

still at a relatively early stage. In light of these facts, completing this review would place an unnecessary burden on the parties and the Department. Therefore, we have determined that it is reasonable to allow Akai to withdraw its request for review. See *Steel Wire Rope From Japan; Partial Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews*, 56 FR 41118 (August 19, 1991). Accordingly, the Department is terminating this review.

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with Section 353.34(d) of the Department's regulations. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We will issue appraisal instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675) and 19 CFR 353.22(a)(5). Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary Enforcement Group III.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Precision Measurement Grants

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is continuing a program of research grants, formally titled Precision Measurement Grants, to faculty members of U.S. universities or colleges for significant, primarily experimental research, in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants. Applicants must submit an abbreviated proposal for preliminary screening: Based on the merit of the abbreviated proposal, applicants will be advised whether a full proposal should be submitted.

DATES: Abbreviated proposals must be received at the address listed below no later than 5 p.m. EST on February 3, 1997. The semi-finalists will be notified of their status by March 24, 1997, and will be requested to submit their full proposals to NIST by 5 p.m. EDT on May 9, 1997. Selection of the awards will be made in August 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applicants are requested to submit an abbreviated proposal (original and two (2) signed copies), using Standard Form 424 (Rev. 4/92) with a description of their proposed work of no more than five (5) double spaced pages. Standard Form 424A(4-92) and 424B(4-92) are also required. Copies should be sent to the following address: Dr. Barry N. Taylor, Chairman, NIST Precision Measurement Grants Committee, Building 245, Room C229, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions concerning the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program may be directed to the above address or call Dr. Taylor at (301) 975-4220. Prospective applicants with general questions may contact Dr. Taylor before preparing their abbreviated proposal. Specific inquiries as to the usefulness or merit of any particular project or other specific inquiries that deal with evaluation criteria can potentially impede the competitive selection process and, therefore, cannot be answered.

Administrative questions concerning the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program may be directed to the Grants Office at (301) 975-6329. Written inquiries should be forwarded to the following address: Grants Office, Acquisition and Assistance Division, Building 301, Room B129, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards; 11.609.

Authority: As authorized by Section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1901 as amended (15 U.S.C. 272(b)(2) and (c)(3)), NIST conduct, directly and supports through grants and cooperative agreements, a basic and applied research program in the general area of fundamental measurement and the determination of fundamental constants of nature. The annual budget for Precision Measurement Grants is approximately \$300,000. Because of the commitments for the support of multi-year programs, only a portion of the budget is available to initiate new programs in any one year. The issuance of awards is contingent upon availability of

funding. As part of this research program, since 1970 NIST has awarded Precision Measurement Grants to faculty members of U.S. universities and colleges for significant, primarily experimental research in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants.

Award Period: NIST is now accepting applications for two new grants in the amount of \$50,000 per year to be awarded for the period October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998 (fiscal year 1998). Each grant may be renewed for up to two additional years; however, future or continued funding will be at the discretion of NIST based on such factors as satisfactory performance and the availability of funds.

Program Description: NIST sponsors these grants to encourage basic, measurement-related research in U.S. universities and colleges and to foster contacts between NIST scientists and those faculty members of U.S. academic institutions who are actively engaged in such work. The Precision Measurement Grants are also intended to make it possible for such faculty members to pursue new, fundamental measurement ideas for which other sources of support may be difficult to find.

Matching Requirements: The Precision Measurement Grant Program does not involve the payment of any matching funds and does not directly affect any state or local government.

Research Topics: There is some latitude in the kind of research projects that will be considered for support under the Precision Measurement Grants Program. The key requirement is that they are consistent with NIST's mission in the field of basic measurement science, for example:

(1) Experimental and theoretical studies of fundamental physical phenomena which test the basic laws of physics or which may lead to new or improved fundamental measurement methods and standards.

(2) The determination of important fundamental physical constants.

(3) The development of new standards for physical measurement of the highest possible precision and accuracy.

In general, proposals for experimental research will be given preference over proposals for theoretical research because of the greater expense of experimental work. Proposals from workers at the assistant and associate professor level who have some record of accomplishment are especially encouraged in view of the comparative difficulty aspiring researchers have in obtaining funds.

