

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ESA requires that the Secretary of Commerce develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species. Recovery is defined as an "improvement in the status of listed species to the point at which listing is no longer appropriate" (50 CFR 402.02). Recovery plans provide blueprints to determine priority recovery actions for funding and implementation. The ESA specifies that recovery plans must, to the maximum extent practicable, incorporate into each plan: (1) a description of site-specific management actions that may be necessary to achieve the plan's goals for the conservation and survival of the species; (2) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in the species being removed from the list of threatened and endangered species; and (3) estimates of the time required and costs to achieve the plan's goal and to achieve intermediate steps toward that goal. NMFS has also developed interim recovery planning guidance that provides additional information to ensure consistency among recovery plans developed for all species managed by NMFS. This guidance emphasizes the importance of stakeholder involvement throughout the recovery planning process. In developing the draft recovery plan for the sDPS green sturgeon, NMFS will consider all of the information received in response to this notice and solicitation. In addition, NMFS will publish the draft recovery plan in the **Federal Register** for public comment.

NMFS requests relevant information from the public that should be addressed during preparation of the draft recovery plan for the threatened sDPS green sturgeon. Such information should address: (a) biological and other criteria for removing the species from the list of threatened and endangered species; (b) factors that are presently limiting or threaten to limit the survival

and conservation of the sDPS green sturgeon; (c) actions to address these limiting factors and threats; (d) estimates of the time and cost to implement recovery actions; and (e) research, monitoring, and evaluation needs.

NMFS understands that stakeholder participation in the recovery planning process is critical to the success of implementing the recovery plan. As such, NMFS requests that stakeholders identify themselves in order to receive notices of upcoming meetings and to receive draft documents to provide comments. For those receiving this notice, please forward to those that may be either interested in participating directly or may have knowledge to lend that would benefit the plan, and thus green sturgeon.

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

Dated: November 6, 2009.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No.: 0910271380-91383-01]

### Extension of the Award Period for Certain Minority Business Enterprise Centers

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) publishes this notice to allow for a funded extension of up to 12 months, on a non-competitive basis, of the award periods for those Minority Business Enterprise Centers (MBECs) identified in this

notice. This action is necessary to allow continued program delivery by the incumbent MBEC operators while MBDA completes an evaluation of the MBEC Program and the solicitation and award processes for the next funding cycle.

**DATES:** The extension and related funding, if approved by the Department of Commerce Grants Officer, will commence at the end of the current award period and will continue for a period not to exceed 12 months.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Efrain Gonzalez, Chief, Office of Business Development, Minority Business Development Agency, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5075, Washington, DC 20230. Mr. Gonzalez may be reached by telephone at (202) 482-1940 and by e-mail at [egonzalez@mbda.gov](mailto:egonzalez@mbda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Executive Order 11625, the MBEC Program provides standardized business assistance and development services directly to eligible minority-owned businesses. The MBEC Program is a key component of MBDA's overall business development assistance program; it promotes the growth and competitiveness of minority business enterprises, and further incorporates an entrepreneurial approach to the delivery of client services. This strategy expands the reach and service delivery of the MBEC Program by requiring project operators to develop and build upon strategic alliances with public and private sector partners as a means of serving eligible businesses within each MBEC's applicable geographical service area.

MBDA amends its prior competitive solicitations under the MBEC Program, as referenced in the below table, to allow for a funded extension of up to 12 months, on a non-competitive basis, of the award period for the following MBEC projects:

Name of project	Name of operator	Geographical service area	Original <b>Federal Register</b> notice
Alabama MBEC .....	Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.	State of Alabama .....	71 FR 42351, as amended by 71 FR 45773.
Georgia MBEC .....	Georgia Tech Research Corporation	State of Georgia .....	71 FR 42351.
Miami MBEC .....	M. Gill & Associates, Inc.	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale/Pompano Beach MSA.	72 FR 67277.
Mississippi MBEC .....	Arkansas Regional Minority Business Council.	State of Mississippi .....	71 FR 42351, as amended by 71 FR 45773.
North Carolina MBEC .....	North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development.	State of North Carolina .....	71 FR 42351.
South Carolina MBEC .....	DESA, Inc.	State of South Carolina .....	71 FR 42351.
Chicago MBEC .....	Chicago Community Ventures.	State of Illinois .....	71 FR 42351.
Detroit MBEC .....	Michigan Minority Business Development Council.	State of Michigan .....	71 FR 42351, as amended by 71 FR 58788.
Indianapolis MBEC .....	State of Indiana.	State of Indiana .....	71 FR 42351.

