

SBDC Program Organization

The lead SBDC operates a statewide or regional network of SBDC service centers. An SBDC must have a full-time Director. SBDCs must use at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide services to small businesses. SBDCs use volunteers and other low-cost resources as much as possible.

SBDC Services

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, depending upon local needs, SBA priorities and SBDC program objectives. Services include training and counseling to existing and prospective small business owners in management, marketing, finance, operations, planning, taxes, and any other general or technical area of assistance that supports small business growth.

The SBA district office and the SBDC must agree upon the specific mix of services. They should give particular attention to SBA's priority and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, exporters, the disabled, and minorities.

SBDC Program Requirements

An SBDC must meet programmatic and financial requirements imposed by statute, regulations or its Cooperative Agreement. The SBDC must:

- (a) Locate service centers so that they are as accessible as possible to small businesses;
- (b) Open all service centers at least 40 hours per week, or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;
- (c) Develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment community, professional associations, private consultants and small business groups; and
- (d) Maintain lists of private consultants at each service center.

Dated: July 9, 2010.

Antonio Doss,

Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business

Administration's intentions to request approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 13, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether these information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collections, to: Carol Fendler, System Accountant, Office of Investment, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Fendler, System Accountant, Office of Investment, 202-205-7559, carol.fendler@sba.gov, Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To obtain the information needed to carry out its oversight responsibilities under the Small Business Investment Act, Small Business Administration (SBA) requires licensed small business investment companies to submit financial statements, with supplementary schedules tailored to current regulatory requirements, on SBA Form 468. SBA uses this information to monitor financial condition and regulatory compliance of Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC), and for credit analysis when considering whether to approve requests for financial assistance to SBICs.

Title: "SBIC Financial Reports".

Description of Respondents: Small Business Investment Companies.

Form Numbers: 468, 468.1, 468.2, 468.3, 468.4.

Annual Responses: 1,265.

Annual Burden: 21,175.

To obtain the information needed to carry out its program evaluation and oversight responsibilities under the Small Business Investment Act, SBA requires licensed small business investment companies to provide information on SBA Form 1031 each time financing is extended to a small business concern. SBA uses this information to compiled statistics on the SBIC program as a provider of capital to small business and to monitor the regulator regulatory compliance of individual SBICs.

Title: "Portfolio Financing Report".

Description of Respondents: Small Business Investment Companies.

Form Number: 1031.

Annual Responses: 3,700.

Annual Burden: 740.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal Register Meeting Notice; Webinar About Regional Innovation Clusters RFP

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

ACTION: Notice of open webinar meeting to discuss Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) Request for Proposals (RFP) No. SBAHQ-10-R-0021.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date of a webinar it is hosting to answer questions from potential Offerors about the Regional Innovation Clusters RFP. For more information please go to <http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html>. The RFP may be found on <http://www.fedbizopps.gov>.

Logistical Information: The webinar will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2010. For details, please visit <http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from existing regional innovation clusters to provide business training, counseling, mentoring, commercialization and technology transfer services, and other services that support the growth and development of small businesses in the cluster area and industries. SBA intends to make multiple fixed-price contract awards, each with a one-year base term with an option for an additional year. Annual proposal costs should not exceed \$600,000 and all contracts will be subject to applicable contract cost principles and procedures (Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 31). SBA will select regional innovation clusters in communities across the country that meet its specified criteria. Offerors will be asked to demonstrate that they have partnerships, technical capacity, and local assets to support their existing regional cluster, as well as experience fostering small business development and growth opportunities. SBA will evaluate offers based on a number of criteria, including the impact the services will have on the region's economic growth, creation of sustainable jobs and the opportunities the regional innovation cluster will provide for small businesses. The RFP was posted on <http://>

www.fedbizopps.gov on about July 8, 2010. All responsible sources may submit an offer that will be considered by the agency. Offerors need to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration database, which can be found at <http://www.ccr.gov>, and have a DUNS Number established by Dun & Bradstreet (see <https://fedgov.dnb.com>)

Meaghan Burdick,

Deputy Chief of Staff.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Webinar About Advanced Defense Technologies RFP

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of open webinar meeting to discuss Advanced Defense Technologies (ADT) Request for Proposals (RFP) No. SBAHQ-10-R-0022.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date of a webinar it is hosting to answer questions from potential Offerors about the Advanced Defense Technologies RFP. Please visit <http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html> for more information. The RFP may be found on <http://www.fedbizopps.gov>.

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION: The webinar will be held on Monday, July 19, 2010. For details, please visit <http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Small Business Administration has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from existing regional innovation clusters specializing in defense technologies to provide counseling, training, mentoring, matchmaking and other services to support small business development and growth in cluster areas and industries. SBA intends to make awards to multiple regional innovation clusters that can help meet critical Department of Defense technology needs. SBA intends to award fixed-price contracts with a one-year base term with an option for an additional year. Proposed annual costs should not exceed \$600,000, and all awarded contracts will be subject to applicable contract cost principles and procedures (Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 31). SBA will select regional innovation clusters in communities across the country with established cluster focus areas that meet its specified criteria. Some areas of high-growth potential include, but are not limited to, advanced robotics, advanced

defense systems, power/energy innovations, cyber-security and applied lightweight materials. Offerors should demonstrate that they have the partnerships, technical capacity, and local assets to support their existing regional innovation clusters, as well as experience fostering small business development and growth opportunities. Experience working with the Department of Defense Small Business Innovation Research and defense technology development programs is preferred. Offerors with Defense Security Service Facility Clearances who can hold security clearances and discuss classified material on site are preferred but not required. The RFP was posted on <http://www.fedbizopps.gov> on July 8, 2010. All responsible sources may submit an offer which will be considered by the agency. Offerors need to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration database, which can be found at <http://www.ccr.gov>, and have a DUNS Number established by Dun & Bradstreet (see <https://fedgov.dnb.com>).

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Size Standards: Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Waiver to the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Herbicides, Insecticides, and Fungicides, under Product Service Code (PSC) 6840, under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 325320, Pesticides and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is granting a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Herbicides, Insecticides, and Fungicides, under PSC 6840, under NAICS code 325320. The basis for waiver is that no small business manufacturers are supplying this class of product to the Federal government. The effect of this waiver will be to allow otherwise qualified small businesses to supply the products of any manufacturer on a Federal contract set aside for small businesses, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned (SDVO) small businesses or Participants in SBA's 8(a) Business Development (BD) Program.

DATES: This waiver is effective July 29, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Garcia, Procurement Analyst, by telephone at (202) 205-6842; by FAX at (202) 481-1630; or by e-mail at amy.garcia@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), and SBA's implementing regulations require that recipients of Federal supply contracts set aside for small businesses, SDVO small businesses, or Participants in the SBA's 8(a) BD Program must provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. 13 CFR 121.406(b), 125.15(c). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

In order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. 13 CFR 121.1202(c). The SBA defines "class of products" based on the Office of Management and Budget's NAICS. In addition, SBA uses PSCs to further identify particular products within the NAICS code to which a waiver would apply.

The SBA received a request on January 7, 2010, to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Herbicides, Insecticides, and Fungicides, PSC 6840, under NAICS code 325320, Pesticides and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing.

On May 19, 2010, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for the above listed items. SBA explained in the notice that it was soliciting comments and sources of small business manufacturers of this class of products. No comments were received in response to this notice. In addition, SBA conducted market research using the Dynamic Small Business Search database and no small business manufacturers that participate in the Federal market were identified. Thus, SBA has determined that there are no small business manufacturers of these classes of products, and is therefore granting the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Herbicides, Insecticides, and Fungicides, under PSC