

This notice summarizes the notification letter sent to William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202/482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 ("the Act") [Pub. L. No. 97-290, 15 U.S.C. 4011-21] authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ["the Regulations"] are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1986). Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on November 10, 1994 to William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange).

A certificate holder is required by law to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate (Section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018, Section 235.14 (a) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14 (a)). The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review [Sections 325.14 (b) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14 (b)]. Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation (Sections 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(a) (3) and 325.14(c)).

On October 31, 1995, the Department of Commerce sent to William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange) a letter containing annual report questions with a reminder that its annual report was due on December 25, 1995. Additional reminders were sent on February 9, 1996 and on March 4, 1996. The Department has received no written response from William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange) to any of these letters.

On April 18, 1996, and in accordance with Section 325.10 (c) [2] of the Regulations, [15 CFR 325.10 (c) (2)], the Department of Commerce sent a letter by certified mail to notify William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange) that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate for failure to file an annual report. In addition, a summary of this letter allowing William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange) thirty days to respond was published in the Federal Register on April 24, 1996 at 61 FR 18121. Pursuant to 325.10(c) (2) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.10(c) (2)), the Department considers the failure of William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange) to respond to be an admission of the

statements contained in the notification letter.

The Department has determined to revoke the certificate issued to William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange) for its failure to file an annual report. The Department has sent a letter, dated May 24, 1996, to notify William E. Elliott (d/b/a Export Exchange) of its determination. The revocation is effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which this notice is published in the Federal Register 325.10(c) (4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 324.10(c) (4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(c) (4) and 325.11.

Dated: May 23, 1996.
W. Dawn Busby,
Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Announcement of Availability of Funding for General Competition—Advanced Technology Program (ATP)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Technology Administration's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces the availability of funding for General Competition 96-01 under the Advanced Technology Program (ATP). This General Competition is open to all areas of technology, including those previously included in focused areas. Only a General Competition is planned this fiscal year; there are no plans to run focused program competitions during fiscal year 1996. This notice provides general information for this ATP competition for fiscal year 1996.

DATES: Proposal due date and other specific instructions for the General Competition will be published in the *Commerce Business Daily* (CBD) at the time the competition is announced. Date, time, and location of Proposers' Conferences held for interested parties considering applying for funding will also be announced in the CBD.

ADDRESSES: Information on the ATP may be obtained from the following address: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Advanced Technology Program, Administration Building (Bldg. 101), Room A430, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

Additionally, information on the ATP is available on the Internet through the World Wide Web (WWW) at <http://www.atp.nist.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for ATP information, application materials, and/or to have your name added to the ATP mailing list for future mailings may also be made by:

(a) Calling the ATP toll-free "hotline" number at 1-800-ATP-FUND or 1-800-287-3863. You will have the option of hearing recorded messages regarding the status of the ATP or speaking to one of our customer representatives who will take your name and address. If our representatives are all busy when you call, leave a message after the tone. To ensure that the information is entered correctly, please speak distinctly and slowly and spell the words that might cause confusion. Leave your phone number as well as your name and address;

(b) Sending a facsimile (fax) to 301-926-9524 or 301-590-3053; or

(c) Sending electronic mail to atpmicf.nist.gov. Include your name, full mailing address, and phone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The statutory authority for the ATP is Section 5131 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-418, 15 U.S.C. 278n), as modified by Pub. L. 102-245. The ATP implementing regulations are published at 15 CFR part 295. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number and program title for the ATP are 11.612, Advanced Technology Program (ATP).

The ATP is a rigorously competitive cost-sharing program designed to assist United States industry/businesses pursue high-risk, enabling technologies with significant commercial/economic potential. The ATP provides multi-year funding to single companies and to industry-led joint ventures to pursue research and development (R&D) projects with high-payoff potential for the nation. The ATP accelerates enabling technologies that, because they are risky, are unlikely to be developed in time to compete in rapidly changing world markets without such a partnership between industry and the

Federal government. The ATP challenges industry to take on projects characterized by high technical risk but commensurately high potential payoff to the nation. Proposers must provide credible arguments as to the project feasibility.

The award funding instrument used to fund successful ATP proposals is a "cooperative agreement." Through the use of the cooperative agreement funding instrument, the ATP fosters a government-industry partnership to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation. Under a cooperative agreement, NIST plays a substantial role in providing technical assistance and monitoring the technical work and business progress.

