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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), approved a petition for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) that was filed on February 11, 2005, by the Potato Growers of Idaho, Blackfoot, Idaho. The certification date is March 28, 2005. Beginning on this date, Idaho potato producers who produce fresh market potatoes will be eligible to apply for fiscal year 2005 benefits during an application period ending June 27, 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that increased imports of french fries contributed importantly to a decline in producer prices of fresh potatoes in Idaho by 21 percent during January 2003 through December 2003, when compared with the previous 5-year average.

Eligible producers must apply to the Farm Service Agency for benefits. After submitting completed applications, producers shall receive technical assistance provided by the Extension Service at no cost and may receive an adjustment assistance payment, if certain program criteria are satisfied. Applicants must obtain the technical assistance from the Extension Service by September 26, 2005, in order to be eligible for financial payments.

Producers of raw agricultural commodities wishing to learn more about TAA and how they may apply should contact the Department of Agriculture at the addresses provided below for General Information.

*Producers Certified as Eligible for TAA, Contact:* Farm Service Agency service centers in Idaho.

*For General Information About TAA, Contact:* Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov).

Dated: March 28, 2005.

**A. Ellen Terpstra,**

*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Tanana River Floodplain Acquisition Project at Salcha, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR, part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) Guidelines (7 CFR, part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Tanana River Floodplain Acquisition Project at Salcha, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Febe Ortiz, Acting State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Alaska State Office, 800 West Evergreen Avenue, Suite 100, Palmer, AK 99645-6539; Phone: 907-761-7760; Fax: 907-761-7790.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Febe Ortiz, Acting State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is to reduce flood induced damages in the Tanana River

floodplain at Salcha, Alaska and to restore floodplain function and values. The planned works of improvement include the voluntary acquisition of residential, commercial and other property; the removal and decommissioning of buildings and other facilities; and the re-vegetation and restoration of acquired sites. Restored land will be maintained, in perpetuity, for floodplain use and function.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and other interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Febe Ortiz.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 23, 2005.

**Mark R. Weatherstone,**

*Acting State Conservationist.*

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Announcement of Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its Community Connect Grant Program application window for funding during fiscal year (FY) 2005. In addition, RUS announces the minimum and maximum amounts for Community Connect grants applicable for the fiscal year. The Community Connect Grant Program regulations are contained in 7 CFR 1739, subpart A.

**DATES:** You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

- Paper copies must carry proof of shipping no later than May 31, 2005 to be eligible for FY 2005 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2005 grant funding.
- Electronic copies must be received by May 31, 2005 to be eligible for FY 2005 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2005 grant funding.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain application guides and materials for the Community Connect Grant Program via the Internet at the following Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/commconnect.htm>. You may also request application guides and materials from RUS by contacting the appropriate individual listed in section VII of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

Submit completed paper applications for grants to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2845, STOP 1550, Washington, DC 20250-1550. Applications should be marked "Attention: Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program."

Submit electronic grant applications at <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov), following the instructions you find on that Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 690-4493, fax: (202) 720-1051.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Overview**

*Federal Agency:* Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Community Connect Grant Program.

*Announcement Type:* Initial announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 10.863.

*Dates:* You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

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- Electronic copies must be received by May 31, 2005, to be eligible for FY 2005 grant funding. Late applications

are not eligible for FY 2005 grant funding.

#### **Items in Supplementary Information**

- I. Funding Opportunity:** Brief introduction to the Community Connect Grant Program.
- II. Award Information:** Available funds and minimum and maximum amounts.
- III. Eligibility Information:** Who is eligible, what kinds of projects are eligible, what criteria determine basic eligibility.
- IV. Application and Submission Information:** Where to get application materials, what constitutes a completed application, how and where to submit applications, deadlines, items that are eligible.
- V. Application Review Information:** Considerations and preferences, scoring criteria, review standards, selection information.
- VI. Award Administration Information:** Award notice information, award recipient reporting requirements.
- VII. Agency Contacts:** Web, phone, fax, email, contact name.

