

6,830,546. The notice of investigation named as respondents Terumo Corp. (Tokyo, Japan) and Terumo Cardiovascular Systems Corp. (Ann Arbor, Michigan) (collectively, "Terumo").

On December 23, 2008, Maquet and Terumo filed a joint motion pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21 to terminate the investigation on the basis of a settlement agreement. On December 31, 2008, the Commission investigative attorney filed a response in support of the motion. On January 16, 2009, the ALJ issued Order No. 21, granting the motion and terminating the investigation in its entirety. Though not designated as such by the ALJ, Order No. 21 is an initial determination under Commission rule 210.42(c). No petitions for review were filed. The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and of sections 210.21 and 210.42 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.21 and 210.42).

Issued: February 9, 2009.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Combating Exploitive Child Labor Through Education

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor.

ACTION: General solicitation of public comments on past solicitations for Cooperative Agreement Applications for projects to combat exploitive child labor through education published by the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking.

SUMMARY: In preparation for a possible FY 2009 Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation(s) for Cooperative Agreement Applications (SGAs), the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT) within the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), is requesting public comments on past SGAs published for projects to combat exploitive child labor internationally through education, as well as suggestions for improving such SGAs in the future.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until March 31, 2009.

TO SUBMIT COMMENTS, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Ms. Michal Murphy, International Relations Officer, Office of Child Labor and Human Trafficking, Bureau of International Labor Affairs. Telephone: (202) 693-4843 (this is not a toll-free number). Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

- *E-mail:* murphy.michal@dol.gov; and
- *Facsimile (FAX):* USDOL ILAB/ Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking at (202) 693-4830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Since 1995, the U.S. Congress has appropriated over USD 660 million to USDOL's OCFT for efforts to combat exploitive child labor internationally. This funding has been used to support technical cooperation projects to combat exploitive child labor, including the worst forms of child labor, in more than 75 countries worldwide. Technical cooperation projects funded by USDOL's OCFT range from direct action programs targeting specific sectors of work to more comprehensive programs that support national efforts to eliminate the worst forms of child labor as defined by ILO Convention 182. USDOL-funded projects generally seek to achieve five major goals:

1. Withdrawing and preventing children from involvement in exploitive child labor through the provision of direct educational services;
2. Strengthening policies on child labor and education, the capacity of national institutions to combat child labor, and formal and transitional education systems that encourage children engaged in, or at risk of engaging in, exploitive child labor to attend school;
3. Raising awareness of the importance of education for all children and mobilizing a wide array of actors to improve and expand education infrastructures;
4. Supporting research and the collection of reliable data on child labor; and
5. Ensuring the long-term sustainability of these efforts.

Since 2001, USDOL-funded projects have withdrawn or prevented over 1 million children from exploitive labor.

In preparation for possible future solicitations for cooperative agreement applications, OCFT is requesting comments regarding these past SGAs and suggestions for possible improvements. All comments received

will be taken into consideration by ILAB's OCFT in the development of future SGAs for child labor and education projects.

2. Comment Submission Information

All individuals or organizations interested in submitting comments should send them using the information specified above, no later than March 31, 2009. All comments should make reference to this notice requesting public comment on past OCFT SGAs to combat exploitive child labor through education.

In your comments, please indicate which OCFT SGA you are basing your comments on [*e.g.*, SGA 08-01 (FY 2008), SGA 07-10 (FY 2007), SGA 06-06 (FY 2006)]. Recently published OCFT SGAs for projects to combat exploitive child labor through education can be found online at USDOL's Web site: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/ocft/news.htm>.

General Questions for All Organizations

(1) Where did you first learn about OCFT's SGA?

- The **Federal Register**.
- *Grants.gov*.
- OCFT's "EI Listserve."
- USDOL-OCFT's Web site.
- Other—Please specify.

(2) Please comment on the format of the SGA, including:

- Length of the SGA.
- Is the level of detail in the SGA adequate?

• Which sections of the SGA do you find most helpful?

• Which information provided in the SGA do you find least useful?

• Are the SGA's requirements easy to locate? Clearly presented? Are they reasonable? Are the costs associated with these requirements reasonable?

• In terms of the SGA's country scopes of work (*e.g.*, Section I.B.3 in SGA 08-01), are OCFT's requirements clear? Which information provided in the country sections is the most helpful? Which information is the least helpful?

• Are any of OCFT's requirements for the technical and/or cost proposals (outlined in Appendices A and B of SGA 08-01) burdensome or unnecessary? If so, which ones?

• Are any of the criteria for evaluating applications (*e.g.*, Section V.A. of SGA 08-01) unclear? If so, in what way?

