

Secretary of Agriculture "To develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices." AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities. AMS makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables not connected with Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is considering revisions to the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens using procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36). These standards were last revised on June 1, 1959.

Background

AMS has been reviewing the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grade standards for usefulness in serving the industry. AMS has identified the United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens for possible revision. Prior to undertaking detailed work developing the proposed revisions in the standards, AMS is soliciting comments on the proposed revision and any other comments regarding revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens to better serve the industry.

AMS would eliminate the "Unclassified" category. AMS is removing this section in all standards as they are revised. This category is not a grade and only serves to show that no grade has been applied to the lot. It is no longer considered necessary due to current marketing practices.

This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on the proposed changes to the United States Standards for Grades of Beet Greens. Should AMS go forward with the revisions, it will develop the proposed revised standards that will be published in the **Federal Register** with a request for comments in accordance with 7 CFR part 36.

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Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No.: 080131110-8112-01]

Solicitation of Proposals and Applications for Economic Development Assistance Programs

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for proposals and applications.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3121, *et seq.*) (PWEDA), EDA announces general policies and application procedures for grant-based investments under the Public Works, Planning, Local Technical Assistance, and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs to promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in regions experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress.

DATES: Proposals are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received. Generally, two months are required for EDA to reach a final decision after receipt of a complete application that meets all requirements. Proposals or applications (as appropriate) received after the date of this notice will be processed in accordance with the requirements set forth herein and in the related federal funding opportunity (FFO) announcement, until the next annual FFO is posted on www.grants.gov and related notice and request for proposals and applications is published in the **Federal Register**.

Pre-Application and Application Submission Requirements

Proponents are advised to carefully read the instructions contained in the both complete FFO announcement for this request for proposals and applications, and in the *Pre-Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900P) and *Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900A). Please note that the requirements for the pre-application are different from the requirements for the application. The content of the pre-application and the application (as appropriate) is the same for paper submissions as it is for electronic submissions. EDA will not

accept facsimile transmissions of pre-applications and applications.

For projects under EDA's Public Works Program (CFDA No. 11.300) or Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (CFDA No. 11.307), applicants must submit a pre-application on Form ED-900P and the *Application for Federal Assistance* (Form SF-424), both of which are available at www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Application.xml. The applicant must complete Parts I, II and III of Form ED-900P and all of Form SF-424. In addition, the applicant must attach a project narrative, as stated in section IV.B.1. of the FFO announcement for this request for proposals and applications. Forms ED-900P and SF-424 may be submitted either (i) in paper (hardcopy) format at the applicable regional office address provided below, or (ii) electronically in accordance with the procedures provided on www.grants.gov.

For projects under EDA's Planning Program (CFDA No. 11.302) or Local Technical Assistance Program (CFDA No. 11.303), please contact the appropriate EDA regional office listed below for instructions as to whether you should complete a pre-application or an application. For example, in the case of a continuation award for a Planning grant, a pre-application is not required. However, for short-term Planning or Local Technical Assistance investments, EDA may provide assistance to develop the economic development capacity of States, cities and other eligible applicants experiencing economic distress or to assist in institutional capacity building, in which circumstances Form ED-900P may be necessary. The applicable EDA regional office will determine which form you must complete.

The following forms may be accessed and downloaded as follows: (i) Forms ED-900P and ED-900A at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Application.xml>; (ii) Standard Forms (SF) at either www.grants.gov or at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Application.xml>; and (iii) Department of Commerce (CD) forms at http://ocio.os.doc.gov/ITPolicyandPrograms/Electronic_Forms/index.htm. All forms referenced above may be submitted either: (i) In paper (hardcopy) format at the applicable regional office address provided below; or (ii) electronically in accordance with the procedures provided on www.grants.gov.

Addresses and Telephone Numbers for EDA's Regional Offices

Applicants in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee,

may submit paper submissions to: Economic Development Administration, Atlanta Regional Office, 401 West Peachtree Street, NW., Suite 1820, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, Telephone: (404) 730-3002, Fax: (404) 730-3025.

Applicants in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, may submit paper submissions to: Economic Development Administration, Austin Regional Office, 504 Lavaca, Suite 1100, Austin, Texas 78701-2858, Telephone: (512) 381-8144, Fax: (512) 381-8177.

Applicants in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin and Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa, may submit paper submissions to: Economic Development Administration, Chicago Regional Office, 111 North Canal Street, Suite 855, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Telephone: (312) 353-7706, Fax: (312) 353-8575.

