

doctm/tmcal.html) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. CS Saudi Arabia and CS Qatar will work in conjunction with Global Trade Programs, which will serve as a key facilitator in establishing strong commercial ties to the U.S. companies in the targeted sectors nationwide.

Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than Friday, April 16, 2010. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review all applications immediately after the deadline. We will inform applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after Friday 16, 2010. Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number: [100311135-0139-01]

FY 2010 NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Comprehensive Grants Program

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Comprehensive Grants Program is soliciting applications for financial assistance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. The NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Comprehensive Grants Program is seeking proposals for significant research involving Neutron Research and Spectroscopy specifically aimed at assisting visiting researchers at the NIST Center for Neutron Research, developing

new instrumentation for Neutron Research, conducting collaborative research with NIST scientists, and to conduct other outreach and educational activities that advance the use of neutrons by U.S. university and industrial scientists.

DATES: All applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time on Friday, May 7, 2010. Please see "Application Submission Information" for more information.

ADDRESSES: Paper copies of full proposals must be submitted to the address below. Paper submissions require an original and two copies: Tanya Burke, NIST Center for Neutron Research; National Institute of Standards and Technology; 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 6100; Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-6100. Electronic submissions of full proposals must be submitted to: <http://www.grants.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tanya Burke, NIST Center for Neutron Research, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 6100, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-6100. Tel (301) 975-4711, E-Mail: tanya.burke@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic access: Applications are strongly encouraged to read the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) available at <http://www.grants.gov> for complete information about this program, all program requirements, and instructions for applying by paper or electronically.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. § 272(b) and (c), 15 U.S.C. § 278g-1(a), (b), 15 U.S.C. § 7501(b)
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 11.609

Program Description

Program Objectives

The mission of the NIST Center for Neutron Research is to assure the availability of neutron measurement capabilities to meet the needs of U.S. researchers from industry, academia and other government agencies. The primary program objectives of the NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Comprehensive Grants Program are:

1. To advance, through cooperative efforts with one or more recipients, research consistent with the mission of NIST, and NCNR specifically. See <http://www.nist.gov/ncnr/> and 15 U.S.C. 271 *et seq.*

2. To encourage significant research involving Neutron Research and Spectroscopy specifically aimed at assisting visiting researchers at the NIST Center for Neutron Research.

3. To develop new instrumentation for Neutron Research.

4. To conduct collaborative research with NIST scientists and to conduct other outreach and educational activities that advance the use of neutrons by U.S. academic and industrial scientists.

The NCNR intends this financial assistance program to address all of these objectives through one or more Cooperative Agreements. An eligible applicant is not prohibited from including any collaborating subrecipients in its application.

Additional information about the NCNR can be found at: <http://www.nist.gov/ncnr>.

Additional information about the NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Comprehensive Grants Program NCNR may be found in the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this program.

Funding Availability: NIST anticipates making 1-3 awards for a period of performance of up to 5 years at \$1,500,000—\$2,000,000 per year per award.

Total Amount to be Awarded: Up to \$25 million in Cooperative Agreements.

The funding instrument used in this program will be a Cooperative Agreement.

Proposals will be considered for Cooperative Agreements with durations of up to five years, funded in one year increments, subject to the availability of funds, satisfactory progress, and the continuing relevance to the objectives of the NIST Center for Neutron Research. The anticipated level of funding is up to \$2,000,000 per year and one or more awards may be approved. Between one and three awards are likely. Projects are expected to start by October 1, 2010.

NIST will determine whether to fund one award for the full amount; to divide available funds into multiple awards of any size, and negotiate scopes of work and budgets as appropriate; or not to select any proposal for funding, upon completing the selection process described below.

Cost Share Requirements: None.

Eligibility: This program is open to institutions of higher education; hospitals; nonprofit organizations; commercial organizations; state, local, and Indian tribal governments; foreign governments; organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments; and international organizations.

Evaluation Criteria

The applications will be evaluated and scored on the basis of the following evaluation criteria:

1. Qualifications and experience of the Principal Investigator in neutron scattering research, as demonstrated by extensive publications and invited lectures in condensed matter physics, chemistry, material science, macromolecular science or related fields (10%).

2. Qualifications and experience of the Applicant's proposed staff in neutron scattering research or in related scientific or engineering areas that are key to the activities contained in the proposal, as demonstrated by resumes of staff proposed for this program (30%).

3. Quality of the proposed research and development plan and its potential impact on neutron scattering science, particularly in the areas of macromolecular science, condensed matter physics, and chemistry (20%).

4. Quality of the plan in terms of providing research assistance to U.S. neutron researchers using the NCNR facilities, including related training, education, and outreach (30%).

5. Quality of the plan to integrate the applicant's staff effectively into the activities of the NCNR facility, including establishing robust communications between the university and the NCNR (10%).

Selection Factors: The Selecting Official shall recommend award based upon the rank order and recommendations of the reviewers, but may select out of rank order based on one or more of the following factors:

- a. Availability of Federal funds;
- b. Balance/distribution of funds to ensure research opportunities for all types of NCNR scientific research areas described in the Funding Opportunity Description section of this Notice; and
- c. Applicant's prior award performance.

