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Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810242

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 779 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810243 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 783 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810244 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Structure 794 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810245 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 1660 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Perimeter Fence Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810246 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 1729 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810247 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 1738 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810248 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 1741 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810249 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 1979 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735– Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810250 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 2201 Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810251 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Concrete Slab Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Perimeter Fence Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810253 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Concrete Slab

Naval Base Roosevelt Roads By Bldg. 885/887 Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810254 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Concrete Slab Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Boxer Dr. Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810255 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Stairs/Sidewalks Naval Base Roosevelt Roads By Bldg. 56 Čeiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810256 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Stairs/Sidewalks Naval Base Roosevelt Roads By Chapel Cir. Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810257 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Rhode Island Bldg. W-31 Coddington Point Naval Education & Training Center Newport, RI 02841-1711 Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810261 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Bldg. 121 Coasters Harbor Island Naval Education & Training Center Newport, RI 02841-1711 Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810265 Status: Unutilized Reason: Extensive deterioration. Land (by State) Puerto Rico Asphalt Road near Airfield Naval Base Roosevelt Roads Ceiba, PR 00735-Landholding Agency: Navy Property Number: 779810252 Status: Unutilized Reason: Secured Area. [FR Doc. 98-9111 Filed 4-9-98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4210-29-M **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Fish and Wildlife Service

Revised Procedures for Selecting and Funding Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Administrative **Projects**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Service is announcing procedures for obtaining funding for Federal Aid administrative projects and availability of an estimated \$2,000,000 for Wildlife Restoration projects and \$2,000,000 for Sport Fish projects. This year's program incorporates changes to the documentation, focus areas and submission requirements.

DATES: Applications/proposals must be received by June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Division of Federal Aid, MS 140 ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert E. Lange, Jr., Chief, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (703) 358–2156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** each year announcing the deadline for project proposals, the amount of money available for Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration projects, and the focus areas identified for the year. Focus areas are used to promote and encourage efforts that address priority needs of the State fish and wildlife agencies.

The focus areas contained in this notice were developed in cooperation with the Grants-in-Aid Committee of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and represent that group's assessment of priority projects. The focus areas are provided as a guide so that applicants will know the types of projects that will likely score higher in the rankings.

Changes made since last year's program include revised focus areas, the requirement that the entire amount of funds requested for multi-year projects must be obligated in the fiscal year the grant is approved and that all proposals must be accompanied by a floppy disk containing the project narrative.

States, local governments, charitable and educational institutions, and other authorized recipients are authorized to apply for grants according to these procedures. The Department of the Interior has promulgated rules (43 CFR part 12) adopting common rules developed by the Office of Management and Budget as required by OMB Circulars A-102 and A-110 that contain administrative requirements that apply to these grants. This annual grant program does not contain information collection requirements for which approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as specified in

43 CFR part 12.4, are required. Any additional information collection requirements for this grant program are those necessary to comply with 43 CFR part 12, which include (a) project narrative: and (b) compliance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies. Record keeping includes the tracking of costs and accomplishments, monitoring progress and evaluating accomplishments, and reporting requirements. The Application for Federal Assistance (the Standard Form 424 series) prescribed by OMB Circulars A-102 and A-110 and required as part of this application process have the OMB clearance number 0348-0043.

Dated: April 6, 1998.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director.

Procedures for Selecting and Funding Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Administrative Projects

A. Purpose

This statement establishes procedures for selecting administrative projects to be funded by the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration programs. These projects are funded by grants to States, local governments, charitable and educational institutions, or other authorized recipients to accomplish public purposes relating to administering the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs and to facilitate the efforts of the States in implementing these programs.

B. Background

The mission of the two grant programs is to strengthen the ability of State and Territorial fish and wildlife agencies to meet effectively the consumptive and nonconsumptive needs of the public for fish and wildlife resources. The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States and to use administrative funds for carrying out the purposes of the Acts. The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661) provides the authority to provide financial assistance to Federal, State, and public or private parties to facilitate fish and wildlife programs. Administrative funds are deducted each year from the total amounts of funds available under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act. The statutory provisions related to administrative deductions are as follows:

Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (SFR)—Federal Aid Administrative Funds for sport fish restoration may not exceed 6 percent of the deposits in the SFR Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. These funds may be used for administrative projects for the "conduct of necessary investigations, administration, and the execution of this Act and for the aiding in the formulation, adoption, or administration of any compact between two or more States for the conservation and management of migratory fishes in marine or fresh waters." (Section 4 of the Act as amended by Pub. L. 98-369, 16 U.S.C. 777c)

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (WR)—Federal Aid Administrative Funds for wildlife restoration may not exceed 8 percent of the excise tax receipts deposited in the WR Fund. These funds may be used for the "administration and execution of this Act and the Migratory Bird Conservation Act." (Section 4 of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 669c)

After making administrative deductions as specified above, the remainder of the funds will be apportioned to the States in accordance with the formulas contained in the Acts. The Service will strive to minimize administrative deductions in order to maximize apportionments to the States.