• Are the instructions for preparing and submitting applications clear and easy to follow? If not, how could they be improved?

(3) In the future, how could OCFT improve its SGAs for projects to combat exploitive child labor through education and make them more user-friendly?

(4) If you have applied for an OCFT grant in the past, what factors led you to apply for the SGA?

- Ability to understand application requirements.
- Ability to provide responsive information.

- Knowledge of subject.
- Knowledge of countries.
- Other—Please specify.

(5) Please comment on the level to which you feel that OCFT's SGAs and requirements allow you or your organizations to develop innovative and effective approaches to combating exploitive child labor internationally. What could OCFT do to encourage innovation more?

(6) Please comment on the adequacy of the length of time provided to submit an application for OCFT SGAs. How long would you suggest that OCFT leave its SGAs open from the date of publication to the deadline for applications?

(7) If you have applied for an OCFT grant in the past, please comment on the level of effort and time involved in preparing your application(s). How does the level of effort for OCFT's SGAs compare with the level of effort and time spent preparing applications for other Federal agencies?

(8) If applicable, please comment on your experience with submitting your application on *Grants.gov*. What could USDOL do to improve the submission process?

(9) If, in the past you have considered applying for an OCFT grant, but ultimately decided *not* to apply, which factor(s) influenced your decision *not* to apply? Please select all that apply.

- Countries selected.
- Cost of preparing proposal.
- Research required for proposal (*i.e.*, needs assessment).
- Number of requirements.
- Specific requirement(s)—please specify.
- Difficulties with submitting application online using *Grants.gov*.
- Limited knowledge of child labor issues.
- Limited knowledge of target countries.
- Past experience implementing USG project.
- Past experience implementing USDOL project.
- Other—Please specify.

(10) In the future, what specific actions could OCFT take to encourage you or your organization to apply for OCFT SGAs for international projects to combat exploitive child labor through education?

Signed at Washington, DC, this 13th day of March 2009.

Marcia Eugenio,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Bureau of International Labor Affairs.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 09-09]

Request for Information From the Private Sector for Philippines Compact Program Development

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Invitation for private sector input.

SUMMARY: The Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC") is a U.S. Government agency created in 2004 to administer the Millennium Challenge Account. Its mission is to reduce poverty through the promotion of sustainable economic growth. Since 2004, MCC has signed Compact programs with eighteen partner countries ranging from \$66 million to \$698 million. In December 2008, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines through "MCA-Philippines" presented a proposal including six projects to MCC for potential Compact funding. This Request for Information ("RFI") aims to solicit feedback from the private sector on the five proposed projects that are entering the due diligence phase.

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This solicitation has the following objectives: (a) Share best practices and private sector experiences on similar projects from other countries; (b) Generate opportunities for leverage of Compact funds with private sector financing, trade, and investment; and (c) Solicit information about opportunities and challenges facing businesses in the sectors which have been identified for possible Compact projects.

This solicitation is focused on the five following project proposals, which are posted publicly in full detail at <http://www.mcap.ph/>:

- Secondary National Roads Development (US\$191 million).
- Empowerment and Development Project for Poor Communities or "KALAHI-CIDSS" 2 (US\$140 million).
- Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Philippines or "4Ps" (US\$227 million).
- Sustainable Upland Watershed Management and Productivity

Enhancement through Small Water Impounding Projects or "SWIP" (US\$43 million).

- Integrated Revenue Information System (IRIS) for Sustained Fiscal Governance (US\$148 million).

Where possible, respondents are encouraged to provide information based on experience in the country. Experiences from other countries may also be applicable. MCA-Philippines may use information provided by the private sector to structure projects for Compact funding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Visit http://www.mcap.ph/RFI_Philippines_Final_in_PDF.pdf and <http://www.mcc.gov/countries/philippines/index.php>. Responses to and questions about this Request for Information should be e-mailed to mcap09@mcap.ph and to psi@mcc.gov.

DATES: Companies, other organizations, and individuals are invited to submit responses on or before Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Dated: March 13, 2009.

Jeri Jensen,

Managing Director for Private Sector Initiatives, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (09-030)]

NASA Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council. The agenda for the meeting includes updates from each of the Council committees, including discussion and deliberation of potential recommendations. The Council Committees address NASA's work in the following areas: Aeronautics, Audit and Finance, Space Exploration, Human Capital, Science, and Space Operations.

DATES: Thursday, April 16, 2009, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 300 E Street, SW., MIC 5 (5H45), Overflow Room, MIC7A (7H45), Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marguerite Broadwell, Designated