#### **I. Funding Opportunity**

The provision of broadband transmission service is vital to the economic development, education, health, and safety of rural Americans. The purpose of the Community Connect Grant Program is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas, on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis, with broadband transmission service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services. RUS will give priority to rural areas that it believes have the greatest need for broadband transmission services, based on the criteria contained herein.

Grant authority will be used for the deployment of broadband transmission service to extremely rural, lower-income communities on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis. The "community-oriented connectivity" concept will stimulate practical, everyday uses and applications of broadband by cultivating the deployment of new broadband transmission services that improve economic development and provide enhanced educational and health care opportunities in rural areas. Such an approach will also give rural communities the opportunity to benefit from the advanced technologies that are necessary to achieve these goals. Please see 7 CFR 1739, subpart A for specifics.

This notice has been formatted to conform to a policy directive issued by the Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 2003. This Notice does not change the Community Connect Grant

Program regulation (7 CFR 1739, subpart A).

#### **II. Award Information**

##### **A. Available Funds**

1. *General.* The Administrator has determined that the following amounts are available for grants in FY 2005 under 7 CFR 1739.2(a).

##### *2. Grants*

a. \$8.9 million is available for grants. Under 7 CFR 1739.2, the Administrator has established a minimum grant amount of \$50,000. There is no maximum grant amount for FY 2005.

b. Assistance instrument: RUS will execute grant documents appropriate to the project prior to any advance of funds with successful applicants.

c. Community Connect grants cannot be renewed. Award documents specify the term of each award. Applications to extend existing projects are welcomed (grant applications must be submitted during the application window) and will be evaluated as new applications.

#### **III. Eligibility Information**

##### **A. Who Is Eligible for Grants? (See 7 CFR 1739.10.)**

1. Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance:

- An incorporated organization,
- An Indian tribe or tribal organization, as defined in 25 U.S.C. 450b(b) and (c),
- A State or local unit of government,
- A cooperative, private corporation or limited liability company organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

2. Individuals are not eligible for Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance directly.

3. Applicants must have the legal capacity and authority to own and operate the broadband facilities as proposed in its application, to enter into contracts and to otherwise comply with applicable federal statutes and regulations.

##### **B. What Are the Basic Eligibility Requirements for a Project?**

1. Required matching contributions. Please see 7 CFR 1739.14 for the requirement. Grant applicants must demonstrate a matching contribution, in cash or in kind (new, non-depreciated items), of at least fifteen (15) percent of the total amount of RUS financial assistance requested. Matching contributions must be used for eligible purposes of Community Connect grant assistance (see 7 CFR 1739.14).

2. To be eligible for a grant, the Project must (see 7 CFR 1739.11):

a. Serve a Rural Area throughout which Broadband Transmission Service does not currently exist, to be verified by RUS prior to the award of the grant;

b. Serve one and only one Community recognized in the latest U.S. Census. For FY 2005, RUS will accept communities added to the Census through the Count Question Resolution Process, and considers a Census Designated Place to be an unincorporated town, village, or borough, and thus a "community" as defined in 7 CFR 1739. Additional communities located in the contiguous areas outside the Community's boundaries that are not recognized (due to size) in the U.S. Census, can be included in the applicant's proposed Service Area, but must be supported by documentation, acceptable to RUS, as to their existence. Communities made eligible through the Count Question Resolution Process may lack corresponding Per Capita Income (PCI) data, so for scoring purposes, applicants claiming eligibility through the Count Question Resolution Process should propose a substitute PCI which is available for a geographical area which includes and most nearly replicates the applicant's proposed service area, subject to RUS acceptance;

c. Deploy Basic Broadband Transmission Service, free of all charges for at least 2 years, to all Critical Community Facilities located within the proposed Service Area;

d. Offer Basic Broadband Transmission Service to residential and business customers within the proposed Service Area; and

e. Provide a Community Center with at least ten (10) Computer Access Points within the proposed Service Area, and make Broadband Transmission Service available therein, free of all charges to users for at least 2 years.