C. Availability of Funds

In fiscal year 1999, the amounts of funds estimated to be available for administrative projects are \$2,000,000 for sport fish restoration and \$2,000,000 for wildlife restoration.

D. Interstate Compacts

The Service also will make available a total of \$600,000 annually, without competition, for funding The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, as authorized by law. Requests for additional amounts that may be eligible, must compete with other proposals for Administrative Funds. Proposals will be subject to all of the requirements in Section E.

E. Eligibility Requirements

The Service's Division of Federal Aid will review each proposal to determine if proposals are eligible for funding. To be eligible for funding, proposals must meet the following:

1. Authority—The project being proposed must be consistent with the missions of the program authorized by the SFR/WR laws and regulations.

2. *Scope*—The problem or need addressed in the proposal is of direct

concern to one-half or more of the States or of national significance, but confined to a lesser geographic area. The scope of marine resources proposals must also address a need that is of direct concern to a majority of States on a specific coast.

3. Significance—The problem or need addressed is deserving of the level of attention proposed.

4. *Feasibility*—The proposed objectives can be attained in the amount of time and with the personnel and resources requested.

5. *Cost-effectiveness*—The expected results of accomplishing the proposal are worth the costs to be expended.

6. *Period*—The maximum duration for any approved projects will be three years. New proposals may be submitted to extend a project beyond the original three-year period.

7. Documentation—Proposals must address each section of the documentation as listed under Submission Requirements, Section G.

F. Application Process

1. All proposals for Federal Aid administrative funding must be submitted to the Chief, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, ARLSQ. 140, Arlington, Virginia 22203. See guidance below for electronic submission of proposals. Proposals originating within the Service must have prior approval by the appropriate Regional Director or Assistant Director.

Z. Each year, a Notice will be published in the **Federal Register** announcing the deadline for submitting proposals. The Notice will also announce total funds available for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects. A table with the approximate dates for each step of the process is provided in Appendix A.

G. Submission Requirements

An original and two copies of each proposal for Federal Aid Administrative funds must be submitted in the following format. A floppy disk must accompany each application that contains the narrative portion of the proposal (excluding required forms).

Electronic submission of the narrative portion of proposals via the Internet is encouraged and should be addressed to tom–taylor@fws.gov. Applicants who submit proposals using email will be required to submit hard copies of the Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424 series), if their projects are judged eligible for funding.

Any commonly used word processing software may be used to compose projects submitted via disk or email.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to limit the narrative portion of proposals to 10 pages or less.

- 1. Application for Federal
 Assistance—Standard Form 424 is
 prescribed by Office of Management and
 Budget Circular A–110 and the common
 rule (Uniform Administrative
 Requirements for Grants and
 Cooperative Agreements to States and
 Local Governments). The SF 424
 consists of a coversheet, the SF 424A
 consists of a budget sheet, and the SF
 424B consists of compliance assurances.
 Proposals received without these forms
 will not be accepted.
- 2. *Title*—A short descriptive name of the proposal.
- 3. *Objective*—What will this proposal do? State a concise statement of the purpose of the proposal in quantified terms where possible.
 - 4. Need—Why address this problem?
- a. State the problem or need that this proposal is intended to address. Make references to any focus areas that the proposal addresses.
- b. Describe the number of states affected by the project, how they will benefit, and expressed support for the proposal. If the proposal is confined to a specific geographic area, describe the national significance of the proposal.

c. Brief status report on the history of previous work conducted by the proposer or others to address this need.

- 5. Expected Results or Benefits—What will be gained by funding this proposal? Describe the significance of accomplishing the project relative to the stated need. Relate benefits of satisfactorily completing the project to the States' fish and wildlife programs. In addition to stating how the results will be useful, describe provisions for making the product or results available and usable to those affected by the problem or need. Benefits should be expressed in quantified terms, i.e., angler days, harvest per unit effort, improvements to State administration, dollars saved, etc.
- 6. Approach—How will the proposed project be conducted? Describe how the work will be conducted including a description of techniques and method to be used, milestones, and a schedule of accomplishments.
- 7. Resumes—What are the qualifications of key personnel? Include resumes and names of key individuals who will be involved in the project, stating their particular qualifications for undertaking the project.
- 8. *Project Costs*—Submit a completed SF–424A, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs. Multi-year proposals must include an itemized

budget showing funds required for each 12 month period.

H. Focus Areas

Focus areas are those specific areas in which the States are seeking information and assistance in administering or implementing the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs. Focus areas will be announced each year by the Service, based on recommendations from the Grants-In-Aid Committee (GIAC) in accordance with the bylaws of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA). Each year, the GIAC will be asked to submit recommendations for focus areas after its September meeting. Each year a Federal Register Notice will announce the Focus Areas, along with the amount of funds available for administrative projects.

