

ACTION: Notice of Consent Motion to Terminate the Panel Review of the final affirmative countervailing duty determination made by the International Trade Administration, respecting Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Canada (Secretariat File No. USA-CDA-2002-1904-08).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Notice of Consent Motion to Terminate the Panel Review by the complainants, the panel review is terminated as of February 25, 2004. A panel has been appointed to this panel review and has consented to this motion. Pursuant to Rule 71(2) of the *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Review*, this panel review is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter was requested and terminated pursuant to these Rules.

Dated: February 24, 2004.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency.

[Docket No.: 000724217-4069-09]

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency publishes this notice to clarify that the closing date for competitive applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program is March 12, 2004, as published in the original **Federal Register** Notice on February 11, 2004.

DATES: The closing date for applications for each MBDC project is March 12, 2004.

MBDA anticipates that awards for the MBDC program will be made with a start date of April 1, 2004. Completed applications for the MBDC program must be (1) mailed (USPS postmark) to the address below; or (2) received by MBDA no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Applications postmarked later than the closing date or received after the closing date and time will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application. Completed application packages must be submitted to: Office of Business Development, Minority Business Development Center Program Office, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

If the application is hand-delivered by the applicant or his/her representative, one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application must be delivered to Room 1874, which is located at Entrance #10, 15th Street, NW., between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact the MBDA National Enterprise Center (NEC) for the geographic service area in which the project will be located or visit MBDA's Minority Business Internet Portal (MBDA Portal) at <http://www.mbda.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 19, 2004, MBDA published a **Federal Register** Notice revising the funding level for the MBDC program (69 FR 7725). Due to an inadvertent error,

the February 19, 2004 notice incorrectly states the closing date for applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) program. MBDA publishes this notice to clarify that the closing date for competitive applications for the MBDC program is March 12, 2004, as published in the original **Federal Register** Notice on February 11, 2004 (69 FR 6642).

Dated: February 24, 2004.

Glenn Clark,

Budget Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 04129029-4029-01]

Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 20-99, American Softwood Lumber Standard

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is requesting comments on Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 20-99, American Softwood Lumber Standard. This standard serves the procurement and regulatory needs of numerous Federal, State, and local government agencies by providing for uniform, industry-wide grade-marking and inspection requirements for softwood lumber. The implementation of the standard also allows for uniform labeling and auditing of treated-wood panels and, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, labeling and auditing of wood packaging materials for international trade. As part of a five year review process, NIST is seeking public comment and invites interested parties to review the standard and submit comments.

DATES: Written comments regarding PS 20-99 should be submitted to the Standards Coordination and Conformity Group, Standards Services Division, NIST, no later than May 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: An electronic copy (in PDF) of the standard, PS 20-99, can be obtained at the following Web site <http://ts.nist.gov/docvps>. Printed copies may be obtained from the address below. Written comments on the standard should be submitted to Ms. JoAnne Overman, Standards Coordination and Conformity Group,

Standards Services Division, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2150, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2150; fax (301) 975-5414. Electronic comments may be submitted via e-mail to joanne.overman@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. JoAnne Overman, Standards Coordination and Conformity Group, Standards Services Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, telephone: (301) 975-4037; fax: (301) 975-5414, e-mail: joanne.overman@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Department of Commerce procedures established in Title 15 Code of Federal Regulations Part 10, Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards, and administered by NIST, the American Lumber Standard Committee acts as the Standing Committee for PS 20-99, American Softwood Lumber Standard, and is responsible for maintaining, revising, and interpreting the standard. The Committee is comprised of producers, distributors, users, and others with an interest in the standard.

Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 20-99 establishes standard sizes and requirements for developing and coordinating the lumber grades of the various species of softwood lumber, the assignment of design values, and the preparation of grading rules applicable to each species. Its provisions include implementation of the standard through an accreditation and certification program; establishment of principal trade classifications and lumber sizes for yard, structural, and factory/shop use; classification, measurement, grading, and grade-marking of lumber; definitions of terms and procedures to provide a basis for the use of uniform methods in the grading inspection, measurement, and description of softwood lumber; commercial names of the principal softwood species; definitions of terms used in describing standard grades of lumber; and commonly used industry abbreviations. The standard also includes the organization and functions of the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Board of Review, and the National Grading Rule Committee.

All public comments will be reviewed and considered. The American Lumber Standard Committee and NIST will revise the standard accordingly.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

Hratch G. Semerjian,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 030602141-4026-06; 061703A]

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Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2004; Republication

Editorial Note: Due to numerous errors, this document is being reprinted in its entirety. It was originally printed in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, February 12, 2004, at 69 FR 6942-6946.

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Omnibus Notice Announcing the Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2004.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announces a third availability of grant funds for Fiscal Year 2004. This notice provides the general public program and application information related to the Agency's competitive grant offerings, and it contains the information about those programs required to be published in the **Federal Register**. It should be noted that additional program initiatives unanticipated at the time of the publication of this notice may be announced through both subsequent **Federal Register** notices and the NOAA Web site: <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~amd/SOLINDEX.HTML>.

DATES: Proposals must be received by the date and time indicated under each program listing in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted to the addresses listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for each program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the full funding opportunity announcement and/or application kit, please contact the person listed as the information contact under each program or access it via NOAA's Web site: <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~amd/SOLINDEX.HTML>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NOAA published its first omnibus notice announcing the availability of grant funds for both projects and fellowships/scholarships/internships for Fiscal Year 2004 in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38678). The evaluation criteria and selection procedures contained in the June 30, 2003, omnibus notice are applicable to this solicitation. For a copy of the June 30, 2003, omnibus notice, please go to:

<http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~amd/SOLINDEX.HTML>.

Electronic Access

The full funding announcement for each program is available via Web site <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~amd/SOLINDEX.HTML> or by contacting the program official identified below. These announcements will also be available through FedGrants at <http://www.fedgrants.gov>.

NOAA Project Competitions

This third omnibus notice describes funding opportunities for the following NOAA discretionary grant programs:

National Marine Fisheries Service

1. Right Whale Research Grants Program (RWRGP)

Summary Description: The North Atlantic right whale is among the world's most endangered cetaceans. The population is believed to number only about 300 individuals and appears to be declining. The lack of recovery is due in part to high mortality from human sources, notably fishing gear entanglements and vessel collisions. A Recovery Plan is in effect, and conservation of this species is a high priority for NOAA Fisheries. Research directed at facilitating such conservation or to provide monitoring of the population's status and health, is also a high priority for the agency. The RWRGP is conducted by NOAA to provide Federal assistance to eligible researchers for: (1) Detection and tracking of right whales; (2) behavior of right whales in relation to ships; (3) relationships between vessel speed, size or design with whale collisions; (4) modeling of ship traffic along the Atlantic coast; (5) population monitoring and assessment studies; (6) reproduction, health and genetic studies; (7) development of a Geographic Information System database or other system designed to investigate predictive modeling of right whale distribution in relation to environmental variables; (8) habitat quality studies including food quality and pollutant levels; and (9) any other work relevant to the recovery of North Atlantic right whales.

Funding Availability: This solicitation announces that a maximum of \$2.0M may be available for distribution under the FY 2004 RWRGP, in award amounts to be determined by the proposals and available funds. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for this program. There is no guarantee that sufficient funds will be available to make awards