Applicants in Colorado, Iowa (excluding Muscatine and Scott Counties), Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, may submit paper submissions to: Economic Development Administration, Denver Regional Office, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Room 670, Denver, Colorado 80204, Telephone: (303) 844-4715, Fax: (303) 844-3968.

Applicants in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia and West Virginia, may submit paper submissions to: Economic Development Administration, Philadelphia Regional Office, Curtis Center, 601 Walnut Street, Suite 140 South, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106, Telephone: (215) 597-4603, Fax: (215) 597-1063.

Applicants in Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Republic of Palau and Washington, may submit paper submissions to: Economic Development Administration, Seattle Regional Office, Jackson Federal Building, Room 1890, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98174, Telephone: (206) 220-7660, Fax: (206) 220-7669.

Paper Submissions: Proponents choosing this option must submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of the completed pre-application or application (as appropriate) via postal mail, shipped overnight or hand-delivered to the applicable regional office, unless otherwise directed by EDA staff. Department of Commerce mail security measures may delay receipt of United States Postal Service mail for up to two weeks. Therefore, proponents

who wish to submit paper applications are advised to use guaranteed overnight delivery services.

Electronic Submissions: Proponents choosing this option should submit pre-applications or applications in accordance with the instructions provided at www.grants.gov. You may access the pre-application or application package by following the instructions provided on http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp. The preferred file format for electronic attachments (e.g., the project narrative statement and exhibits to Form ED-900P) is portable document format (PDF); however, EDA will accept electronic files in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Lotus or Excel formats.

Applicants should access the following link for assistance in navigating www.grants.gov and for a list of useful resources: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant_help.jsp. If you do not find an answer to your question under *Frequently Asked Questions*, try consulting the *Applicant's User Guide*. If you still cannot find an answer to your question, contact www.grants.gov via e-mail at support@grants.gov or telephone at 1.800.518.4726. The hours of operation for www.grants.gov are Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (EST) (except for federal holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or for a paper copy of the FFO announcement, contact the appropriate EDA regional office listed above. EDA's Internet Web site at www.eda.gov also contains additional information on EDA and its programs.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Information: EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. In implementing this mission pursuant to its authorizing statute, PWEDA, EDA advances economic growth by assisting communities and regions experiencing chronic high unemployment and low per capita income to create an environment that fosters innovation, promotes entrepreneurship, and attracts increased private capital investment.

EDA encourages the submission of only those proposals or applications, as appropriate, that will significantly benefit regions with distressed economies. Distress may exist in a variety of forms, including high levels of unemployment, low income levels, large concentrations of low-income families, significant declines in per capita income, large numbers (or high rates) of

business failures, sudden major layoffs or plant closures, trade impacts, military base closures, natural or other major disasters, depletion of natural resources, reduced tax bases, or substantial loss of population because of the lack of employment opportunities. EDA believes that regional economic development to alleviate these conditions is effected primarily through investments and decisions made by the private sector. EDA will give preference to proposals or applications (as appropriate) that include cash contributions (over in-kind contributions) as the matching share.

EDA will evaluate and select proposals or applications (as appropriate) according to the investment policy guidelines and funding priorities set forth below under "Evaluation Criteria" and "Funding Priorities" and in section V. of the FFO announcement.

Electronic Access: The complete FFO announcement for the FY 2008 Economic Development Assistance Programs competition is available at www.grants.gov and at <http://www.eda.gov>.

Funding Availability: Funding appropriated under the FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 110-161, 121 Stat. 1844 (2007)) is available for the economic development assistance programs authorized by PWEDA and for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program (TAA Program) authorized under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341-2391) (Trade Act). Funds in the amount of \$249,100,000 have been appropriated for FY 2008 and shall remain available until expended.

Under this announcement, approximately \$216,927,372 is available for the (i) Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program; (ii) Planning Program; (iii) Local Technical Assistance Program; and (iv) Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. The funding periods and funding amounts referenced in the FFO announcement are subject to the availability of funds at the time of award, as well as to Department of Commerce and EDA priorities at the time of award. The Department of Commerce and EDA will not be held responsible for proposal or application preparation costs. Publication of this notice and the FFO announcement does not obligate the Department of Commerce or EDA to award any specific grant or cooperative agreement or to obligate all or any part of available funds.

From amounts otherwise made available for the economic development assistance programs authorized by

PWEDA, EDA will allocate \$9,400,000 to assist eco-friendly projects. With this allocation, EDA aims to benefit projects that seek technologies and strategies which employ the principles of reduced energy consumption, reduced harmful gas emissions and sustainable development. Therefore, EDA encourages applicants for and recipients of FY 2008 investment funds to detail and document increased project costs associated with such mitigation efforts in their communications with EDA.