The following focus areas were identified as priority needs of the States and those proposals addressing these needs will likely be given priority by the States during the ranking in 1998.

1. *Outreach*—Providing public information on fishing, boat access, hunting, trapping, and wildlife related recreation.

a. Provide innovative approaches to introducing people to hunting and fishing, including emphasis on families.

b. Advance public awareness of the value and successes of the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Funds.

c. Focus public attention on and enhance public awareness of the economic value of managing fish and wildlife resources for both consumptive and non-consumptive recreation.

d. Provide better understanding of how to reach constituents with fish and wildlife related information.

2. Education—Teaching or training people about fish and wildlife resources and the responsible use of the resources.

a. Advance the public's understanding of importance of actively managing fish and wildlife resources.

- b. Advance public understanding of the importance of biological diversity in maintaining diverse hunting and fishing opportunities.
- c. Promote natural resources and environmental education of "K through 12" students.
- d. Provide for continuing education and training for state fish and wildlife biologists.
- 3. Management—Handling, directing, manipulating, and managing fish and wildlife populations and providing improved public access to these populations. These focus areas relate to hands-on responsibilities of fish and wildlife management agencies.

- a. Restore, create, enhance, and protect fish and wildlife.
- b. Provide, enhance, or maintain public access to fish and wildlife resources.
- c. Protect, create, and enhance fish and wildlife recreational opportunities.
- 4. Administration—Providing service, supervisory, and management responsibilities that directly link to supporting fish and wildlife agency affairs.
- a. Provide better understanding of constituents and their needs.
- b. Measure changing social, economic, and political environment within which fish and wildlife must be managed.
- c. Advance automated licensing and fiscal data collections for fish and wildlife agencies.
- 5. Research—Conducting investigations, inquiries, searches, examinations, and experiments for the discovery and interpretation of facts.
- a. Evaluate effectiveness of incorporating constituent involvement and information in fish and wildlife resource management.
- b. Measure effectiveness of habitat restoration, creation, and enhancement techniques.

I. Proposal Review and Selection Process

1. Each proposal will be reviewed for eligibility as defined in section E. The review and final determination for eligibility will be conducted by the Washington Office staff.

2. All applicants will be notified that their proposal has been determined

eligible or ineligible.

- 3. Copies of eligible proposals will be forwarded to the Chair, GIAC, along with lists of ongoing grants and ineligible proposals. The Chair, GIAC, will forward copies to the voting members of the GIAC.
- 4. Voting members of the GIAC will review and rate each eligible proposal high, medium, low, or do not fund.

5. All ratings from GIAC voting members and comments from Service Offices will be returned to the Division of Federal Aid in Washington.

6. The Division of Federal Aid will summarize the ratings and comments.

- 7. A summary of the comments and ratings will be provided to the Chair, GIAC, for review at the GIAC September meeting.
- 8. During the September meeting of the IAFWA, the GIAC will evaluate and rank eligible proposals based on the needs of the States. The GIAC will forward its rankings and recommendations to the Service in accordance with IAFWA procedures.
- 9. The Division of Federal Aid will summarize and consolidate all rankings and comments and develop recommendations for proposal selections and awards. The recommendations may be for partial funding of any proposal.
- 10. The Federal Aid Division's recommendations will be forwarded to the Director of the Service. The Director will review the recommendations and make the final decision on project selections and funding.
- 11. The Service will notify each eligible applicant in writing of the final disposition of their proposal.
- 12. The Director will notify the Regional Directors and the Chair, GIAC, of the proposals selected for funding.

K. Lobbying Restrictions

During the review of proposals, grant applicants may not engage in any activities that might be considered as attempts to influence Federal reviewers or approving officials. If the activities are determined to be lobbying, the proposal will be disqualified for Federal Aid Administrative Funds.

J. Awards and Funding

1. The Service's Division of Contracting and General Services will

prepare and sign the formal award agreements. The Federal Aid Office, may provide technical assistance to the Division of Contracting and General Services in finalizing the award agreements. The formal award agreements will be forwarded to the awardees for signature and must be signed by the Service and authorized awardee officials before they become valid agreements. This process may require up to 60 days to complete. The Service is not responsible for costs incurred prior to the effective date of a signed agreement; therefore, the starting date for all projects should be planned accordingly.

- 2. The entire amount of funds required for a project must be obligated in the fiscal year the grant is approved.
- 3. Non-profit grantees must maintain a financial management system in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A–110. State and local governments must maintain a financial management system in accordance with OMB Circular A–102 and 43 CFR part 12.