Typical projects which have been funded through the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program include:

"Fine-Structure constant determination using precision Stark spectroscopy," Michael G. Littman, Princeton University.

"Eötös experiment-cryogenic version," D.F. Bartlett, University of Colorado.

"A test of local Lorentz invariance using polarized ^{21}Ne nuclei," T.E. Chupp, Harvard University.

"A new method to search for an electric dipole moment of the electron," L.R. Hunter, Amherst College.

"High precision timing of millisecond pulsars," D.R. Stinebring, Princeton University.

"Precision optical spectroscopy of positronium," S. Chu, Stanford University.

"Spectroscopy of Francium: Towards a precise parity non-conservation measurement in a laser trap," L. Orozco, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

"Measurement of the magnetically-induced birefringence of the vacuum," S.A. Lee, Colorado State University.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants under the Precision Measurement Grants Program are limited to U.S. universities and colleges.

Selection Procedure: To simplify the proposal writing and evaluation process, the following selection procedure will be used:

On the basis of the abbreviated proposals, four to eight semifinalist candidates will be selected by the NIST Precision Measurements Grants Committee and the Outside Review Committee and requested to submit full proposals. The same committees will evaluate the detailed proposals, and on the basis of their evaluation, the two grantees for fiscal year 1998 will be selected.

Evaluation Criteria: The criteria to be used in evaluating the preapplication proposals and full proposals include:

1. Importance of the proposed research to science—does it have the potential of answering some currently pressing question or of opening up a whole new area of activity?

2. The relationship of the proposed research to measurement science—is there a possibility that it will lead to a new or improved fundamental measurement method or to a better understanding of important, but already existing, measurement methods or physical standards?

3. The feasibility of the research—is it likely that significant progress can be made in a three year time period with the funds and personnel available?

4. The past accomplishments of the applicant—is the quality of the research previously carried out by the

prospective grantee such that there is a high probability that the proposed research will be successfully carried out?

Each of these factors is given equal weight in the selection process.

Paperwork Reduction Act: The Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and LLL mentioned in this notice are subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046.

Application Kit: An application kit, containing all required application forms and certifications, is available by calling Michelle Hane, NIST Precision Measurement Grants Committee, (301) 975-4397. 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

Additional Requirements

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

Preaward Activities: Applicants that incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Applicants are also hereby notified that notwithstanding any verbal assurance that they may have received, there is no obligation on the part of DoC to cover pre-award costs.

Primary Application Certification: All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification 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; and

4. **Anti-Lobbying Disclosure:** Any applicant that has been 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:** Grant recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contacts, 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 DoC. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DoC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Name Check Reviews: All for-profit and nonprofit applicants will be 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, prejury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

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

False Statements: Applicants are reminded that a false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for

possible punishment by 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.

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, increased funding, or extending the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Federal Policies and Procedures: Recipients and subrecipients under the Precision Measurement Grants Program are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Departmental policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards. The Precision Measurement Grants Program does not directly affect any state or local government. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

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.

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 effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,
Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on November 18, 1996, and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel will review a new stock assessment for vermilion snapper, an update to the 1995 stock assessment for red snapper, and available biological information and landings data for amberjack species. For red snapper, the panel will recommend a range of allowable biological catch (ABC) which is consistent with a rebuilding schedule for this stock. For the other species, the panel may recommend an ABC range if there is sufficient biological information available to determine an ABC range for achieving optimum yield, or they may identify future research needs.

Under the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan's framework procedure for setting total allowable catch (TAC), the Council may implement through a regulatory amendment, for species where an ABC range has been specified, a TAC which is allocated between the recreational and commercial sectors, and quotas, bag limits, size limits, and other measures needed to attain TAC. If an ABC range and TAC is not specified, the Council must use the more lengthy plan amendment process to implement any changes to management measures.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by November 11, 1996.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 2 to enhancement permit 895 (P504D).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla, WA (Corps) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit that authorizes takes of endangered and threatened anadromous fish for the purpose of enhancement.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before November 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corps requests a modification to a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

The Corps requests modification 2 to enhancement permit 895 for an increase in the annual indirect take of adult, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the juvenile fish transportation facilities at four hydroelectric projects on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest (Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary Dams). Permit 895 authorizes annual takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*); adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with the operation of the Juvenile Fish Transportation Program.