A separate FFO announcement has been posted at www.grants.gov and at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml> that sets forth the specific funding priorities, application and selection processes, time frames, and evaluation criteria for University Center projects to be funded with FY 2008 appropriated funds. Similarly, separate FFO announcements will be posted on www.grants.gov and at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml> that will set forth the specific funding priorities, application and selection processes, time frames, and evaluation criteria for certain National Technical Assistance and research projects to be funded with FY 2008 appropriations.

Under the Trade Act, EDA administers the TAA Program to provide technical assistance to firms adversely affected by increased import competition. EDA anticipates that appropriated funds will be used to extend new cooperative agreements to the existing network of eleven (11) Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers, and to provide technical assistance to firms certified as eligible under the TAA Program. See 13 CFR part 315. On February 6, 2008, EDA published a program announcement (73 FR 6921) to set out the specific TAA Program administrative and procedural requirements, application and evaluation processes, and operational requirements for the current eleven EDA-funded Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers.

Statutory Authorities: The authorities for the (i) Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program; (ii) Planning Program; (iii) Local Technical Assistance Program; and (iv) Economic Adjustment Assistance Program are sections 201 (42 U.S.C. 3141), 203 (42 U.S.C. 3143), 207 (42 U.S.C. 3147), and 209 (42 U.S.C. 3149) of PWEDA, respectively. Unless otherwise provided in this notice or in the FFO announcement, applicant eligibility, program objectives and priorities, application procedures, evaluation criteria, selection procedures, and other requirements for all programs are set

forth in EDA's regulations (codified at 13 CFR chapter III) and applicants must address these requirements. EDA's regulations and PWEDA are available at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Lawsreg.xml>.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 11.300, Grants for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities; 11.302, Economic Development—Support for Planning Organizations; 11.303, Economic Development—Technical Assistance; 11.307, Economic Adjustment Assistance.

Applicant Eligibility: Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a(n): (i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3122) and 13 CFR 300.3. Projects eligible for Public Works or Economic Adjustment investment assistance include those projects located in regions meeting "Special Need" criteria (defined in 13 CFR 300.3), as set forth in section VIII.B. of the FFO announcement.

For-profit, private-sector entities do not qualify for investment assistance under PWEDA. Nonetheless, under its Local Technical Assistance Program or National Technical Assistance Program, EDA may make an award to a for-profit organization to carry out specific research or for other purposes set forth in 13 CFR 306.1. See also 42 U.S.C. 3147.

Cost Sharing Requirement: Generally, the amount of the EDA grant may not exceed fifty (50) percent of the total cost of the project. Projects may receive an additional amount that shall not exceed thirty (30) percent, based on the relative needs of the region in which the project will be located, as determined by EDA. See section 204(a) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(b)(1). For Planning Assistance, the minimum EDA investment rate for projects under 13 CFR part 303 is fifty (50) percent, and the maximum allowable EDA investment rate may not exceed eighty (80) percent. See 13 CFR 301.4(b)(3). For projects of a national scope under 13 CFR part 306 (Training, Research and

Technical Assistance), and for all other projects under 13 CFR part 306, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development has the discretion to establish a maximum EDA investment rate of up to one-hundred (100) percent where the project (i) merits, and is not otherwise feasible without, an increase to the EDA investment rate; or (ii) will be of no or only incidental benefit to the recipient. See section 204(c)(3) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(b)(4). In the case of EDA investment assistance to a(n) (i) Indian Tribe, (ii) State (or political subdivision of a State) that the Assistant Secretary determines has exhausted its effective taxing and borrowing capacity, or (iii) non-profit organization that the Assistant Secretary determines has exhausted its effective borrowing capacity, the Assistant Secretary has the discretion to establish a maximum EDA investment rate of up to one hundred (100) percent of the total project cost. See sections 204(c)(1) and (2) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(b)(5). Potential applicants should contact the appropriate EDA regional office to make these determinations.

In the proposal (or application) review process, EDA will consider the nature of the contribution (cash or in-kind) and the amount of the matching share funds. While cash contributions are preferred, in-kind contributions, fairly evaluated by EDA, may provide the required non-federal share of the total project cost. See section 204(b) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and section I.B. of the FFO announcement for this request for proposals and applications. In-kind contributions, which may include forgiveness or assumptions of debt, and contributions of space, equipment or services, are eligible to be included as part of the non-federal share of eligible project costs if they meet applicable federal cost principles and uniform administrative requirements. Funds from other federal financial assistance awards are considered matching share funds only if authorized by statute, which may be determined by EDA's reasonable interpretation of the statute. See 13 CFR 300.3. The applicant must show that the matching share is committed to the project for the project period, will be available as needed and is not conditioned or encumbered in any way that precludes its use consistent with the requirements of EDA investment assistance. See 13 CFR 301.5.