Name of project	Name of operator	Geographical service area	Original <b>Federal Register</b> notice
St. Louis MBEC .....	St. Louis Minority Business Development Council.	State of Missouri .....	71 FR 42351.
Dallas MBEC .....	Grijalva & Allen, P.C.	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington MSA .....	71 FR 42351.
El Paso MBEC .....	El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.	El Paso MSA .....	72 FR 71621.
New Mexico MBEC .....	NEDA Business Consultants, Inc.	State of New Mexico .....	71 FR 42351.
San Antonio MBEC .....	University of Texas at San Antonio.	San Antonio MSA .....	71 FR 42351.
Manhattan MBEC .....	Interracial Council for Business Opportunity.	New York Counties of: New York, Bronx & Westchester.	71 FR 42351.
New Jersey MBEC .....	Interracial Council for Business Opportunity.	State of New Jersey .....	71 FR 42351.
Pennsylvania .....	The Enterprise Center.	State of Pennsylvania .....	71 FR 42351.
Puerto Rico MBEC .....	Asociacion Productos de Puerto Rico.	Puerto Rico Islandwide .....	71 FR 42351.
Queens MBEC .....	Jamaica Business Resource Center.	New York Counties of: Queens, Nassau & Suffolk.	71 FR 42351.
Washington DC Metro MBEC .....	National Community Reinvestment Coalition, Inc.	Washington, DC/Arlington/Alexandria MSA.	71 FR 42351.
Williamsburg MBEC .....	ODA Community Development Corporation.	New York Counties of: Kings & Richmond.	71 FR 42351.
Arizona MBEC .....	Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation.	State of Arizona .....	71 FR 42351.
Honolulu MBEC .....	University of Hawaii.	Honolulu MSA .....	72 FR 67277.
Inland Empire MBEC .....	CHARO Community Development Corporation.	California Counties of: Orange, Riverside, Inland Empire, San Diego & San Bernardino.	71 FR 42351.
Los Angeles MBEC .....	University of Southern California.	California Counties of: Los Angeles & Ventura.	71 FR 42351.
Nevada MBEC .....	New Ventures Capital Development Company.	State of Nevada .....	71 FR 42351.
Northern California MBEC .....	Asian, Inc.	California Counties of: Santa Clara, Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, San Benito, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Mendocino, San Joaquin, Sacramento, & Marin.	71 FR 42351.
Washington MBEC .....	Seattle Business Assistance Center.	State of Washington .....	71 FR 42351.

MBDA takes this action to allow for continued program delivery by the incumbent MBEC operators while MBDA completes its evaluation of the MBEC Program and of the competitive solicitation and award processes for the next funding cycle.

The award extension and additional funding referenced herein will be made at the sole discretion of MBDA and the Department of Commerce using the following evaluation criteria: (1) The MBEC's program performance rating during the current program period; (2) the availability of appropriated funds; and (3) MBDA and Department of Commerce's priorities. MBDA will review each MBEC project's performance rating as evaluated through the standardized performance reports and assessments required under the MBEC Program in determining which projects will be offered an extension. Although MBDA is allowing for an extension of the award period for projects awarded under the MBEC Program, it is possible that not all projects will be offered an extension.

Funding for award extensions is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations, which have not yet been appropriated for the MBEC program. MBDA therefore issues this notice subject to the appropriations made available under the current continuing resolution, H.R. 2918, Division B, "Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2010," Public Law 111-68. In no event will MBDA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for any costs incurred outside of the current award period by the incumbent operators of the MBEC projects affected by this notice if the MBEC Program fails to receive funding or if an award extension is not made because of other MBDA or Department of Commerce priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige MBDA or the Department of Commerce to award any extensions or to obligate any available funds.

#### **Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements**

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696) are applicable to this notice.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

This document contains collection of information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of the MBDA Performance Online Database and Standard Forms 424, 424A and 424B has been approved by OMB under the control numbers 0640-0002, 4040-0004, 4040-0006 and 4040-0007, respectively. Notwithstanding any other provisions 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 PRA unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

**Executive Order 12866**

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 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 comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, 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 is not required and has not been prepared.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

**David A. Hinson,**

*National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements; Public Workshops**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of workshop.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS, Alaska Region, and the U.S. Coast Guard, North Pacific Fisheries Training Center, will present a workshop on seaLandings, a consolidated electronic means of reporting production of commercial groundfish to multiple management agencies for Federal and State fisheries off the coast of Alaska, and 2010 recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the Alaska groundfish fisheries and Individual Fishing Quota fisheries.

**DATES:** The workshops will be held on November 18, 2009, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Swedish Cultural Center Seattle, WA, 1920 Dexter Ave. N in the Svea Room on the Main Level.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patty Britza, 907-586-7376.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The workshop will include discussion of seaLandings and 2010 recordkeeping and reporting requirements for Alaska groundfish fisheries and Individual Fishing Quota fisheries and instructions for completing and submitting required reports and logbooks. NMFS will provide a demonstration of the new version of seaLandings for at-sea catcher processors and training on how to submit daily production reports, consolidated landing reports, with and without Individual Fishing Quota, and the maximum retainable amount worksheet.

**Special Accommodations**

These workshops will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Patty Britza, 907 586 7376, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 6, 2009.

**James P. Burgess,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of closed conference call.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will conduct a conference call on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 1 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of twelve members prominent in the fields of quality, innovation, and performance excellence and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this conference call is to conduct final judging of the 2009 applicants. The conference call will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

**DATES:** The conference call will convene December 3, 2009 at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 2 p.m. on December 3, 2009. The entire conference call will be closed.

**ADDRESSES:** None.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, Baldrige National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 8, 2009, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and other organizations and a discussion of this data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, because the meetings are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: November 5, 2009.

**Patrick Gallagher,**

*Deputy Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XQ82

**Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Russian River Estuary Management Activities**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received an application from the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to Russian River Estuary (Estuary) management activities, specifically construction and maintenance of a lagoon outlet channel