

full proposal submitted to a previous ATP competition. NIST will examine such proposals to determine whether substantial revisions have been made. Where the revisions are determined not to be substantial, NIST reserves the right to score and rank, or where appropriate, to reject, such proposals based on reviews of the previously submitted proposal.

Other Requirements

(a) **Federal Policies and Procedures.** Recipients and subrecipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Department of Commerce policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards as identified in the cooperative agreement award.

(b) **Past Performance.** Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in a proposal not being considered for funding.

(c) **Pre-award Activities.** If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Only written authorization from the NIST Grants Officer will obligate NIST to cover pre-award costs.

(d) **No Obligation for Future Funding.** If a proposal is selected for funding, NIST has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

(e) **Delinquent Federal Debts.** No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant or recipient who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either the delinquent account is paid in full, a negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or other arrangements satisfactory to NIST are made.

(f) **Name Check Review.** All for-profit and non-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

(g) **Primary Applicant Certification.** All primary applicants (including all joint venture participants) must submit a completed form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the

following explanation is hereby provided:

(1) **Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension.** Prospective participants, as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 105 are subject to 15 CFR part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

(2) **Drug-Free Workplace.** Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 605) are subject to 15 CFR 26, subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

(3) **Anti-Lobbying.** Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 USC 1352, "Limitations on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater; and,

(4) **Anti-Lobbying Disclosures.** Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, Appendix B.

(h) **Lower Tier Certification.** Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Although the CD-512 is intended for the use of primary recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST, the SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be forwarded in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

(i) **False Statements.** A false statement on any application for funding under ATP may be grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(j) **Intergovernmental Review.** The ATP does not involve the mandatory payment of any matching funds from state or local government and does not

affect directly any state or local government. Accordingly, the Department of Commerce has determined that Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" is not applicable to this program.

(k) **American-Made Equipment and Products.** Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with the funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent.

(l) **Paperwork Reduction Act.** This notice contains collection of information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Control No. 0693-0009). 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 PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control No.

Dated: December 23, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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Physics Laboratory 1997 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF)—Partnerships in Atomic, Molecular and Optical (AMO) Physics

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, the program "SURFing the Physics, Lab: A Partnership for AMO Physics" will provide an opportunity for the Physics Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Science Foundation to join in partnership with American colleges and universities, to encourage outstanding physics students to pursue scientific careers. This program will function by exposing students to the world class atomic, molecular, optical and radiation physicists and facilities in the NIST Physics Laboratory, and by strengthening undergraduate AMO physics curricula by forming the basis of ongoing collaborations. The NIST

program director will work with physics department chairs and directors of multi-disciplinary centers of excellence to identify outstanding undergraduates (including graduating seniors) who would benefit from off-campus summer research in an honors academy environment. We recommend a group of two candidates plus one alternate to be nominated by each institution, although larger or smaller groups will be given equal consideration. The selected group of about twenty-five (25) students will spend approximately twelve (12) weeks at the Physics Laboratory's Gaitherburgh, MD campus, working one-on-one with NIST staff physicists actively engaged in projects that combine the quest for fundamental knowledge and direct applications to problems of national importance. The 12-week stipend for the summer of 1997 will be \$3600. Students and NIST research advisors will be paired, based on the student's background and interests, in the spring. This allows for adequate dialog between the student, the student's physics professors and the NIST advisor. It also ensures that the student arrives at NIST ready to contribute, and prepares the student's physics professor for follow-up in the fall. Good overlap of research interest will facilitate collaborations between NIST and the participating academic partners. The students will live in a nearby furnished apartment complex and participate in the many NIST seminars and in a weekly SURFing the Physics Lab Summer Seminar Series. The students will all present a research seminar at NIST and be encouraged to participate in a local or national scientific conference during the following academic year. Given the significant lack of diversity in the present physics work force, we encourage students from under-represented groups to apply. Costs for this program (stipend, travel and housing) will be shared by NIST, NSF and the participating schools.

DATES: Proposals must be received no later than the close of business February 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the proposal along with the Grant Application, Standard Form 424 (Rev. 4/92) to: Physics Laboratory, Attn: Dr. Paul D. Lett, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 221, Room A-167, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Paul D. Lett, (301) 975-6559.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number

Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards; 11.609

Authority

The Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 U.S.C. 278g-1) authorizes the National Institute of Standards and Technology to expend up to 1 per centum of the funds appropriated for activities of NIST in any fiscal year, as the Director deems appropriate, for financial assistance awards in the form of cooperative agreements to students at institutions of higher learning within the United States. These students must show promise as present or future contributors to the missions of NIST. Cooperative Agreements are awarded to assure continued growth and progress of science and engineering in the United States, including the encouragement of women and minority students to continue their professional development.