Intergovernmental Review: Proposals or applications for assistance under EDA's programs are subject to the State review requirements imposed by

Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Evaluation and Selection Procedures: Each pre-application or application (as appropriate) is circulated by a project officer within the applicable EDA regional office for review and comments. When the necessary input and information are obtained, the pre-application or application (as appropriate) is considered by the regional office's Investment Review Committee (IRC), which is comprised of regional office staff. The IRC discusses the pre-application or application (as appropriate) and evaluates it on two levels to (a) determine if the pre-application or application (as appropriate) meets the program-specific award and application requirements provided in 13 CFR 305.2 for Public Works investments, 13 CFR 303.3 for Planning investments, 13 CFR 306.2 for Local and National Technical Assistance, and 13 CFR 307.2 and 307.4 for Economic Adjustment Assistance; and (b) evaluate each pre-application or application (as appropriate) using the general evaluation criteria set forth in 13 CFR 301.8. These general evaluation criteria also are provided below under "Evaluation Criteria."

In the case of a pre-application, after completing its evaluation, the IRC recommends to the Regional Director whether an application should be invited, documenting its recommendation in the meeting minutes or in the Investment Summary and the Project Proposal Summary and Evaluation Form. For quality control assurance, EDA Headquarters reviews the IRC's analysis of the project's fulfillment of the investment policy guidelines set forth below under "Evaluation Criteria" and in 13 CFR 301.8. After receiving quality control clearance, the Selecting Official, who is the Regional Director, considers the evaluations provided by the IRC and the degree to which one or more of the funding priorities provided below are included, in making his/her decision as to which proponents should be invited to submit formal applications for investment assistance. The Selecting Official then formally invites successful proponents to submit full applications (on Form ED-900A). If the Selecting Official declines to invite a full application, he/she provides written notice to the proponent.

If a proponent is selected to submit a full application on Form ED-900A, the appropriate regional office will provide application materials and guidance in completing them. The proponent will generally have thirty (30) days to submit

the completed application materials to the regional office. EDA staff will work with the proponent to resolve application deficiencies. EDA will notify the applicant if EDA accepts a completed application, and it is forwarded for final review and processing in accordance with the procedures described above in this subsection.

Evaluation Criteria: EDA will select investment proposals or applications (as appropriate) competitively based on the investment policy guidelines and funding priority considerations identified in this notice. EDA will evaluate the extent to which a project embodies the maximum number of investment policy guidelines and funding priorities possible and strongly exemplifies at least one of each. All investment proposals or applications (as appropriate) will be competitively evaluated primarily on their ability to satisfy one (1) or more of the following investment policy guidelines, each of equivalent weight and which also are set forth in 13 CFR 301.8.

1. *Be market-based and results driven.* An EDA investment will capitalize on a region's competitive strengths and will positively move a regional economic indicator measured on EDA's Balanced Scorecard, such as: An increased number of higher-skill, higher-wage jobs; increased tax revenue; or increased private sector investment.

2. *Have strong organizational leadership.* An EDA investment will have strong leadership, relevant project management experience, and a significant commitment of human resources talent to ensure a project's successful execution.

3. *Advance productivity, innovation and entrepreneurship.* An EDA investment will embrace the principles of entrepreneurship, enhance regional industry clusters, and leverage and link technology innovators and local universities to the private sector to create the conditions for greater productivity, innovation, and job creation.

4. *Look beyond the immediate economic horizon, anticipate economic changes, and diversify the local and regional economy.* An EDA investment will be part of an overarching, long-term comprehensive economic development strategy that enhances a region's success in achieving a rising standard of living by supporting existing industry clusters, developing emerging new clusters, or attracting new regional economic drivers.

5. *Demonstrate a high degree of local commitment by exhibiting:*

- High levels of local government or non-profit matching funds and private sector leverage;
- Clear and unified leadership and support by local elected officials; and
- Strong cooperation between the business sector, relevant regional partners and local, State and Federal governments.

In addition to using the investment policy guidelines set forth above, EDA also will evaluate all Planning proposals or applications (as appropriate) based on the (i) quality of the proposed scope of work for the development, implementation, revision or replacement of a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS); and (ii) qualifications of the proponent to implement the goals and objectives resulting from the CEDS. See 13 CFR 303.3(a)(1) and (2). To ensure that the proposal fully meets these requirements, proponents should pay particular attention to 13 CFR 303.7(b), which sets forth specific technical requirements for the CEDS.

