

Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1675(a) (the Act).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 6, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kris Campbell or Michael Rill, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Department of Commerce received a request to conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on pipe and tube from Turkey. On June 13, 1995, the Department initiated this administrative review covering the period May 1, 1994, through April 31, 1995. The Department adjusted the time limits by 28 days due to the government shutdowns, which lasted from November 14, 1995, to November 20, 1995, and from December 15, 1995, to January 6, 1996. See Memorandum to the file from Susan G. Esserman, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, January 11, 1996.

It is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751 (a) (3) (A) of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with that section, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results to June 27, 1996, and for the final results to December 24, 1996.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34 (b).

These extensions are in accordance with section 751 (a) (3) (A) of the Act. Joseph A. Spetrini,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance.*

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**Minority Business Development Agency**

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**Implementation of Pilot Community-Based Enhanced Services (CBES) Initiative in Baltimore, Maryland, and the Identification of Other Markets To Be Considered as Alternatives to the Minority Business Development Center Program for the Delivery of Management and Technical Assistance to Minority Firms and Entrepreneurs**

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) will begin to implement, on a pilot basis, its Community-Based Enhanced Services (CBES) Initiative in the Baltimore, Maryland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) as an alternative to the Minority Business Development Center (BDC) Program. Under the CBES Initiative, the Department of Commerce has made a financial assistance award to the Empower Baltimore Management Corporation (Empower Baltimore), a Maryland non-profit corporation, to assist Empower Baltimore in establishing a comprehensive minority business assistance program. Through the efforts of Empower Baltimore, the services provided under this award shall be coordinated with the activities of Baltimore's Federal Empowerment Zone. Should the Baltimore pilot prove successful, MBDA has also identified other markets which will be assessed to determine the feasibility of providing services under a fully developed and implemented CBES Initiative.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Paul R. Webber, IV, Assistant Director for Operations, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. (202) 482-3237.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CBES Initiative is a community-based strategy that seeks to identify joint venture partners with whom MBDA can collaborate in order to provide an enhanced level of services to minority firms. The purpose of the CBES program is to enable MBDA to enter into strategic alliances, coordinating the delivery of its services with those of other entities capable of assisting in minority and/or small and disadvantaged business development in a particular market. The collaborative approach of CBES is intended to maximize opportunities for MBDA to leverage its funding with state, local, public, non-profit and private funding in order to produce the most effective coordinated services available to the local service area.

Under this pilot CBES Initiative, Empower Baltimore has been selected as the recipient of federal funding. Empower Baltimore is the non-profit corporation established by the City of Baltimore to coordinate all activities arising from Baltimore's designation as a Federal Empowerment Zone, and to administer all funds earmarked for the Zone. Services to the minority business community under this award will be provided by the Council for Economic and Business Opportunity, Inc. (CEBO), a Maryland-based non-profit

organization with over twenty-seven (27) years of experience in minority business development. The total annual cost of this project will be \$575,000. The federal share will be \$250,000 per year. The recipient's non-federal share, in the amount of \$325,000, will be derived from client fees, in-kind contributions, and substantial additional funding awarded to CEBO by the City of Baltimore, Baltimore County and other non-federal sources.

The terms of this award require CEBO to continue to provide general management and technical assistance and other business assistance to minority firms and entrepreneurs in the Baltimore MSA, using its existing non-federal funding. The proceeds from the federal financial assistance will be used to provide specialized and enhanced management and technical assistance in the areas of 1) finance and capital development, and 2) marketing and procurement. As the singular organization charged with managing Baltimore's Empowerment Zone, Empower Baltimore brings a unique capability to coordinate all of the economic development activity within the Zone, and to insure that MBDA's goals for minority business development are achieved.

The selection of CEBO as subcontractor was based on a comprehensive market assessment prepared by the research firm of D.J. Miller & Associates, Inc., an independent consultant under contract with MBDA. The purpose of the assessment was to examine the business environment for minority firms in the Baltimore, MSA, identifying the particular needs of local minority firms, and to identify resource providers and service organizations providing assistance to the minority business community. Since the Baltimore pilot is being used to test the CBES Initiative, MBDA proceeded to conduct an internal review of the organizations listed in the report to determine which one would be best able to accomplish the program goals of the award, based on existing capabilities and funding levels. CEBO was identified from this review as the most suitable provider. Should the Baltimore pilot prove to be successful and the CBES Initiative expanded to other markets, the Department of Commerce will make future awards on a competitive basis.

**Statement of Policy:**

The CBES Initiative is considered to be an alternative service delivery program which could replace the BDC Program in certain selected markets. The Empower Baltimore Award will be

used to test the feasibility of the Initiative. One of the key benefits of the CBES approach is that it enables MBDA, with the participation of joint venture partners, to deliver management and technical assistance services that are specifically tailored for a given minority business community.

