

Description and Objectives section for this program.

The final approval of selected applications and award of financial assistance will be made by the NIST Grants Officer based on compliance with application requirements as published in this notice, compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, and whether the recommended applicants appear to be responsible. Applicants may be asked to modify objectives, work plans, or budgets and provide supplemental information required by the agency prior to award. The award decision of the Grants Officer is final. Applicants should allow up to 90 days processing time. The Program will retain one copy of each application that is not funded for three years for recordkeeping purposes. The remaining copies will be destroyed.

Evaluation Criteria: The technical evaluation criteria are as follows:

a. *Technical quality of the research.* Reviewers will assess the rationality, innovation and imagination of the proposal and the fit to NIST's in-house building systems research program. (0–35 points).

b. *Potential impact of the results.* Reviewers will assess the potential impact and the technical application of the results to our in-house building systems research program. (0–25 points)

c. *Staff and institution capability to do the work.* Reviewers will evaluate the quality of the facilities and experience of the staff to assess the likelihood of achieving the objective of the proposal. (0–20 points)

d. *Match of budget to proposed work.* Reviewers will assess the budget against the proposed work to ascertain the reasonableness of the request. (0–20 points)

Matching Requirements: Matching funds are not required.

Application Kit: For the Building Systems Research Grants Program, an application kit, containing all required application forms and certifications is available by contacting Ms. Tina Faেকে, (301) 975–5911, or from the website: <http://www.bfml.nist.gov/866/extramuralprogram.htm>.

Additional Information: The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917) are applicable to this solicitation. However, please note that the Department of Commerce will not implement the requirements of Executive Order 13202 (66 FR 49921), pursuant to guidance issued by the Office of Management and

Budget, in light of a court opinion which found that the Executive Order was not legally authorized. See *Building and Construction Trades Department v. Allbaugh*, 172 F.Supp. 2d 138 (D.D.C. 2001). This decision is currently on appeal. When the case has been finally resolved, the Department will provide further information on implementation of Executive Order 13202.

In addition, the following information is applicable to this program.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards—11.609. Where websites are referenced within this notice, those who do not have access to the internet websites may contact the appropriate Program official to obtain information.

Fees and/or Profit: It is not the intent of NIST to pay fee or profit for any of the financial assistance awards that may be issued pursuant to this announcement.

Automated Standardized Application for Payment System (ASAP): During FY 2002 and becoming mandatory in FY 2003, the Department of Commerce will begin using the Department of Treasury's ASAP. NIST began using the ASAP system in July 2001 and continues to establish new accounts in ASAP. Awards made pursuant to this announcement may contain the ASAP payment clause. In order to receive payments for services under these awards, recipients will be required to register with the Department of Treasury and indicate whether or not they will use the on-line or voice response method of withdrawing funds from their ASAP established accounts. More information regarding ASAP can be found on-line at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/asap/index.html>.

Paperwork Reduction Act: The standard forms in the application kit involve collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. 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 the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Type of Funding Instrument: The funding instrument will be a grant or cooperative agreement, depending on

the nature of the proposed work. A grant will be used unless NIST is “substantially involved” in the project, in which case a cooperative agreement will be used. A common example of substantial involvement is collaboration between NIST scientists and recipient scientists or technicians. Further examples are listed in Section 5.03.d of Department of Commerce Administrative Order 203–26, which can be found at http://www.doc.gov/oebam/GCA_manual.htm. NIST will make decisions regarding the use of a cooperative agreement on a case-by-case basis. Funding for contractual arrangements for services and products for delivery to NIST is not available under this announcement.

Classification: This funding notice was determined to be “not significant” for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Applications under these programs are not subject to Executive Order 12372, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.”

Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for notices relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.

Dated: July 29, 2002.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Deep Seabed Mining: Approval of Extension and Revision of Exploration License

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of approval of extension of Deep Seabed Mining Exploration License USA–1 and revision of exploration plan.

SUMMARY: On December 5, 2001, at 66 FR 234, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) noticed receipt of an application for a five-year extension of Deep Seabed Mining–Exploration License USA–1 and revision of exploration plan from Ocean

Minerals Company (OMCO). No comments objecting to approval of the extension and revision were received. Pursuant to the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act (Pub. L. 96-283) and 15 CFR part 970, on July 26, 2002, NOAA approved the extension of the license and revision to the exploration plan through the year 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John King, Coastal Programs Division (NORM/3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713-3155, extension 188, e-mail john.king@noaa.gov.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

Dated: July 26, 2002.

Jamison S. Hawkins,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 073102A]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Community Demonstration Project Program Advisory Panel (CDPP-AP) will meet to select and rank proposals to be recommended for Council review. The Advisory Panel will develop criteria, objectives and priorities for recommendation to the Council for a subsequent solicitation for the Community Demonstration Project Program.

DATES: The meetings will be held on August 21, 22, and 23, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates, and times for the meetings.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 16, 2002 (67 FR 18512), proposals were solicited through the **Federal Register** for grants to support Community Demonstration Projects in the Western Pacific Area. The grants are authorized under section 111(b) of the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, Public Law 104-297. Solicitation was closed on June 17, 2002, 5 p.m., Hawaii Time.

A meeting of the CDPP-AP is scheduled for August 22, 23, and 24, 2002, to review proposals and discuss the program.

At the meeting, the Advisory Panel will select proposals to be recommended for Council review. The Council or its designee will select proposals to be recommended for funding to the NMFS Grants Management Division. Successful applicants will be notified of their selection. Proposals not selected will be returned to the applicants. Successful applicants will participate in a Grant Workshop in Honolulu to complete their grant application.

The CDPP-AP will meet from 8 a.m., and as late as necessary to complete scheduled business. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The agenda for the CDPP-AP will include the items listed below:

August 22, 2002

1. Introductions
2. Report on the program implementation and workshops
3. Review selection criteria
4. Review of qualified proposals

August 23, 2002

1. Selection of proposals for recommendation to the Council
2. Program review
 - a. Development and review of objectives and priorities for the next solicitation
 - b. Review program eligibility criteria
 - c. Workshop and materials
 - d. Discussion and recommendations

August 24, 2002

1. Review and approval of Advisory Panel report
 - a. Memorandum of selection
 - b. Program review recommendations
 Although other issues not contained in this notice may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 31, 2002.

Theophilus R. Brainerd,,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072302A]

Marine Mammals; File Nos. 1026-1671 and 1033-1683 and Permit No. 358-1585-01

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for permits and application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have applied in due form for a permit or permit amendment to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research:

File No. 1026-1671-Belinda L. Rubinstein, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110;

File No. 1033-1683-Michael A. Castellini, Ph.D., Institute of Marine Science, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775; and

Permit No. 358-1585-01-Alaska Department of Fish and Game, (Dr. Robert Small, PI), Division of Wildlife Conservation, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments on these actions must be received on or before September 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for addresses).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Amy Sloan, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits and amendment request are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).