K. Project Administration

Proposals awarded funding will be assigned to a Project Officer. Project Officers are those persons representing the Contracting Officer on technical matters relating to the responsibilities of the grantee. They provide assistance that includes:

- 1. Assisting Service contracting officials in completing the award agreement;
- 2. Serving as the Service's point of contact after the award agreement is signed;
 - 3. Receiving and approving bills; and
- 4. Monitoring project performance and assuring that the award recipient adheres to the award agreement.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS—APPENDIX A

Target date	Event
April 14	FEDERAL REGISTER Notice announcing availability of Federal Aid Funds and focus areas for grant applications.
June 1	Washington Office receives proposals.
June 30	Washington Office with assistance from the Regions determines eligibility (Chair of the Grants-In-Aid Committee (GIAC) participates as an observer).
July 15	Service forwards copies of eligible proposals to voting members of the GIAC (includes summary list of ongoing grants and list of ineligible proposal).
July 15	Service sends letters to all applicants informing them that their proposal is eligible or ineligible.
August 28	Voting members of the GIAC forward comments and ratings to Chief, FA (Ratings of High, Medium, Low, or Do Not Fund).
September 4	Chief, FA, summarizes comments and ratings and forwards to Chair, GIAC, for review at the September meeting.
September 13	GIAC reviews and ranks proposals and forwards rankings and recommendations to Service, along with recommendations for Focus Areas for the following year.
October 31	Federal Air summarizes all rankings and recommendations for consideration by the Director.
November 15	Director selects proposals for funding.
November 30	

SUMMARY OF EVENTS—APPENDIX A—Continued

Target date	Event
March 1	Contracting and General Services awards grants.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Application for a Natural Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that under Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449: 30 U.S.C. 185), as amended by Public Law 93–153, Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc. has applied to remove a 3.5-inch natural gas pipeline within an existing right-of-way, and to install and maintain a 12.75-inch pipeline, across approximately 5,142 feet of the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, in Morgan County, Alabama, within the existing easement described as follows:

An easement and right-of-way for pipeline on, over, and across two strips of land lying in Morgan County, State of Alabama, in the W½ SW¼ Section 21, and W½ NW¼ Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, on both sides of the Flint Creek Embayment of Wheeler Lake, approximately 4 miles north of Harselle, each strip being 35 feet wide lying 17.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the pipeline location, the said strips being identified as Parcel No. 1 and Parcel No. 2, the centerlines being described as follows:

Parcel No. 1

Beginning at a point in the centerline of the pipeline location in the west line of Section 21, and in the boundary of the United States of America's land from which US-TVA Monument 136, T. 6 S., R. 4 W., (Coordinates: N. 1,639,961; E. 660,930) in the said section line and in the boundary of the United States of America's land at a corner of the lands of A.L. Handley and Mrs. Adele Russell bears S. 3° 15' W., at a distance of 46 feet; thence from the point of beginning with the centerline of the pipeline location S. 46° 38′ E., 53 feet to a point; thence S. 32° 33' E., 214 feet to a point; thence S. 22° 28′ E., 143 feet to a point; thence S. 12° 11′ E., 419 feet to a point; thence S. 12° 46′ E., 310 feet to a point; thence S. 22° 50′ W., 61 feet to a point; thence S. 1° 16' W., 185 feet to a point; thence S. 50° 04′ E., 61 feet to a point in or near the 556.3-foot contour on the

shore of the Flint Creek Embayment at the south end of the said parcel from which the centerline of the pipeline location continues on a bearing of S. 73° 54′ E.

The land described above as Parcel No. 1 contains 1.16 acres, more or less.

Parcel No. 2

Beginning at a point in the centerline of the pipeline location in the south line of the NW1/4 Section 28, and in the boundary between the lands of the United States of America and S.A. Blair & John T. Kyle from which US-TVA Monument 96, T. 6 S., R. 4 W. (Coordinates N. 1,635,184; E. 661,772) in the said quarter section line and at a corner in the boundary of the United States of America's land bears N. 88° 25' W., at a distance of 46 feet; thence from the point of beginning with the center line of the pipeline location N. 9° 35' W., 1,346 feet to a point; thence N. 10° 50' W., 568 feet to a point; thence N. 4° 17' E. 1,432 feet to a point; thence N. 21° 29' W., 102 feet to a point; thence N. 73° 54' W., approximately 30 feet to a point in the 556.3-foot contour on the shore of the Flint Creek Embayment.

The land described above as Parcel No. 2 contains 2.80 acres, more or less.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is currently considering the merits of approving this application.

DATES: Interested persons desiring to comment on this application should do so on or before May 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Room 420, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request revising and extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

- 1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- 2. the accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- 3. the utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 4. how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Ferrous Metals Surveys. Current OMB approval number: 1032– 0006

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production and consumption data on ferrous and related metals. This information will be published as monthly and annual reports for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form number: Various (18 forms).

Frequency: Monthly and Annual.