

Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of review for all shipments of certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Belgium within the scope of the order entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the reviewed company will be the rate listed above; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) for all other producers and/or exporters of this merchandise, the cash deposit rate of 13.31 percent, the "all others" rate, established in the LTFV investigation, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

We will calculate importer-specific duty assessment rates on an *ad valorem* basis against the entered value of each entry of subject merchandise during the POR.

#### Notification of Interested Parties

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR § 353.26 to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR § 353.34(d). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is sanctionable violation. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with Section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR § 353.22.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

[A-588-823]

#### Professional Electric Cutting Tools From Japan: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of final results of antidumping duty review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the final results for the antidumping duty review of professional electric cutting tools from Japan. This review covers the period July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 20, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** N. Gerard Zapiain or Steve Jacques at 202-482-1395 or 202-482-1391; Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 16, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** its decision that it would extend the deadline for the final results of review by 32 days until January 7, 1998 (see 62 FR 65796). The Department has now determined that it is not practicable to issue its final results within that time limit (See Decision Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III to Robert LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration). The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results for the full 60 days available until February 4, 1998 in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: January 13, 1998.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Group III.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 980114015-8015-01]

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#### CFDA No.: 11.115; Cooperative Agreement Program for American Business Centers® in Russia

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The International Trade Administration (ITA) is soliciting competitive applications to establish and operate American Business Centers® (ABCs®) in Volgograd and Chelyabinsk, Russia for a two (2) year multi-year award period. ABCs® will encourage the export of U.S. goods and services and stimulate trade and investment in Russia's regions. Funds to support new ABC® Awards are not currently available. All awards resulting from this announcement are contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

ABCs® will provide, on a user fee basis, a broad range of business development and facilitation services to United States companies in Russia's regions. Services provided by the ABCs® will be designed to encourage more U.S. firms to explore opportunities for trade and investment in Russia's regions and to help them conduct business there more effectively. The core services to be provided by the ABCs® include: international telephone, fax, and data transmission; temporary office space; space for meetings, small seminars, and small product exhibitions or demonstrations; secretarial support (e.g. word processing, typing, message taking); translator/interpreters; photocopying; market research; counseling on local business conditions; and arranging appointments with Russian business contacts. The Centers also will work closely with Russian businesses to help them become more attractive trading partners; identify and report obstacles to trade and investment; and serve as a link between financial institutions, U.S. companies, and Russian enterprises.

In addition to these core services, ABCs® will support U.S. Government activities under the Regional Investment Initiative (RII). This will include providing, at cost, support for the activities of the RII coordinators. Such support may include office space, computers, telecommunications equipment and secretarial and translation services.

**DATES:** ITA will accept only those applications which are received at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1235, HCHB, no later than 3:00 pm E.S.T. February 19, 1998. Late applications will not be accepted and will not be considered. On January 20, 1998 competitive application kits are available from the Department of Commerce.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the application kit, please send a written request with a self-addressed mail label to: Russia-NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Room 1235, HCHB, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Requests for application kits also may be faxed to 202-482-2456. Only one application kit will be provided to each organization requesting it, but the kit may be reproduced by the requester. All forms necessary to submit an application will be included in the application kit.

Completed applications should be returned to the same address. Applicants must submit a signed original and two copies of the application and supporting materials. It is anticipated that it will take ten weeks after the deadline for receipt of applications to process applications and make awards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Applicants wishing further information should contact Ms. E. Vivian Spathopoulos, Deputy Director, Russia-NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, room 1235, HCHB, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-2902, or Fax: (202) 482-2456.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Program Authority**

The American Business Center® program is authorized by Title III of the "Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992" or the "FREEDOM Support Act", Pub. L. 102-511. Funding for the program is provided by the Agency for International Development under Section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

##### **Eligible Applicants**

United States for-profit firms, non-profit organizations, non-Federal government agencies, industry and trade associations, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. An enterprise which includes or intends to include participation of host country citizens or entities will be considered an eligible applicant only so long as the

applicant is and will remain, throughout the award period, controlled and managed by citizens and entities of the United States.

##### **Funding Guidelines**

Since it is anticipated that ITA will be involved in the implementation of each project for which an award is made, the funding instrument for the program will be a cooperative agreement. Examples of ITA involvement include but are not limited to the following: supplemental marketing to promote the ABCs®, guidance on eligibility of ABC® clients, and coordination with other U.S. government assistance programs.

