

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding Fiscal Year 1998 Requests for Proposals; Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is soliciting written comments on requests for proposals (RFPs) issued on a competitive basis in fiscal year (FY) 1998 or before in select cases. The written comments will be considered when formulating the RFPs

which CSREES anticipates issuing in FY 1999, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Comments received additionally will be forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture or his designee for use in meeting the requirement of section 103(c) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-185) that the Secretary solicit and consider input from stakeholders when formulating an RFP involving an agricultural research, extension, or education activity funded on a competitive basis.

**DATES:** Comments are due to CSREES by November 2, 1998. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to the Office of Extramural Programs via first-class mail to: Office of Extramural Programs; Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management; USDA-CSREES; STOP 2299; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2299, or via e-mail to: rfp-oep@reeusda.gov. In your comments, please include the name of the program(s) to which you are responding.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louise Ebaugh, Director; Office of Extramural Programs; Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management; USDA-CSREES; STOP 2299; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-2299. Telephone: 202-720-9181; facsimile: 202-401-7752; e-mail: rfp-oep@reeusda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CSREES is soliciting comments regarding all RFPs issued in FY 1998. In select cases of competitive grants programs for which CSREES did not issue an RFP in FY 1998, CSREES is soliciting comments on the most recent RFP. Following is a list of RFPs for which comments are requested. These may be found through the CSREES web page (<http://www.reeusda.gov/crgam/oep>), and also are available in hard copy by contacting the Proposal Services Unit at 202-401-5048, or via e-mail to psb@reeusda.gov. Please indicate the RFP(s) you are requesting. In addition to the program name, the specific date the RFP was issued (including the **Federal Register** citation, if applicable) is included with this list.

Program	Date issued	FR citation (if applicable)
<b>Research Programs:</b>		
Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants Program.	Wednesday, December 24, 1997 .....	62 FR 67487
Special Research Grants Program, Potato Research .....	Monday, January 5, 1998 .....	63 FR 389
Special Research Grants Program, Food Safety Research.	Thursday, June 18, 1998 .....	63 FR 33471
Special Research Grants Program, Pest Management Alternatives.	Thursday, June 18, 1998 .....	63 FR 33481
Small Business Innovation Research Grants Program .....	Monday, June 1, 1998 .....	63 FR 29899
National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program	Friday, August 28, 1998 .....	63 FR 46109
<b>Education Programs:</b>		
Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program .....	Thursday, August 1, 1996 .....	N/A
Higher Education Challenge Grants Program .....	Tuesday, December 9, 1997 .....	62 FR 64991
1890 Institution Teaching and Research Capacity Building Grants Program.	Thursday, September 25, 1997 .....	62 FR 50437
Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program ..	Tuesday, December 23, 1997 .....	N/A
Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowships Grants Program; International Component.	Thursday, April 2, 1998 .....	63 FR 16365
<b>Extension Programs:</b>		
Extension Indian Reservation Program .....	Thursday, June 12, 1997 .....	N/A
Children, Youth, and Families at Risk .....	Thursday, September 17, 1998 .....	N/A
Farm Safety AgrAbility Projects .....	Thursday, October 30, 1997 .....	N/A
Food Safety and Quality Initiative .....	Monday, December 22, 1997 .....	N/A
Tribal Colleges Extension Program .....	Friday, April 17, 1998 .....	N/A
Water Quality Program .....	Thursday, July 9, 1998 .....	N/A
<b>Other: Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program</b>	Tuesday, May 12, 1998 .....	63 FR 26375

Done at Washington, DC, this 28th day of September, 1998.

**Colien Hefferan,**

*Acting Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 26, August 7, 14 and 28, 1998, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (63 FR 34848, 42365, 43660, 44833 and 44834) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Administrative Services, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut.

Food Service Attendant, U.S. Air Force Reserve Center, 182nd Airlift Wing, 2416 South Falcon Boulevard, Peoria, Illinois.

Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Post Office, Linda Vista Station, 6882 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, California.

Grounds Maintenance, U.S. Post Office, Mission Gorge Station, 4740 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego, California.

Grounds Maintenance, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, New York.

Grounds Maintenance, Indiana USARC, 443 Route 119 North, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Janitorial/Custodial, Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 501 5th Street, Sacramento, California.

Janitorial/Custodial, Old Executive Office Building, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Janitorial/Custodial, Vice President Living Quarters, Naval Observatory, Washington, DC.

Janitorial/Custodial, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, Building 3291, Crane, Indiana.

Janitorial/Custodial, Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, 101 Base Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the

Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**Comments:** None received. **Decision:** Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

**Docket Number:** 98-033. **Applicant:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Corvallis, OR 97333. **Instrument:** Nutrient Monitor with Stainless Steel Mooring-frame-in-line. **Manufacturer:** W.S. Ocean Systems Ltd., United Kingdom. **Intended Use:** See notice at 63 FR 39072, July 21, 1998. **Reasons:** The foreign instrument provides a self-calibrating programmable nutrient analyzer for automated measurement and recording of nutrient concentrations (including nitrate) in both marine or fresh waters. **Advice received from:** Domestic manufacturer of similar equipment, August 21, 1998.

**Docket Number:** 98-034. **Applicant:** Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235. **Instrument:** Excimer Laser, Model COMPEX 150T. **Manufacturer:** Lambda Physik, Germany. **Intended Use:** See notice at 63 FR 39073, July 21, 1998. **Reasons:** The foreign instrument provides: (1) tunability through a bandwidth of 1 nm, (2) pulse energy of 450 mJ for argon fluoride and (3) a bandwidth of 0.003 nm. **Advice received from:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, August 21, 1998.

A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment and the National Institute of Standards and Technology advise that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to either of the foreign instruments.

**Frank W. Creel,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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