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A copy of the comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer, Selective Service System, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 5, 2004.

**Lewis C. Brodsky,**

*Acting Director.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 02/72-0610]

### **Gefus SBIC, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest**

Notice is hereby given that Gefus SBIC, L.P., 375 Park Avenue, Suite 2401, New York, NY 10152, a Federal licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under section 312 of the Act and section 107.730, Financialings which constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration ("SBA") rules and regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Gefus SBIC, L.P. proposes to provide equity/debt security financing to Patton Surgical, Inc. The financing is contemplated for operating expenses and for general corporate purposes.

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a)(1) of the regulations because Admiral Bobby R. Inman, an associate of Gefus SBIC, L.P., owns more than 10 percent of Patton Surgical, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: February 24, 2004.

**Jeffrey Pierson,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### **Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs**

[Public Notice 4643]

#### **Request for Nominations for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee of the General Advisory Committee to the United States Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission**

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking applications and nominations for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee of the General Advisory Committee to the United States Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). The purpose of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee is to provide public input and advice to the United States Section to the IATTC in the formulation of U.S. policy and positions at meetings of the IATTC and its subsidiary bodies. The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee also functions as the National Scientific Advisory Committee (NATSAC) provided for in the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP). The United States Section to the IATTC is composed of the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, appointed by the President, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries or his or her designated representative. Authority to establish the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee is provided by the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, as amended by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA) of 1997.

**DATES:** Nominations must be submitted on or before September 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be submitted by September 20, 2004, to David Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Room 7831, Department of State, Washington, DC, 20520-7818; or by fax to 202-736-7350.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Hogan, Office of Marine Conservation, Department of State: 202-647-2335.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Scientific Advisory Subcommittee**

The Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 953.4) provides that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, shall appoint a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) of the General Advisory Committee. The Subcommittee is composed of not fewer

than 5 and not more than 15 qualified scientists with balanced representation from the public and private sectors, including non-governmental conservation organizations. The Subcommittee advises the Committee and the U.S. Section on matters including: The conservation of ecosystems; the sustainable uses of living marine resources related to the tuna fishery in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean; and the long-term conservation and management of stocks of living marine resources in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

In addition, at the request of the Committee, the U.S. Commissioners, or the Secretary of State, the Subcommittee performs such functions and provides such assistance as may be required by formal agreements entered into by the United States for the eastern Pacific tuna fishery, including the AIDCP. The functions may include: The review of data from the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP), including data received from the IATTC staff; recommendations on research needs and the coordination and facilitation of such research; recommendations on scientific reviews and assessments required under the IDCP; recommendations with respect to measures to assure the regular and timely full exchange of data among the Parties to the AIDCP and each nation's NATSAC (or its equivalent); and consulting with other experts as needed. The Subcommittee is invited to have representatives attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Section and the General Advisory Committee and is given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of scientific investigation, scientific reports, and scientific recommendations of the Commission. Representatives of the Subcommittee may attend meetings of the IATTC and the AIDCP as members of the U.S. delegation or otherwise in accordance with the rules of those bodies governing such participation. Participation as a member of the U.S. delegation is subject to such limits as may be placed on the size of the delegation.

##### **National Scientific Advisory Committee**

The Subcommittee also functions as the NATSAC established pursuant to Article XI of the AIDCP. In this regard, the Subcommittee performs the functions of the NATSAC as specified in Annex VI of the AIDCP including, but not limited to: Receiving and reviewing relevant data, including data provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by the IATTC Staff; advising and recommending to the U.S.

government measures and actions that should be undertaken to conserve and manage stocks of living marine resources in the AIDCP Area; making recommendations to the U.S. government regarding research needs related to the eastern Pacific Ocean tuna purse seine fishery; promoting the regular and timely full exchange of data among the Parties on a variety of matters related to the implementation of the AIDCP; and consulting with other experts as necessary order to achieve the objectives of the Agreement.

#### General Provisions

Each appointed member of the Committee and the Subcommittee/NATSAC is appointed for a term of 3 years and may be reappointed. Logistical and administrative support for the operation of the Subcommittee will be provided by the Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and by the Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service. Members receive no compensation for their service on the Subcommittee/NATSAC, nor will members be compensated for travel or other expenses associated with their participation.

#### Procedures for Submitting Applications/Nominations

Applications/nominations for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee/NATSAC should be submitted to the Department of State (*see ADDRESSES*). Such applications/nominations should include the following information:

(1) Full name/address/phone/fax and e-mail of applicant/nominee;

(2) Applicant/nominee's organization or professional affiliation serving as the basis for the application/nomination;

(3) Background statement describing the applicant/nominee's qualifications and experience, especially as related to the tuna purse seine fishery in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean or other factors relevant to the implementation of the Convention establishing the IATTC or the AIDCP;

(4) A written statement from the applicant/nominee of intent to participate actively and in good faith in the meetings and activities of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee/NATSAC. Applicants/nominees who submitted material in response to the **Federal Register** notices published by the U.S. Department of State on November 12, 2002, February 5, 2003, and December 17, 2003, need not resubmit their applications pursuant to this notice.

**Margaret F. Hayes,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Order Soliciting Community Proposals

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Order Soliciting Community Proposals (Order 2004-3-10) Docket OST-2004-17343

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Transportation is soliciting proposals from communities or consortia of communities interested in receiving a grant under the Small Community Air Service Development Program. The full text of the Department's order is attached to this document.

**DATES:** Grant Proposals should be submitted no later than May 14, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties should submit an original and three copies of their proposals bearing the title "Proposal under the Small Community Air Service Development Program, Docket OST-2004-17343, as well as the name of the applicant community or consortium of communities, and the legal sponsor, to Dockets Operations and Media Management, M-30, Room PL-401, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teresa Bingham, Associate Director, Office of Aviation Analysis for the Small Community Air Service Development Program, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-1032.

Dated: March 15, 2004.

**Michael W. Reynolds,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.*

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