C. See paragraph IV.B of this notice for a discussion of the items that make up a completed application. You may also refer to 7 CFR 1739.15 for completed grant application items.

#### IV. Application and Submission Information

##### A. Where To Get Application Information

The application guide, copies of necessary forms and samples, and the Community Connect Grant Program regulation are available from these sources:

1. The Internet: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/commconnect.htm>, or <http://www.grants.gov>.

2. The RUS, Advanced Services Division, for paper copies of these materials: (202) 690-4493.

##### B. What Constitutes a Completed Application?

1. Detailed information on each item required can be found in the Community Connect Grant Program regulation and the Community Connect Grant Program application guide. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read and apply both the regulation and the application guide. This Notice does not change the requirements for a completed application for any form of Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance specified in the Community Connect Grant Program regulation. The Community Connect Grant Program regulation and the application guide provide specific guidance on each of the items listed and the Community Connect Grant Program application guide provides all necessary forms and sample worksheets.

2. A completed application must include the following documentation, studies, reports and information in form satisfactory to RUS. Applications should be prepared in conformance with the provisions in 7 CFR 1739, subpart A, and applicable USDA regulations including 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016, and 3019. Applicants must use the RUS Application Guide for this program containing instructions and all necessary forms, as well as other important information, in preparing their application. Completed applications must include the following:

a. *An Application for Federal Assistance.* A completed Standard Form 424.

b. *An executive summary of the Project.* The applicant must provide RUS with a general project overview.

c. *Scoring criteria documentation.* Each grant applicant must address and provide documentation on how it meets each of the scoring criteria detailed 7 CFR 1739.17.

d. *System design.* The applicant must submit a system design, including, narrative specifics of the proposal, associated costs, maps, engineering design studies, technical specifications and system capabilities, etc.

e. *Scope of work.* The scope of work must include specific activities and services to be performed under the proposal, who will carry out the activities and services, specific timeframes for completion, and a budget for all capital and administrative expenditures reflecting the line item costs for all grant purposes, the matching contribution, and other sources of funds necessary to complete the project.

f. *Community-Oriented Connectivity Plan.* The applicant must provide a

detailed Community-Oriented Connectivity Plan.

g. *Financial information and sustainability.* The applicant must provide financial statements and information and a narrative description demonstrating the sustainability of the Project.

h. *A statement of experience.* The applicant must provide a written narrative describing its demonstrated capability and experience, if any, in operating a broadband telecommunications system.

i. *Evidence of legal authority and existence.* The applicant must provide evidence of its legal existence and authority to enter into a grant agreement with RUS and to perform the activities proposed under the grant application.

j. *Funding commitment from other sources.* If the Project requires additional funding from other sources in addition to the RUS grant, the applicant must provide evidence that funding agreements have been obtained to ensure completion of the Project.

k. *Compliance with other Federal statutes.* The applicant must provide evidence of compliance with other Federal statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to the following:

(i) 7 CFR part 15, subpart A—Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Agriculture—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(ii) 7 CFR part 3015—Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations.

(iii) 7 CFR part 3017—Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement).

(iv) 7 CFR part 3018—New Restrictions on Lobbying.

(v) 7 CFR part 3021—Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance).

(vi) Certification regarding Architectural Barriers.

(vii) Certification regarding Flood Hazard Precautions.

(viii) An environmental report, in accordance with 7 CFR 1794.

(ix) Certification that grant funds will not be used to duplicate lines, facilities, or systems providing Broadband Transmission Service.

(x) Federal Obligation Certification on Delinquent Debt.

5. DUNS Number. As required by the OMB, all applicants for grants must now supply a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying. The Standard Form 424 (SF-424) contains a field for you to use when supplying your DUNS number. Obtaining a DUNS number

costs nothing and requires a short telephone call to Dun and Bradstreet. Please see the Community Connect Web site or Grants.gov for more information on how to obtain a DUNS number or how to verify your organization's number.