Funding Priorities: Successful proposals or applications (as appropriate) for EDA's investment programs will be regionally-driven initiatives in areas of the Nation that are underperforming and eligible for EDA assistance, and that meet one or more of the following core criteria (investment proposals or applications that meet more than one core criterion will be given more favorable consideration):

1. *Investments in support of long-term, coordinated and collaborative regional economic development approaches:*

- Establish comprehensive regional economic development strategies that identify promising opportunities for long-term economic growth.
- Exhibit demonstrable, committed multi-jurisdictional support from leaders across all sectors:
 - i. Public (e.g., mayors, city councils, county executives, senior state leadership);
 - ii. Institutional (e.g., institutions of higher learning);
 - iii. Non-profit (e.g., chambers of commerce, development organizations); and
 - iv. Private (e.g., leading regional businesses, significant regional industry associations).

• Generate quantifiable positive economic outcomes.

2. *Investments that support innovation and competitiveness:*

- Develop and enhance the functioning and competitiveness of leading and emerging industry clusters in an economic region.

- Advance technology transfer from research institutions to the commercial marketplace.

- Bolster critical infrastructure (e.g., transportation, communications, specialized training) to prepare economic regions to compete in the worldwide marketplace.

3. Investments that encourage entrepreneurship:

- Cultivate a favorable entrepreneurial environment consistent with regional strategies.

- Enable economic regions to identify innovative opportunities among growth-oriented small and medium-size enterprises.

- Promote community and faith-based entrepreneurship programs aimed at improving economic performance in an economic region.

4. Support strategies that link regional economies with the global marketplace:

- Enable businesses and local governments to understand that 95% of our potential customers don't live in America.

- Enable businesses, local governments and key institutions (e.g., higher education) to understand and take advantage of the numerous free trade agreements implemented in the last seven years.

- Enable economic development professionals to develop and implement strategies that reflect the competitive environment of the 21st Century global marketplace.

Additional consideration will be given to investment proposals or applications (as appropriate), which also:

- Respond to sudden and severe economic dislocations (e.g., major layoffs and/or plant closures, disasters).

- Enable BRAC-impacted communities to transition from a military to civilian economy.

- Advance the goals of linking historic preservation and economic development as outlined by Executive Order 13287, "Preserve America."

- Support the economic revitalization of brownfields.

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements: The administrative and national policy requirements for all Department of Commerce awards, contained in the *Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements*, published in the **Federal Register** on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), are applicable to this competitive solicitation.

Paperwork Reduction Act: This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Forms ED-900P (*Pre-Application for Investment Assistance*) and ED-900A (*Application for Investment Assistance*) has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the control number 0610-0094. The use of Form SF-424 (*Application for Financial Assistance*) has been approved under OMB control number 4040-0004. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review): This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

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

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act: Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: February 11, 2008.

Benjamin Erulkar,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-898]

Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Chlorinated Isocyanurates from the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On January 2, 2008, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published in the **Federal Register** the final results of the

first administrative review of the antidumping duty order on chlorinated isocyanurates from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). See *Chlorinated Isocyanurates from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 73 FR 159 (January 2, 2008) ("Final Results"), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum. The period of review covered December 16, 2004, through May 31, 2006. We are amending our Final Results to correct ministerial errors made in the calculation of the antidumping duty margin for Hebei Jiheng Chemical Company Ltd. ("Jiheng Chemical"), pursuant to section 751(h) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("Act").

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 19, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katharine Huang or Charles Riggle, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1271 or (202) 482-0650, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 26, 2007, Clearon Corporation ("Clearon") and Occidental Chemical Corporation ("Petitioners"), petitioners in the underlying investigation, BioLab, Inc. ("BioLab"), a domestic producer of the like product, and Hebei Jiheng Chemical Company Ltd. ("Jiheng Chemical"), the respondent in this proceeding, filed timely ministerial error allegations with respect to the Department's antidumping duty margin calculation in the Final Results. On December 31, 2007, Petitioners and Jiheng Chemical filed timely rebuttal comments.

Scope of Order

The products covered by this order are chlorinated isocyanurates, as described below:

Chlorinated isocyanurates are derivatives of cyanuric acid, described as chlorinated s-triazine triones. There are three primary chemical compositions of chlorinated isocyanurates: (1) trichloroisocyanuric acid (Cl₃(NCO)₃), (2) sodium dichloroisocyanurate (dihydrate) (NaCl₂(NCO)₃•2H₂O), and (3) sodium dichloroisocyanurate (anhydrous) (NaCl₂(NCO)₃). Chlorinated isocyanurates are available in powder, granular, and tableted forms. This order covers all chlorinated isocyanurates.