Program Description

The objective of this partnership is to build a mutually beneficial relationship between the student, the institution of higher learning, and NIST. This is the fourth year of a program partially funded by the NSF Physics Division as a Research Experience for Undergraduates Site (REU). Between 20 and 50% of the associated student stipends, travel and housing will be provided in cost sharing by the individual participating institutions.

NIST is one of the nation's premiere institutions for the physical sciences and, as the lead agency for technology transfer, is providing a strong interface between government, industry, and academia; on-site researchers at NIST come from a broad range of colleges and industries. Owing to its unique mission to support the U.S. economy by working with industry, NIST embodies a special science culture, developed from a large and well-equipped research staff that enthusiastically blends programs that address the immediate needs of industry with longer-term research that anticipates future needs. This synergy occurs in few other places and enables the Physics Laboratory to offer unique research and training opportunities for undergraduates, providing them a research-rich environment and exposure to state of the art equipment, as well as to scientists at work and to professional contacts that represent future employment possibilities.

Attending to the long term needs of many U.S. high-technology industries,

NIST's Physics Laboratory conducts basic research in the areas of quantum, electron, optical, atomic, molecular, and radiation physics. This is complemented by applied research devoted to overcoming barriers to the next technological revolution, in which individual atoms and molecules will serve as the fundamental building blocks of electronic and optical devices. To achieve these goals, staff develop and utilize highly specialized equipment, such as polarized electron microscopes, scanning tunneling microscopes, lasers, and x-ray and synchrotron radiation sources. Research projects can be theoretical or experimental, and will range in focus from quantum electrodynamics, through trapping atoms and choreographing molecular collisions, to ionizing radiation. SURF students will work one-on-one with our nation's top physical scientists both from NIST and from some of our nation's leading, high tech industries. It is anticipated that successful SURF students will move from a position of reliance on guidance from their research advisors to one of research independence during the twelve-week period. One goal of this partnership is to provide opportunities for our nation's next generation of scientists and engineers to engage in world-class scientific research at NIST, especially in ground-breaking areas of emerging technologies. This carries with it the hope of motivating these individuals to pursue a Ph.D. in physics and to consider research careers. SURFing the Physics Lab will attempt to forge partnerships with NSF and with post-secondary institutions that demonstrate strong, hands-on undergraduate science curricula, especially those with a demonstrated commitment to the education of women, minorities and students with disabilities. This program will be open to all U.S. citizens interested in AMO physics.

Eligibility

Colleges and universities with degree granting programs in areas of AMO physics.

Funding Availability

The NIST Physics Laboratory will commit approximately \$45,000 to support cooperative agreements under this program. The NIST Physics Laboratory's REU Program is anticipating renewal of funding by the NSF at a level between \$50,000 and \$70,000 per year. The anticipated direct and indirect cost for stipends, travel and housing and conference attendance for up to twenty-five students is about

\$150,000. The actual number of awards made under this announcement will depend on the level of cost sharing by our academic partners. The issuance of awards is contingent upon the availability of funding.

Proposal Review Process

All proposals will be reviewed by a panel of three NIST scientists appointed by the Program Director. Proposals should include the following:

(A) Student Information:

(1) official transcript for each student nominated with a recommended G.P.A. of 3.0 or better;

(2) a personal statement from each student and statement of commitment to participate in the 1997 SURF program, including a description of the student's prioritized research interests;

(3) a resume for each student; and

(4) two letters of recommendation for each student. All references to student include the proposed alternate.

(B) Information About the Applicant Institution:

(1) description of the applicant's education and research philosophy, faculty interests, on-campus research program(s) and opportunities, and overlapping research interests of NIST and the institution; and

(2) a statement addressing issues of academic credit and commitment to cost sharing.

Application Kit

An application kit, containing all required application forms and certifications is available by calling Marilyn King at (301) 975-3200. An application kit includes the following:

SF 424 (Rev 4/92)—Application for Federal assistance

SF 424A (Rev 4/92)—Budget information—Non-Construction Programs

SF 424B (Rev 4/92)—Assurances—Non-Construction Programs

CD 511 (7/91)—Certification regarding debarment, suspension, and other responsibility matters; drug-free workplace requirements and lobbying
CD 512 (7/91)—Certification regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusions—lower tier covered transactions and lobbying
SF-LLL Disclosure of lobbying activities

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation of Student's Academic Ability and Commitment to Program Goals (35%): Includes, but is not limited to, evaluation of the following: Completed course work; expressed research interest; prior research experience; grade point average in courses relevant to program; career plans; honors and activities.