In its initial stage, markets targeted for CBES will undergo a comprehensive community assessment, which will be used to determine the feasibility of providing service to those markets under the CBES Initiative and, if appropriate, to design a coordinated funding and service delivery strategy for its subject market, including the identification of community-based organizations and service providers who, by virtue of their resources and expertise, would constitute potential joint venture partners. Subject to funding availability, and shifts in the Agency's program goals with respect to specific markets, MBDA expects to assess the following locations to determine the feasibility of providing service to these markets under the CBES Initiative: Anaheim/Santa Ana, California; Los Angeles, California; Oxnard, California; San Francisco, California; Jacksonville, Florida; Orlando, Florida; Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Shreveport, Louisiana; Boston, Massachusetts; Las Vegas, Nevada; Newark/Jersey City, New Jersey; Bronx, New York; Charlotte, North Carolina; Cincinnati, Ohio; Brownsville, Texas; Corpus Christi, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Houston, Texas; Laredo, Texas; McAllen, Texas; San Antonio, Texas; and Washington, D.C.

The comprehensive market assessments of these locations will also be prepared by the research firm of D.J. Miller & Associates, Inc. These assessments will result in written final reports which will then be used to determine the optimum service delivery strategy for each market. Organizations interested in being included in the market assessments should contact the further information contact listed at the beginning of this notice.

MBDA will contribute federal funding to selected joint ventures, and its best practices experience and technical support from its headquarters and regional offices. Recipients of direct federal funding will be limited to non-profit organizations, state, local or Indian tribal entities. State and local governments, as well as private funding sources, will be attracted to the joint venture because the pooling effect of funds for a common mission will allow all partners to realize a greater return on investment. Furthermore, the delivery of

enhanced services through community-based partners decreases the dependency of the project on any single funding source, and facilitates the development of the project as a long-term resource in its local market.

Individual notices, which will solicit applications for Federal funding on a competitive basis, will be published in the Federal Register as new markets are identified for inclusion in the CBES Initiative.

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15 U.S.C. § 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

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*Director, Minority Business Development Agency.*  
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### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Joint and Cooperative Institute Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), Environmental Research Laboratories (ERL), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA issues this notice to announce its Fiscal Year 1996 funding plan to continue its financial support of the Cooperative and Joint Institutes sponsored by the NOAA Environmental Research Laboratories. The Cooperative and Joint Institute Program establishes formal, collaborative research agreements between ERL through the Office of the Director and participating universities. The primary purpose of each institute is to create a mechanism to bring together the resources of a research-oriented university, the ERL and other branches of NOAA in order to develop a center of excellence in research relevant to understanding the Earth's oceans, the Great Lakes, inland waters, arctic regions, solar terrestrial environment, intermountain west and the atmosphere.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Marilyn Moll, Program Manager, OAR/ERL Joint Institute Program 1315 East-West Highway (R/E), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 713-2474. Internet: mmoll@rdc.noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The institutes represent a close research link

between ERL, other branches of NOAA and the academic units of various universities. The collaboration between the universities and NOAA provides an interdisciplinary approach and a pooling of resources required to address the needs of the universities and NOAA for better scientific understanding, and of NOAA for improved capability of environmental prediction and other mission-related goals. NOAA funds activities of the institutes through cooperative agreements with the universities to support and stimulate research in defined areas which comport with NOAA's mission as authorized pursuant to 49 U.S.C. App. § 1463, 33 U.S.C. § 883d, and 15 U.S.C. § 2904.

The institutes are established by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NOAA and each university. The MOU identifies the unique capabilities of the university, the interdisciplinary areas for proposed themes of research, and structure of the institute. Each participating organization takes full financial and operational responsibility for its employees affiliated with the institute. The director of the institute is a university senior faculty/staff member. The location of the institutes are generally on university property. Financial assistance is not provided through the MOU. The research themes and associated administrative costs of the institutes are currently funded by a cooperative agreement. The period of the cooperative agreement for the Fiscal Year 1996 funding cycle will be for five years.

Subject to the availability of funds, NOAA intends to continue supporting the following institutes during the Fiscal Year 1996 funding cycle.

The Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences/University of Colorado (CIRES). The University of Colorado is the only university co-located with NOAA research laboratories in Boulder, and the only university in the Colorado area that has the critical mass or the quality of atmospheric chemistry to support the Climate and Global Change and Air Quality programs of NOAA. CIRES' research themes include environmental chemistry, atmospheric and climate dynamics and solid earth sciences.

The Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere/Colorado State University (CIRA). The Colorado State University is the only other Colorado university co-located with a NOAA research program, and is the only university in Colorado that has a graduate meteorological program that is required to support the Climate and