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 <a href="http://www.ccr.gov">http://www.ccr.gov</a>, and have a DUNS Number established by Dun & Bradstreet (see <a href="https://fedgov.dnb.com">https://fedgov.dnb.com</a>)

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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 <a href="http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html">http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html</a> for more information. The RFP may be found on <a href="http://www.fedbizopps.gov">http://www.fedbizopps.gov</a>.

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 highgrowth 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.

Business Development (BD) Program. **DATES:** This waiver is effective July 29,

2010.

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**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