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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No.: 0912231439-0019-020]

Amended Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 30, 2009, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) published a notice in the *Federal Register* (74 FR 69072) soliciting competitive grant applications under the Agency's Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC) program. The original notice solicited applications for operators of the New Orleans MBEC project, and identified New Orleans, LA as the physical location of the MBEC office and the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) as the geographical service area for the project. In addition, the original solicitation provided for a pre-application conference to be held on January 15, 2010, and for an application closing date of February 1, 2010.

MBDA is publishing this notice to: correct certain errors in the original notice pertaining to the name, office location, and geographical service area of the project; change the date of the pre-application conference; and extend the closing date for submitting competitive grant applications to operate this project. Specifically, this notice renames the project from the New Orleans MBEC to the Louisiana MBEC, changes the physical location of the MBEC office from New Orleans, LA to the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner MSA, and changes the geographical service area for this project from the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA MSA to the entire State of Louisiana. This notice

also changes the date of the pre-application conference from January 15, 2010 to January 26, 2010, and extends the closing date for the receipt of applications until February 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). All other requirements for this competitive solicitation, including but not limited to application requirements, evaluation criterion, funding levels, and term of award, remain the same as those published in the original December 30, 2009 notice.

A link to the full text of the Amended Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) for this solicitation may be accessed at: <http://www.Grants.gov>, <http://www.mbda.gov>, or by contacting Rita Gonzales, Program Manager, MBDA Office of Business Development, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5075, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-1940. The Amended FFO contains a full and complete description of the application and programmatic requirements for this solicitation. In order to receive proper consideration, applicants must comply with the requirements contained in the Amended FFO. Applications received by MBDA as of the date of this notice will be returned without prejudice to the applicant, so as to provide the applicant with an opportunity to revise the application consistent with the changes identified in this notice and in the Amended FFO.

The application requirements for this solicitation invoke collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 4040-0004, 4040-0006, 4040-0007, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provisions of 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 PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866. In addition, prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts (5 U.S.C. 533(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 533 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory

flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

Dated: January 13, 2010.

David A. Hinson,

National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The ONMS is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (council): Conservation Primary (1 seat) and Alternate (2 seats); Education Primary and Alternate; Community-at-Large San Francisco/San Mateo Primary and Alternate; Community-at-Large Marin/Sonoma Primary; Research Primary and Alternate; Maritime Activities Commercial Primary and Alternate; and Maritime Activities Recreation Primary and Alternate. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 2-3 year terms, pursuant to the council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by March 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from <http://www.farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html>, or Kelley Higgason, 991 Marine Dr., The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129, kelley.higgason@noaa.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to the above address or emailed to kelley.higgason@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelley Higgason, 991 Marine Dr., The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129, 415-

561-6622 ext. 202,
kelley.higgason@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sanctuary Advisory Council provides the Sanctuary Superintendent with advice on the management of the Sanctuary. Members provide advice to the Superintendent on issues affecting resource protection, the Sanctuary's primary purpose. The Council, through its members, serves as liaisons to the community regarding Sanctuary issues and acts as a conduit, relaying the community's interests, concerns, and management needs to the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Advisory Council members represent public interest groups, local industry, commercial and recreational user groups, academia, conservation groups, government agencies, and the general public. Members serve either two- or three-year terms in order to stagger Council membership and allow continuity.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XT76

False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of establishment of a False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team and meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: NMFS is establishing a Take Reduction Team (TRT) and convening a TRT meeting to address the incidental mortality and serious injury of the Hawaii Pelagic, Hawaii Insular, and Palmyra Atoll stocks of false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*) in the Hawaii-based deep-set and shallow-set longline fisheries. The TRT will develop a Take Reduction Plan (TRP) as required in the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). NMFS will charge the TRT with developing a plan to reduce incidental mortality and serious injury

of these stocks in the Hawaii-based longline fisheries to a level less than the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) level for each stock within 6 months of implementation of the plan and to a level approaching a zero mortality and serious injury rate within 5 years of implementation of the plan.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 17, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., on February 18, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from February 19, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Comments on the inclusion within the scope of the TRT of non-strategic marine mammal stocks interacting with the Category I Hawaii-based deep-set longline fishery must be received by February 18, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The False Killer Whale TRT meeting will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki, 2255 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI; Phone: (808) 922 4422, Fax: (808) 931 8883.

You may submit comments, information, or data, identified by the Regulation Identifier Number [RIN 0648-XT76], by any one of the following methods: (1) Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic information via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>; (2) Mail: Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Regional Office, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and may be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Young, NMFS, Pacific Islands Region, (808) 944-2282, nancy.young@noaa.gov; or Kristy Long, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 713-2322, kristy.long@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 118(f)(1) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) requires NMFS to develop and implement take reduction plans designed to assist in the recovery or prevent the depletion of each strategic stock that interacts with

Category I and II fisheries. It also provides NMFS discretion to develop and implement a take reduction plan for any other marine mammal stocks that interact with a Category I fishery, which the agency determines, after notice and opportunity for public comment, has a high level of mortality and serious injury across a number of such marine mammal stocks.

The MMPA defines a strategic stock as a marine mammal stock: (1) for which the level of direct human-caused mortality exceeds the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) level; (2) which is declining and is likely to be listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the foreseeable future; or (3) which is listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA or as a depleted species under the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1362(2)). PBR is the maximum number of animals, not including natural mortalities, that may be removed from a marine mammal stock while allowing that stock to reach or maintain its optimum sustainable population. Category I or II fisheries are fisheries that, respectively, have frequent or occasional incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals.

As required under section 118 (f)(7) of the MMPA, the TRT shall develop a draft TRP by consensus, and shall submit this draft TRP to NMFS not later than 6 months after the date of the establishment of the TRT. The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) shall then consider the TRP, and no later than 60 days after the submission of the draft TRP, NMFS shall publish in the **Federal Register** the TRP and any implementing regulations proposed by the team for a public comment period not to exceed 90 days. Within 60 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS shall issue a final TRP and any implementing regulations.

Marine Mammal Stocks Included Within the TRT Scope

Three false killer whale stocks identified in the U.S. Pacific Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports (SAR) (Carretta *et al.*, 2009a) are included within the scope of the TRT:

(1) *False killer whale, Hawaii Pelagic stock.* The Hawaii Pelagic stock includes false killer whales inhabiting waters outside of the February-September longline exclusion zone around the main Hawaiian Islands. The stock has been designated as strategic because the average annual mortality and serious injury (M&SI) of false killer whales incidental to the Category I Hawaii-based deep-set longline fishery (7.4 animals per year) exceeds the