

I. Abstract

The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) fosters, serves, and promotes the Nation's economic development. Through participation with other U.S. Government agencies, DOC creates national policies to enhance opportunities for U.S. workers and employers in the global economy. Countries that support the free flow of products, services, capital, and people create a positive business environment for their domestic firms. DOC has been informed by industry associations representing U.S. business and trade interests that their member companies have experienced problems with the visa process as it pertains to bringing foreign business travelers into the country. Although official data does not exist, anecdotal evidence suggests common difficulties for U.S. industry due to visa delays and denials, with commensurate economic loss to U.S. firms. Recognizing that national security concerns must always remain paramount in any discussion relating to business visas and in response to these industry concerns, the Secretary of Commerce has identified the need to measure how current U.S. business visa policy affects American companies active in the global economy. The facilitation of business travel is a priority of Secretary's and very important to meeting President Obama's National Export Initiative goal of doubling U.S. exports in the next five years.

The DOC will request that U.S. industry and trade associations use the questionnaire to report instances of U.S. business visa delay or denial. The information derived from completed questionnaires is critical to enabling DOC to ascertain the economic impact, if any, of current U.S. business-related visa policy.

DOC staff regularly receive unsolicited feedback from U.S. industry, U.S. trade associations, state/regional/local economic development officials, and foreign investors about challenges that foreign business travelers have encountered while trying to obtain a U.S. business visa. Though this qualitative information is useful in understanding certain issues pertaining to current U.S. business visa policy, the quantitative information that the questionnaire will gather is much more important in providing a more comprehensive understanding of the potential economic impact of business visa delays and denials.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0625-XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (new information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 250.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 5, 2010.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 63-2010]

Foreign-Trade Zone 64—Jacksonville, Florida Application for Reorganization/Expansion Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Jacksonville Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 64, requesting authority to reorganize and expand the zone under the alternative site

framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (74 FR 1170, 1/12/09; correction 74 FR 3987, 1/22/09). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone project. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on November 4, 2010.

FTZ 64 was approved by the Board on December 29, 1980 (Board Order 170, 46 FR 1330, 1/6/1981) and expanded on October 7, 2008 (Board Order 1579, 73 FR 61781, 10/17/2008).

The current zone project includes the following "sites" in Jacksonville, Florida: *Site 1* (67 acres)—Jacksonville International Airport, Pecan Park Road and Terrell Road; *Site 2* (43 acres)—Halmark Properties, Inc., 2201 North Ellis Road; *Site 3* (942 acres)—JPA Blount Island Terminal Complex, 9620 Dave Rawls Boulevard, and JPA Talleyrand Docks and Terminal Facility, 2085 Talleyrand Avenue; *Site 4* (200 acres)—International Trade port Complex, Airport Road; *Site 5* (4 acres)—Caribbean Cold Storage, Inc., 1505 Dennis Street; *Site 7* (47 acres)—Westlake Industrial Park, 9767 Pritchard Road; and *Site 8* (75 acres)—Imeson International Industrial Park, One Imeson Park Boulevard.

The grantee's proposed service area under the ASF would be the Florida counties of Baker, Clay, Columbia, Duval and Nassau, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Jacksonville Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize and expand its existing zone project to include existing Sites 1 and 3 as "magnet" sites, to include existing Sites 4, 7, and 8 as "usage-driven" sites, to remove existing Sites 2 and 5, and to include the following new site as a magnet site: *Proposed Site 10* (4,474.0 acres)—AllianceFlorida at Cecil Commerce Center, I-10 and Cecil Commerce Center Parkway, Jacksonville. Further, existing Site 3 will have its non-contiguous parcel renumbered, with the Talleyrand Docks and Terminal Facility (2085 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville) to be designated

as Site 9 (magnet site). The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site from the "sunset" time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant proposes that Site 3 (JPA Blount Island Terminal Complex) be so exempted. Because the ASF only pertains to establishing or reorganizing a general-purpose zone, the application would have no impact on FTZ 64's authorized subzone.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Maureen Hinman of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 10, 2011. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 24, 2011.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>. For further information, contact Maureen Hinman at maureen.hinman@trade.gov or (202) 482-0627.

Dated: November 4, 2010.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Georgia Institute of Technology, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscopes

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Public Law 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 10-061. *Applicant:* Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30333-0245. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, the Netherlands. *Intended Use:* See notice at 75 FR 62763, October 13, 2010.

Docket Number: 10-062. *Applicant:* Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-1020. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope. *Manufacturer:* FEI Company, Czech Republic. *Intended Use:* See notice at 75 FR 62763, October 13, 2010.

Docket Number: 10-063. *Applicant:* National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892-8025. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Limited, Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 75 FR 62723, October 13, 2010.

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

Dated: November 3, 2010.

Richard Herring,

Acting Director, Subsidies Enforcement
Office, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA011

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Listings for Two Distinct Population Segments of Atlantic Sturgeon in the Southeast

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

ACTION: Notice of two public hearings.

SUMMARY: In December 2010, we (NMFS) will hold two public hearings—one in Wilmington, NC and one in Atlanta, GA. The purpose of these hearings is to accept comments on the proposed listing of the Carolina and South Atlantic distinct population segments (DPSs) of Atlantic sturgeon

(*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended.

DATES: The hearings will be held on December 6, 2010, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Wilmington, NC, and on December 7, 2010, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Atlanta, GA. An informational session will be held at the beginning of each hearing.

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

- December 6, 2010, Coastline Conference and Event Center, 503 Nutt Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.
- December 7, 2010, Westin Atlanta Airport, 4736 Best Road, Atlanta, GA 30337.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Shotts, NMFS, Southeast Regional Office (727) 824-5312 or Marta Nammack, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources (301) 713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 6, 2010, we published a proposed rule (75 FR 61904) to list the Carolina and South Atlantic DPSs of Atlantic sturgeon as endangered under the ESA. We will accept oral and written comments regarding the proposed listing decision for these two DPSs of Atlantic sturgeon at the public hearings.

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kelly Shotts at (727) 824-5312 no later than November 29, 2010.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: November 4, 2010.

Helen M. Golde,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected
Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2010-0083]

Expansion and Extension of the Green Technology Pilot Program

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 8, 2009, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implemented the Green