, manufacturing, NAICS 337214; Furniture parts, finished wood, manufacturing, NAICS 337215. SBA has determined that there are small business manufacturers of these classes of products.

DATES: This waiver is effective July 12, 2006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), requires that recipients of Federal contracts set aside for small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, or SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR

121.406(b). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

As implemented in SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 121.1202(c), in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on a six digit coding systems. The coding system is the Office of Management and Budget North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

The SBA received a request on February 2, 2006 to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Furniture. SBA has determined that there are no small business manufacturers for the following classes of products and is therefore granting the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Furniture Frames and Parts, Metal, Manufacturing; NAICS 337215; Furniture Frames, Wood, Manufacturing; NAICS 337215; Furniture Parts, Finished Metal, Manufacturing; NAICS 337215; Furniture Parts, Finished Plastics, Manufacturing; NAICS 337215; Furniture, Factory-type (e.g., cabinets, stools, tool stands, work benches), Manufacturing; NAICS 337127; Furniture, Hospital (e.g., hospital beds, operating room furniture), Manufacturing; NAICS 339111 and Furniture, Laboratory-type (e.g., benches, cabinets, stools, tables), Manufacturing, NAICS 339111.

The SBA has determined that there are small business manufacturers of the following classes of products, and, is therefore denying the class waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Furniture (except wood), office-type, padded, upholstered, or plain, manufacturing, NAICS 337214; and Furniture parts, finished wood, manufacturing, NAICS 337215.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA); Request for Grant Proposals: Study of the United States Institute for Korean Undergraduate Student Leaders

Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.

Funding Opportunity Number: ECA/A/E/USS-07-SK.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 00.000.

Key Dates: Application Deadline: August 25, 2006.

Executive Summary: The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of the "Study of the United States Institute for Korean Undergraduate Student Leaders" to take place over the course of six weeks beginning in January 2007. The Institute is intended to provide a group of 15-18 highly motivated undergraduate students with an integrated and imaginatively designed academic and educational travel program that will give them a deeper understanding of U.S. politics, culture and society, while at the same time enhancing their leadership skills. Funding for this program is pending availability of FY-2007 funds.

I. Funding Opportunity Description*Authority*

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through legislation.

Purpose

Study of the U.S. Institutes are intensive academic programs whose purpose is to provide groups of