ITA anticipates \$400,000 will be available for the first year of funding for up to two (2) multi-year cooperative agreement awards during FY 1998. Applicants will be requested to submit a work-plan and budget which cover a one (1) year period for a total amount of not more than \$200,000 in Federal funds. Applicants must supply at least fifty-percent (50%) of total project costs, with the Federal portion of total project costs to be no more than fifty-percent (50%). A minimum of one half (1/2) of the support supplied by the applicant must be in the form of cash. The remaining portion of the applicant's support may consist of cash or in-kind contributions (goods and services contributed by a third-party). Applicants will be requested to submit a work-plan and budget for a second year of operation based on the level of funding for the first year with the understanding that funding levels may or may not be the same as the first year.

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.

Applicant receipt of future funding is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds, and satisfactory performance, and will be at the sole discretion of ITA. Publication of this notice does not constitute an obligation by the Department of Commerce to enter into a cooperative agreement with any responding applicant.

Eligible entities may propose the establishment of one or more ABCs®. Applicants must submit a separate application for each proposed ABC®. Each ABC® will be funded through a separate cooperative agreement. More than one cooperative agreement may be awarded to a single entity. No more than

one ABC® will be funded in any given Russian city.

##### **Evaluation Criteria**

Consideration for financial assistance under the program will be based on the following evaluation criteria:

- (1) *Quality of Work Plan:* core commercial activities, marketing strategy, management/staffing, cooperation with ITA and outreach programs to Russian firms;
  - (2) *Qualifications of Applicant:* financial history, personnel's experience in region and in delivering commercial products/services;
  - (3) *Market Knowledge of Locations:* applicant's demonstrated familiarity with the market conditions in the proposed city and/or region;
  - (4) *Project Timetable:* ability of applicant to complete major stages in the scope of work quickly, particularly bringing an ABC® into the fully-operational stage;
  - (5) *U.S. Small Business Utility:* accessibility of services to small firms and reasonableness of fees;
  - (6) *Cost-Effectiveness:* reasonableness, allowability and allocability of costs.
- For purpose of evaluation of the applications, the above criteria will be weighted as follows: criterion (1) will be worth a maximum of 30 (thirty) percent; criterion (2) will be worth a maximum of 30 (thirty) percent; criterion (3) will be worth a maximum of 20 (twenty) percent; criterion (4) will be worth a maximum of 10 (ten) percent; criteria (5) and (6) will be worth a maximum of 5 (five) percent each.

##### **Selection Procedure**

Each application will be evaluated by a panel of at least three independent ITA reviewers qualified to evaluate applications submitted under the program. Applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth above. Awards will be based on highest total accumulated score and geographic location.

##### **Notifications**

All applicants are advised of the following:

- (1) Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.
- (2) If applicants incur any cost prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Federal Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that they may receive, there is no obligation on the part of the Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.

(3) If an application is selected for funding, the Department of Commerce 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 the Department of Commerce.

(4) No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding debt until either:

a. The delinquent account is paid in full;

b. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received; or

c. Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.

(5) All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying". 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. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, subpart F "Government wide Requirement for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on the 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". 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.

(6) 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 Transaction 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 submitted to the

Department. Form LLL submitted by any tier recipient or sub-recipient should be submitted to the Department in accordance with instructions contained in the award document.

(7) A false statement on an application is 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.

(8) All recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal Department of Commerce policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal assistance awards. For-profit organizations shall be subject to OMB Circular A-110 and 48 CFR part 31.

(9) All non-profit and for-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.

(10) Recipients are subject to the Fly America Act (49 U.S.C. sec. 1517 as implemented by 41 CFR sec. 301-3.6).

(11) Executive Order 12372 "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" does not apply to this program.

(12) Paperwork Reduction Act does apply to this program. This document involves collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

**E. Vivian Spathopoulos,**  
*Deputy Director, US&FCS/Russia-NIS  
Program Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Archival Tag Recovery; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, F/SF1, Station 14709, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (301-713-2347).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

To investigate the migratory patterns of Atlantic bluefin tuna, a program has been undertaken to implant archival tags in selected tuna. In the event a fish with an archival tag is captured, applicable regulations could require its immediate release under certain conditions. In order to provide for maximum likelihood of data recovery, a regulation is being issued to exempt the harvest of fish with archival tags from other applicable requirements. Persons that harvest a tuna containing a tag must provide certain information about the tuna (size, weight, location, etc.). This collection was initially approved under emergency clearance procedures; this notice invites comments on plans to submit a regular clearance request to extend that approval for three years.

In addition to those approved requirements, NOAA also proposes a requirement that persons conducting research with archival tags register and report on their activities.

##### II. Method of Collection

Fishermen catching tagged bluefin tuna call a toll-free telephone number. They are then directed to remove the tag and to mail it to a specified address. A