Evaluation of Applicant Institution's Commitment to Program Goals (35%): Includes, but is not limited to, evaluation of the following: Institution's focus on AMO physics; overlap between research interests of the institution and NIST; emphasis on undergraduate hands-on research; undergraduate participation in research conferences/programs; on-campus research facilities; past participation by students/institution in such programs; and commitment to educate women/minorities, and persons with disabilities. Evaluation of Applicant Institution's Cost Sharing (30%): In the spirit of a true partnership, successful applicants will be encouraged to contribute matching funds. A suggested level of participation would be to directly cover student travel (one round trip by common carrier) and housing costs (approximately \$1500); a higher level of participation, such as partial payment of the student's stipend, stated intent to support the participating students at a research conference, and/or awarding of academic credit, will be given extra merit in the evaluation process.

Award decisions shall be based upon total evaluation score.

Award Period

The 1997 Physics Laboratory SURFing Partnership is anticipated to run between May 27 through August 15, 1997; adjustments may be made to accommodate specific academic schedules (e.g., a limited number of 10-week cooperative agreements).

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Standard Form 424 and other Standard Forms in the application kit are subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been approved by OMB under Control Nos. 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046.

Additional Requirements

Primary Application Certifications

All primary applicants must submit a completed form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations must be provided:

1. Nonprocurement debarment and suspension. Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

2. Drug-free workplace. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

3. Anti-lobbying. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater.

4. Anti-lobbying disclosure. Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

5. Lower-tier certifications. Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to NIST in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Preaward Activities

Applicants who incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been provided, there is no obligation on the part of NIST to cover preaward costs.

No Obligation for Future Funding

If an application is accepted for funding, DOC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Past Performance

Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

False Statements

A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Delinquent Federal Debts

No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

1. The delinquent account is paid in full,
2. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or
3. Other arrangements satisfactory to DoC are made.

Indirect Costs

The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed direct cost dollar amount in the application whichever is less.

Purchase of American-made Equipment and Products

Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest practicable extent, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

Federal Policies and Procedures

Recipients and subrecipients under the Physics Laboratory Program shall be subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to financial assistance awards. The SURF program does not directly affect any state or local government. Applicants are reminded of the applicability of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Executive Order Statement

This funding notice was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

Samuel Kramer
Associate Director.

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Announcement of Meeting of National Conference on Weights and Measures

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Interim Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures will be held January 12 through 16, 1997, at the Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, MD. The meeting is open to the public.

The National Conference on Weights and Measures is an organization of weights and measures enforcement officials of the States, counties, and cities of the United States, and private sector representatives. The interim meeting of the conference, as well as the annual meeting to be held next July (a notice will be published in the Federal Register prior to such meeting), brings together enforcement officials, other government officials, and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations to discuss subjects that relate to the field of weights and measures technology and administration.

Pursuant to section 2(5) of its Organic Act (15 U.S.C. 272(5)), the National Institute of Standards and Technology acts as a sponsor of the National Conference on Weights and Measures in order to promote uniformity among the States in the complex of laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that comprises regulatory control by the States of commercial weighing and measuring.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 12-16, 1997.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Gilbert Ugiasky, Executive Secretary, National Conference on Weights and Measures, P.O. Box 4025, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20885. Telephone: (301) 975-4005.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,
Associate Director.

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Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserve

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the Alabama, American Samoa and Louisiana Coastal Zone Management Programs and the Apalachicola (FL) National Estuarine Research Reserve Program.

These evaluations will be conducted pursuant to section 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended. The CZMA requires a continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program implementation and reserve management. Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its coastal program document or reserve Management Plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA. The evaluations will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. Public meetings are held as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of public meetings during the site visits.

The Alabama Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from February 3-7, 1997. A public meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., in the International Trade Center, 250 Water Street, Mobile, Alabama.

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida, site visit will be from February 10-14, 1997. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., at the Apalachicola NERR Headquarters, 261 7th Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

The American Samoa Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from February 24-28, 1997. A public meeting will be on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 4:30 p.m., at the Rainmaker Hotel, Tapa Room.

The Louisiana Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from February 24-28, 1997. A public meeting will be on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., at the State Lands and Natural Resources Building, Mineral Board Hearing Room, 625 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.