Therefore, the highest scoring proposals may not necessarily be selected for an award. If an award is made to an applicant that deviates from the scores of the reviewers, the Selecting Official will justify the selection in writing based on selection factors described above.

Review and Selection Process

All timely submitted applications received in response to this announcement will be reviewed to determine whether they are complete and responsive to the scope of the stated objectives of the Program. Incomplete or non-responsive applications will not be reviewed for technical merit. NIST will retain one copy of each incomplete or non-responsive application for three years for record keeping purposes. The remaining copies will be destroyed.

Each complete and responsive application will be reviewed by at least four independent, objective NIST employees, who are knowledgeable in the subject matter of this announcement and its objectives and who are able to conduct a review based on the evaluation criteria for the Program as described in this notice. The reviewers will reach a consensus score resulting in a rank order of applications and make recommendations for funding to the Selecting Official. In making final selections, the Selecting Official (Director, NCNR) will select funding recipients based upon the rank order of the proposals, but may select out of rank order based on one or more of the Selection Factors. The final award of Cooperative Agreements will be made by the NIST Grants Officer in Gaithersburg, Maryland, based on compliance with application requirements as published in this notice, compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, and whether the recommended applicants are determined to be responsible. Unsatisfactory performance on any previous Federal award may result in an application not being considered for funding. Applicants may be asked to modify objectives, work plans, or budgets, and provide supplemental information required by the agency prior to award. The decision of the Grants Officer is final.

Timely submission of an application, whether submitted electronically or in paper format, is the responsibility of the applicant.

Application Submission Information: All applicants should be aware that adequate time must be factored into applicant schedules for delivery of the application for both electronic and paper submission. Applicants who submit electronic applications are advised that volume on Grants.gov may be extremely heavy, and if Grants.gov is unable to accept applications electronically in a timely fashion, applicants are encouraged to exercise their option to submit applications in paper format.

Applications must be received on time, as the review process is expected to begin shortly after the deadline.

The 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, which are contained in the **Federal Register** Notice of February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), are applicable to this notice. On the form SF-424 items 8.b. and 8.c., the applicant's 9-digit Employer/

Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN) and 9-digit Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number must be consistent with the information on the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) (<http://www.ccr.gov>) and Automated Standard Application for Payment System (ASAP). For complex organizations with multiple EIN/TIN and DUNS numbers, the EIN/TIN and DUNS numbers MUST be the numbers for the applying organization. Organizations that provide incorrect/inconsistent EIN/TIN and DUNS numbers may experience significant delays in receiving funds if their proposal is selected for funding. Please confirm that the EIN/TIN and DUNS numbers are consistent with the information on the CCR and ASAP.

Collaborations with NIST Employees: Collaboration with NIST is presumed in the NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Comprehensive Grants Program. If any applicant proposes any activities involving specific NIST employees, the statement of work should include a statement of this intention, a description of the collaboration, and prominently identify the NIST employee(s) involved. Any collaboration by a NIST employee must be approved by appropriate NIST management and approval is at the sole discretion of NIST. Prior to beginning the merit review process, NIST will verify the approval of the proposed collaboration. Any unapproved collaboration will be stricken from the proposal prior to the merit review.

Use of NIST Intellectual Property: If the applicant anticipates using any NIST-owned intellectual property to carry out the work proposed, the applicant should identify such intellectual property. This information will be used to ensure that no NIST employee involved in the development of the intellectual property will participate in the review process for that competition. In addition, if the applicant intends to use NIST-owned intellectual property, the applicant must comply with all statutes and regulations governing the licensing of Federal government patents and inventions, described at 35 U.S.C. 200-212, 37 CFR part 401, 15 CFR 14.36, and in Section B.21 of the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements, 73 FR 7696 (Feb. 11, 2008). Questions about these requirements may be directed to the Chief Counsel for NIST, 301-975-2803.

Any use of NIST-owned intellectual property by a proposer is at the sole discretion of NIST and will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis if a project is deemed meritorious. The applicant should indicate within the

statement of work whether it already has a license to use such intellectual property or whether it intends to seek one.

If any invention made in whole or in part by a NIST employee arises in the course of an award made pursuant to this notice, the United States government may retain its ownership rights in any such invention. Licensing or other disposition of NIST's rights in such invention will be determined solely by NIST, and include the possibility of NIST putting NIST's rights in the intellectual property into the public domain.

Collaborations making use of Federal Facilities: All applications should include a description of any work proposed to be performed using Federal Facilities.

If an applicant proposes use of NIST facilities, the statement of work should include a statement of this intention and a description of the facilities. Any use of NIST facilities must be approved by appropriate NIST management and is at the sole discretion of NIST. Prior to beginning the merit review process, NIST will verify the availability of the facilities and approval of the proposed usage. Any unapproved facility use will be stricken from the proposal prior to the merit review. Examples of some facilities that may be available for collaborations are listed on the NIST Technology Services Web site, <http://ts.nist.gov/>.

