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To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Jo Ann Daniels of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 and TDD number 913-551-1414, by 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2003.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, July 15, 2003.

Dawn Sweet,
Editor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of Administration

[Docket No.: 020125021-3179-02]

Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients on the Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) publishes this notice to announce the adoption of its policy guidance entitled Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients on Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons.

DATES: Commerce adopts the guidance as of March 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: For a copy of the policy guidance, please mail requests to Theresa C. Counce, Office of Civil Rights, Room 6003, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230. Requests may also be submitted by e-mail to TCounce@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theresa C. Counce, Office of Civil Rights, telephone: 202-482-8187, TDD: 202-482-2030. Arrangements to receive the policy in an alternate format may be made by contacting the named individual.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 24, 2003, Commerce published and requested comments on a policy guidance notice entitled Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients of the Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons (68 FR 14180, March 24, 2003). Limited English proficient (LEP) persons are those having limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. Executive Order (EO) 13166 (August 16, 2000) directs each Federal agency that extends assistance subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, publish such guidance. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a report on March 14, 2002 recommending that Federal agencies issue uniform guidance for recipients, and the Department of Justice (DOJ) published model guidance 67 FR 41455 (June 18, 2002) for agencies to follow when developing agency-specific guidance. Commerce's guidance, published on March 24, 2003, adheres to DOJ's model guidance.

Commerce received only one comment in response to the March 24, 2003 notice. The organization ProEnglish, of Arlington, VA submitted 7 pages in opposition to the guidance and EO 13166. Commerce acknowledges ProEnglish's opposition to the Executive Order and to Commerce's guidance, however Commerce has been directed by the Executive Order to develop and publish its guidance. As such, the guidance published on March 24, 2003.

By this notice, Commerce is adopting the proposed system as final without changes on July 29, 2003.

Although the March 24, 2003 notice indicated that the guidance was effective on March 24, 2003, Commerce clarifies that the March 24, 2003 date was the date when Commerce would begin accepting comments. There is no effective date of this guidance, as it is policy guidance.

Dated: July 23, 2003.

Suzan J. Aramaki,

Director, Office of Civil Rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No. 99121533-3181-08]

National Technical Assistance, Training, Research, and Evaluation: University Research Parks, Technology-Led Economic Development Strategies, and Information Dissemination—Request for Proposals

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Request for grant proposals (RFP) upon availability of funds.

SUMMARY: EDA publishes this notice to reopen the application submission period for ten days to allow applicants to submit proposals addressing Section VI.B.I. entitled "Information Dissemination to Practitioners Serving Distressed Areas." EDA reopens the proposal period because the proposals that addressed "Information Dissemination to Practitioners Serving Distressed Areas," did not adequately meet the established criteria for EDA to select a proposal for funding consideration.

DATES: Prospective applicants are advised that proposals for funding will be accepted through August 8, 2003, at any of the addresses provided in the May 23, 2003, RFP. Proposals received after 4 p.m. e.d.t., on August 8, 2003, will not be considered for funding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John J. McNamee, 202.482.4085; e-mail: jmcnamee@eda.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 23, 2003, EDA published a Notice in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 28672, requesting proposals for several RFPs. Section VI.B.I. of that Notice requested proposals for "Information Dissemination to Practitioners Serving Distressed Areas." Proposals received in response to Section VI.B.I. did not adequately meet the established criteria for EDA to select a proposal for funding consideration. Consequently, EDA hereby reopens for ten days the proposal submission period for the information dissemination proposals only. New proposals, as well as revisions of proposals submitted earlier, will be accepted. All other requirements of the May 23, 2003, notice remain in effect.

Dated: July 23, 2003.

David A. Sampson,

Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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