#### *C. How Many Copies of an Application Are Required?*

1. Applications submitted on paper: Submit the original application and two (2) copies to RUS.

2. Electronically submitted applications: The additional paper copies for RUS are not necessary if you submit the application electronically through Grants.gov.

#### *D. How and Where To Submit an Application*

Grant applications may be submitted on paper or electronically.

##### **1. Submitting Applications on Paper**

a. Address paper applications for grants to the Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2845, STOP 1550, Washington, DC 20250-1550. Applications should be marked "Attention: Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program."

b. Paper applications must show proof of mailing or shipping consisting of one of the following:

(i) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service (USPS) postmark;

(ii) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the USPS; or

(iii) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

c. Due to screening procedures at the Department of Agriculture, packages arriving via the USPS are irradiated, which can damage the contents. RUS encourages applicants to consider the impact of this procedure in selecting their application delivery method.

##### **2. Electronically Submitted Applications**

a. Applications will not be accepted via facsimile machine transmission or electronic mail.

b. Electronic applications for grants will be accepted if submitted through the Federal government's Grants.gov initiative at <http://www.grants.gov>.

c. How to use Grants.gov:

(i) Navigate your Web browser to <http://www.grants.gov>.

(ii) Follow the instructions on that Web site to find grant information.

(iii) Download a copy of the application package.

(iv) Complete the package off-line.

(v) Upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov Web site.

d. Grants.gov contains full instructions on all required passwords, credentialing and software.

e. RUS encourages applicants who wish to apply through Grants.gov to submit their applications in advance of the deadline.

f. If a system problem occurs or you have technical difficulties with an electronic application, please use the customer support resources available at the Grants.gov Web site.

g. New information for FY 2005: RUS clarifies its application of the definition of "community" to enable more rural areas to qualify for application to this program.

(i) A Census Designated Place will now be recognized as an unincorporated town, village or borough.

(ii) Communities recognized by the Count Question Resolution Process will now be accepted as being in the "latest U.S. Census".

#### *E. Deadlines*

1. Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than May 31, 2005 to be eligible for FY 2005 grant funding.

2. Electronic grant applications must be received by May 31, 2005 to be eligible for FY 2005 funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2005 grant funding.

#### *F. Funding Restrictions*

##### **1. Eligible Grant Purposes**

Grant funds may be used to finance:

a. The construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities, including spectrum, to deploy Broadband Transmission Service to all participating Critical Community Facilities and all required facilities needed to offer such service to residential and business customers located within the proposed Service Area;

b. The improvement, expansion, construction, or acquisition of a Community Center that furnishes free access to broadband Internet service, provided that the Community Center is open and accessible to area residents before, during, and after normal working hours and on Saturday or Sunday. Grant funds provided for such costs shall not exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the grant amount requested or \$100,000;

c. End-User Equipment needed to carry out the Project;

d. Operating expenses incurred in providing Broadband Transmission Service to Critical Community Facilities for the first 2 years of operation and in providing training and instruction.

Salary and administrative expenses will be subject to review, and may be limited by RUS for reasonableness in relation to the scope of the Project; and

e. The purchase of land, buildings, or building construction needed to carry out the Project.

##### **2. Ineligible Grant Purposes**

a. Grant funds may not be used to finance the duplication of any existing Broadband Transmission Service provided by another entity.

b. Facilities financed with grant funds cannot be utilized, in any way, to provide local exchange telecommunications service to any person or entity already receiving such service.

3. Please see 7 CFR 1739.3 for definitions, 7 CFR 1739.12 for eligible grant purposes, and 7 CFR 1739.13 for ineligible grant purposes.

#### **V. Application Review Information**

##### *A. Criteria*

1. Grant applications are scored competitively and subject to the criteria listed below.

2. Grant application scoring criteria (total possible points: 100). See 7 CFR 1739.17 for the items that will be reviewed during scoring and for scoring criteria.

a. The rurality of the Project (up to 40 points);

b. The economic need of the Project's Service Area (up to 30 points); and

c. The "community-oriented connectivity" benefits derived from the proposed service (up to 30 points).