Paperwork Reduction Act: The standard forms in the application kit involve a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, 424 (R&R), SF-LLL, and CD-345 has been approved by OMB under the respective Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 4040-0001, 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 of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a valid OMB Control Number.

Research Projects Involving Human Subjects, Human Tissue, Data or Recordings Involving Human Subjects: Any proposal that includes research involving human subjects, human tissue, data or recordings involving human subjects must meet the requirements of the Common Rule for the Protection of Human Subjects (Common Rule), codified for the Department of Commerce at 15 CFR part 27. In addition, any proposal that

includes research on these topics must be in compliance with any statutory requirements imposed upon the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and other federal agencies regarding these topics, all regulatory policies and guidance adopted by DHHS, the Food and Drug Administration, and other Federal agencies on these topics, and all Presidential statements of policy on these topics. NIST will accept the submission of human subjects protocols that have been approved by Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) possessing a current registration filed with DHHS and to be performed by institutions possessing a current, valid Federal-Wide Assurance (FWA) from DHHS. NIST will not issue a Single Project Assurance (SPA) for any IRB reviewing any human subjects protocol proposed to NIST.

President Obama has issued Executive Order No. 13,505 (74 FR 10667, March 9, 2009), revoking previous Executive Orders and Presidential statements regarding the use of human embryonic stem cells in research. On July 30, 2009, President Obama issued a memorandum directing that agencies that support and conduct stem cell research adopt the "National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research" (NIH Guidelines), which became effective on July 7, 2009, "to the fullest extent practicable in light of legal authorities and obligations." On September 21, 2009, the Department of Commerce submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a statement of compliance with the NIH Guidelines. In accordance with the President's memorandum, the NIH Guidelines, and the Department of Commerce statement of compliance, NIST will support and conduct research using only human embryonic stem cell lines that have been approved by NIH in accordance with the NIH Guidelines and will review such research in accordance with the Common Rule, as appropriate. NIST will not support or conduct any type of research that the NIH Guidelines prohibit NIH from funding. NIST will follow any additional policies or guidance issued by the Administration on this topic.

Research Projects Involving Vertebrate Animals: Any proposal that includes research involving vertebrate animals must be in compliance with the National Research Council's "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals" which can be obtained from National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20055. In addition, such proposals must meet the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*), 9 CFR parts 1, 2, and 3, and if

appropriate, 21 CFR part 58. These regulations do not apply to proposed research using pre-existing images of animals or to research plans that do not include live animals that are being cared for, euthanized, or used by the project participants to accomplish research goals, teaching, or testing. These regulations also do not apply to obtaining animal materials from commercial processors of animal products or to animal cell lines or tissues from tissue banks.

Limitation of Liability: Funding for the programs listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NIST or the Department of Commerce to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review): This funding notice was 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.

Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs): Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act: Notice and comment are not required under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)). Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for rules 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.*

Reporting: Recipients will be required to submit, on a semi-annual basis, for the periods ending March 31 and September 30 of each year, a technical progress report and a SF-269, Financial Status Report. From time to time, and in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements and other terms and conditions governing the award, the recipient may need to submit property and patent reports.

Anticipated Announcement and Award Date

NIST plans to make awards by September 30, 2010.

Dated: April 1, 2010.

Marc G. Stanley,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1674]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; The Swatch Group (U.S.) Inc. (Watch and Jewelry Warehousing and Distribution), Secaucus, NJ

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for “* * * the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board’s regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 49, has made application to the Board for authority to establish a special-purpose subzone at the warehouse and distribution facility of The Swatch Group (U.S.) Inc., located in Secaucus, New Jersey (FTZ Docket 34-2009, filed 8/7/09);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 41382, 8/17/09) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendation of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board’s regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for activity related to watch and jewelry warehousing and distribution at the facility of The Swatch Group (U.S.) Inc., located in Secaucus, New Jersey

(Subzone 49L), as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this April 1, 2010.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the Committee’s draft report to the NIST Director. The draft report will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrrp.gov/>. Interested members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting from remote locations by calling into a central phone number.

DATES: The ACEHR will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The meeting will be open to the public. Interested parties may participate in the meeting from their remote location.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding the meeting should be sent to National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8630, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8630. For instructions on how to participate in the meeting, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jack Hayes, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8630, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8630. Dr. Hayes’ e-mail address is jack.hayes@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 975-5640.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-360). The Committee is composed of 15 members appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) serves in an ex-officio capacity on the Committee. The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- The effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities (improved design and construction methods and practices; land use controls and redevelopment; prediction techniques and early-warning systems; coordinated emergency preparedness plans; and public education and involvement programs);
- Any need to revise NEHRP; and
- The management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). There will be no central meeting location. The public is invited to participate in the meeting by calling in from remote locations. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the Committee’s draft report to the NIST Director. The draft report will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee’s affairs are invited to request detailed instructions on how to dial in from a remote location to participate in the meeting. Approximately fifteen minutes will be reserved from 4:45 p.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be