

merchandise. Specifically, Shanghai LJ certified that Henan Xiancheng Sunny Foodstuff Factory (Sunny Foodstuff) grew the subject merchandise it exported.

#### Initiation of New Shipper Reviews

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i), Huamei, Shanghai LJ, and Qingyuan certified that they did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI). In addition, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(ii)(B), Sunny Foodstuff, the grower of the garlic exported by Shanghai LJ, provided a certification that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A), each of the three exporters, Huamei, Shanghai LJ, and Qingyuan, certified that, since the initiation of the investigation, they have never been affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI, including those not individually examined during the investigation. As required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B), each of the above-mentioned companies also certified that their export activities were not controlled by the central government.

In addition to the certifications described above, the companies submitted documentation establishing the following: (1) The date on which they first shipped the subject merchandise for export to the United States and the date on which the subject merchandise was first entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption; (2) the volume of their first shipment and the volume of subsequent shipments; and (3) the date of their first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.214(d)(1), we are initiating three new shipper reviews for shipments of fresh garlic from the PRC:

(1) Grown and exported by Qingyuan,  
(2) Grown and exported by Huamei,  
and

(3) Grown by Sunny Foodstuffs and exported by Shanghai LJ.

The period of review (POR) is November 1, 2003, through October 31, 2004. See 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(A). We intend to issue preliminary results of these reviews no later than 180 days from the date of initiation, and final results of these reviews no later than 270 days from the date of initiation. See section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

Because Qingyuan and Huamei have certified that they both grew and

exported the subject merchandise on which they based their request for a new shipper review, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the subject merchandise both grown and exported by these companies until the completion of the new shipper reviews. With respect to Shanghai LJ, it has certified that it exported, but did not grow the subject merchandise on which it based its request for a new shipper review. Therefore, until completion of the new shipper reviews, we will instruct CBP to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for entries of subject merchandise grown by Sunny Foodstuffs and exported by Shanghai LJ.

Interested parties that need access to proprietary information in this new shipper review should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 and 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: December 29, 2004.

**Barbara E. Tillman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No: 041229365-4365-01]

#### White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) publishes this notice to announce that the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (Commission) will be holding a public meeting to seek testimonies from individuals and organizations on ways to provide equal economic opportunities for full participation of Asian American and Pacific Islander

businesses in our free market economy where they may be underserved.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2005, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. EST, and Tuesday, January 25, 2004 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For members of the public who are interested in addressing the Commission, please submit your written requests by January 14, 2005. Requests for special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should be submitted to Mr. Erik Wang (See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than January 7, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2005 at: National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Green Auditorium, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. And on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 at: Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, 1628 16th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20009. For members of the public who are interested in addressing the Commission, please submit your request to Mr. Erik Wang, Office of the White House Initiative on AAPIs, Herbert C Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5092, Washington, DC 20230, or by fax to (202) 219-8809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the Commission or the public meeting, please contact: Mr. Eddy Badrina or Mr. Erik Wang, Office of the White House Initiative on AAPIs, Herbert C Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5092, Washington, DC 20230, Telephone (202) 482-3949.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the Commission's intent to conduct a public meeting on January 24 and January 25, 2005. Agenda items will include, but will not be limited to: Testimony from community organizations and individuals; testimony from federal agencies; administrative tasks; upcoming events; and comments from the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to advise and make recommendations to the President on ways to provide equal economic opportunities for full participation of Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses in our free market economy where they may be underserved and thus, improving the quality of life for approximately 14.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders living in the United States and the U.S.-associated Pacific Island jurisdictions.

Requests to address the Commission must be made in writing and should include the name, address, telephone number and business or professional affiliation of the interested party. Individuals or groups addressing similar issues are encouraged to combine comments and make their request to address the Commission through a single representative. The allocation of time for remarks will be adjusted to accommodate the level of expressed interest. Written requests must be mailed or faxed to The Office of the White House Initiative on AAPs by January 14, 2005 (See **ADDRESSES**). Anyone who requires special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Mr. Erik Wang no later than January 7, 2005 (See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). This meeting is open to the public.