Funding Availability

An estimated \$20 million to \$25 million to first year funding will be available for Competition 96-01. The ATP reserves the right to utilize for this competition more or less funding than the amounts stated above. The actual number of proposals funded will depend on the quality of the proposals received and the amount of funding requested in the highest ranked proposals. Outyear funding beyond the first year is contingent on the approval of future Congressional appropriations and satisfactory project performance.

Eligibility Requirements, Selection Criteria, and Proposal Review Process

The eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and the proposal review process are discussed in detail in the ATP implementing regulations published at 15 CFR part 295.

Funding Amounts, Award Period and Cost Sharing (Matching) Requirements

(a) Single companies can receive up to \$2 million of ATP funds over a period not to exceed 3 years. Single companies do not have to provide matching funds, but they are reimbursed for direct costs only. All indirect costs must be paid for by the single companies.

(b) Joint Ventures can be funded up to a maximum of 5 years, with no funding limit. Joint ventures must also share costs, but their cost-share requirement is in the form of matching funds. A joint venture must provide more than 50 percent of the total project costs (direct plus indirect costs).

(c) Subcontractors funded under an ATP cooperative agreement may not contribute towards the matching-fund requirement. However, they may voluntarily reduce their subcontract costs.

Application Forms and Proposal Preparation Kit

The ATP Proposal Preparation Kit dated November 1994 and Supplement dated May 1996 are available upon request from the ATP at the address and phone numbers noted in this notice. The Kit contains proposal cover sheets, other required forms, background material, and instructions for submission of proposals. All proposals must be prepared in accordance with the instructions in the Kit and Supplement.

Note that the ATP is mailing the new Supplement to the Kit to all those individuals whose names are currently on the ATP mailing list. Those individuals need not contact the ATP to request the Supplement to the Kit.

Submission of Revised Proposals

An applicant may submit a full proposal that is a revised version of a full proposal submitted to a previous ATP competition. NIST will examine such proposals to determine whether substantial revisions have been made. Where the revisions are determined not to be substantial, NIST reserves the right to score and rank, or where appropriate, to reject, such proposals based on reviews of the previously submitted proposal.

Other Requirements

(a) *Federal Policies and Procedures.* Recipients and subrecipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Department of Commerce policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards as identified in the cooperative agreement award.

(b) *Past Performance.* Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in a proposal not being considered for funding.

(c) *Pre-award Activities.* If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of NIST to cover pre-award costs.

(d) *No obligation for Future Funding.* If a proposal is selected for funding, NIST has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

(e) *Delinquent Federal Debts.* No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant or recipient who has an

outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either the delinquent account is paid in full, a negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or other arrangements satisfactory to NIST are made.

(f) *Name Check Review.* All for-profit and non-profit applicants are 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, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

(g) *Primary Applicant Certification.* All primary applicants (including all joint venture participants) must submit a completed form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanation is hereby 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 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, "Limitations 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 Disclosures.* Any applicant that has 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.

(h) *Lower Tier Certification.* Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, 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 Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Although the CD-512 is intended for the use of primary recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST, the SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be forwarded in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

(i) *False Statements.* A false statement on any application for funding under ATP may be grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(j) *Intergovernmental Review.* The ATP does not involve the mandatory payment of any matching funds from state or local government and does not affect directly any state or local government. Accordingly, the Department of Commerce has determined that Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" is not applicable to this program.

(k) *American-Made Equipment and Products.* Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with the funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent.

(l) *Paperwork Reduction Act.* This notice contains collection of information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Control 0693-0009). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052196E]

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 will convene a public meeting of the Mackerel Stock Assessment Panel.

DATES: This meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 20, 1996 and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on June 26, 1996.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mackerel Stock Assessment Panel will review data and develop a stock assessment for the Gulf of Mexico migratory group of king mackerel including ranges of acceptable biological catch for the 1996-1997 fishing season.

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 (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 13, 1996.

Dated: May 22, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee will hold a meeting in Portland, OR.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 11, 1996, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Location to be determined; call for information.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: 907-271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arni Thomson, Alaska Crab Coalition, 206-547-7560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda includes the following:

1. Presentation by Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game and preliminary discussions on the economic implications of lowering the legal size limit of Bristol Bay red king crab to six inches.

2. Clarifications of 1996 actions of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

3. Review findings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Crab Rebuilding Committee.

Additional agenda items may be added as needs develop.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Arni Thomson at 206-547-7560, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 22, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 927 (P79I)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Institute of Marine Science, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 (Principal Investigators: Daniel P. Costa and Michael E. Goebel) has requested a modification to permit no. 927.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West