##### *B. Review Standards*

1. All applications for grants must be delivered to RUS at the address and by the date specified in this notice (see also 7 CFR 1739.2) to be eligible for funding. RUS will review each application for conformance with the provisions of this part. RUS may contact the applicant for additional information or clarification.

2. Incomplete applications as of the deadline for submission will not be considered. If an application is determined to be incomplete, the applicant will be notified in writing and the application will be returned with no further action.

3. Applications conforming with this part will then be evaluated competitively by a panel of RUS employees selected by the Administrator of RUS, and will be awarded points as described in the scoring criteria in 7 CFR 1739.17. Applications will be ranked and grants awarded in rank order until all grant funds are expended.

4. Regardless of the score an application receives, if RUS determines that the Project is technically or financially infeasible, RUS will notify the applicant, in writing, and the application will be returned with no further action.

#### C. Selection Process

Grant applications are ranked by final score. RUS selects applications based on those rankings, subject to the availability of funds.

### VI. Award Administration Information

#### A. Award Notices

RUS recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. RUS generally notifies applicants whose projects are selected for awards by faxing an award letter. RUS follows the award letter with a grant agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. An applicant must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the grant agreement.

#### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The items listed in paragraph IV.B.2.k of this notice, and the Community Connect Grant Program regulation, application guide and accompanying materials implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

#### C. Reporting

1. *Performance reporting.* All recipients of Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to RUS until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project. See 7 CFR 1739.19.

2. *Financial reporting.* All recipients of Community Connect Grant Program financial assistance must provide an annual audit, beginning with the first year a portion of the financial assistance is expended. Audits are governed by United States Department of Agriculture audit regulations. Please see 7 CFR 1739.20.

### VII. Agency Contacts

A. *Web site:* <http://www.usda.gov/rus/commconnect.htm>. The RUS's Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the Community Connect Grant Program.

B. *Phone:* (202) 690-4493.

C. *Fax:* (202) 720-1051.

D. *Main point of contact:* Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: March 24, 2005.

**Curtis M. Anderson,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office for Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

*Agency:* International Trade Administration.

*Title:* Advocacy Questionnaire.

*OMB Number:* 0625-0220.

*Agency Form Number:* ITA-4133P.

*Type of Request:* Regular Submission.

*Burden:* 205 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The International Trade Administration's (ITA) Advocacy Center marshals federal resources to assist U.S. firms competing for foreign government procurements worldwide. The Advocacy Center works closely with the Trade Promotion Coordination Committee which is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and includes 19 Federal agencies involved in export promotion.

Advocacy assistance is wide and varied, but most often is employed to assist U.S. commercial interests that must deal with foreign governments or government-owned corporations to win or maintain business transactions in foreign markets. The Advocacy Center is at the core of the President's National Export Strategy and its goal to ensure opportunities for American companies in the international marketplace.

The purpose of the Advocacy Questionnaire is to collect the necessary information to evaluate whether a firm qualifies for USG advocacy assistance. The Advocacy Center, appropriate ITA officials, officers at U.S. Embassies/Consulates worldwide, and other federal government agencies that provide advocacy support (the Advocacy Network) to U.S. firms, will request firm(s) seeking USG advocacy support to complete the questionnaire. Without

this information, we would be unable to determine if a firm is eligible for U.S. government advocacy.

*Affected Public:* Business community.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; e-mail: [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, at [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov) or fax (202) 395-7285, within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 24, 2005.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Gear-Marking Requirements in Antarctic Fisheries.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0367.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 11.

*Number of Respondents:* 4.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 2 hours, 45 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The vessels participating in Antarctic fisheries must mark the vessel's fishing gear with official vessel identification number, Federal permit or tag number, or some other specified form of identification. The information is used for enforcement purposes. The authority for this requirement comes from the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act of 1984.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.