**Ronald Marin,**

*Financial Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 041220354-4354-01]

#### Small Grants Programs; Availability of Funds

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the following programs are soliciting applications for financial assistance for FY 2005: (1) The Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory Grants Program; (2) the Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory Grants Program; (3) the Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory Grants Program; (4) the Physics Laboratory Grants Program; (5) the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory Grants Program; (6) the Building Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program; and (7) the Fire Research Grants Program. Each program will only consider applications that are within the scientific scope of the program as described in this notice and in the detailed program descriptions found in the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for these programs. Prior to preparation of a proposal, it is strongly suggested that potential

applicants contact the Program Manager for the appropriate field of research, as specified in the FFO announcement found at <http://www.grants.gov>, for clarification of the program objective and to determine whether their proposal is responsive to this notice.

**DATES:** See below.

**ADDRESSES:** See below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number:* Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards—11.609

*Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory (EEEL) Grants Program:*

*Program Description:* The Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory (EEEL) Grants Program will provide grants and cooperative agreements for the development of fundamental electrical metrology and of metrology supporting industry and government agencies in the broad areas of semiconductors, electronic instrumentation, radio-frequency technology, optoelectronics, magnetics, video, electronic commerce as applied to electronic products and devices, the transmission and distribution of electrical power, national electrical standards (fundamental, generally quantum-based physical standards), and law enforcement standards.

**DATES:** All applications, paper and electronic, must be received no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on September 30, 2005. Proposals received between July 1, 2005 and September 30, 2005 be processed and considered for funding under this solicitation, but if selected, proposals may be funded in the next fiscal year, subject to the availability of funds.

**ADDRESSES:** Paper applications must be submitted to: Sheila Bryner, Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8100. Electronic applications and associated proposal information should be uploaded to [grants.gov](http://grants.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For complete information about this program and instructions for applying by paper or electronically, read the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) Notice at <http://www.grants.gov>. A paper copy of the FFO may be obtained by calling (301) 975-6328. Program questions should be addressed to Sheila Bryner, Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8100, Tel.: (301) 975-2220, Fax: (301) 975-

4091. All grants related administration questions concerning this program should be addressed to: Joyce Brigham, NIST Grants and Agreements Management Division, (301) 975-6328; [joyce.brigham@nist.gov](mailto:joyce.brigham@nist.gov). For assistance with using Grants.gov contact [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

*Funding Availability:* In fiscal year 2004, the EEEL Grants Program made five new awards, totaling \$184,490. The amount available each year fluctuates considerably based on programmatic needs. Individual awards are expected to range between \$5,000 and \$150,000.

For the Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory Grants Program, proposals will be considered for research projects from one to three years. When a proposal for a multi-year award is approved, funding will generally be provided for only the first year of the program. If an application is selected for funding, NIST has no obligation to provide any additional funding in connection with that award. Continuation of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST. Funding for each subsequent year of a multi-year proposal will be contingent upon satisfactory progress, continued relevance to the mission of the Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory Grants Program, and the availability of funds. The multi-year awards must have scopes of work that can be easily separated into annual increments of meaningful work that represent solid accomplishments if prospective funding is not made available to the applicant, (*i.e.*, the scopes of work for each funding period must produce identifiable and meaningful results in and of themselves).

*Statutory Authority:* As authorized by 15 U.S.C. 272(b) and (c), the NIST Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory conducts a basic and applied research program directly and through grants and cooperative agreements to eligible recipients.

*Eligibility:* The Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory Grants Program is open to institutions of higher education; hospitals; non-profit organizations; commercial organizations; state, local, and Indian tribal governments; foreign governments; organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments; and international organizations.

*Review and Selection Process:* For the Electronics and Electrical Engineering Laboratory Grants Program, proposals will be distributed to the appropriate Division Chief or Office Director or designee based on technical area by one