

This amendment of final results of review and notice are in accordance with section 751(f) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C. 1673(d)(1994)) and 19 CFR 353.28(c).

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## Minority Business Development Agency

### Solicitation of Business Development Center Applications for Oklahoma City and San Diego

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) listed in this document.

The purpose of the MBDC Program is to provide business development services to the minority business community to help establish and maintain viable minority businesses. To this end, MBDA funds organizations to identify and coordinate public and private sector resources on behalf of minority individuals and firms; to offer a full range of client services to minority entrepreneurs; and to serve as a conduit of information and assistance regarding minority business.

Proper Identification Is Required for Entrance Into Any Federal Building

**DATES:** The closing date for applications for each MBDC is listed below:

**ADDRESSES:** Completed application packages should be submitted on or before the closing date to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following are MBDCs for which applications are solicited:

1. *MBDC Application: Oklahoma City. Metropolitan Area Served:* Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

*Award Number:* 06-10-96001-01.

*Closing Date for Applications:* January 8, 1996.

For Further Information and an Application Package, Contact: Demetrice Jenkins, (214) 767-8001.

### *Pre-APPLICATION Conference:*

December 22, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., at the Dallas Regional Office, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 7B23, Dallas, Texas 75242, (214) 767-8001.

### *Cost of Performance Information:*

Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from April 1, 1996 to April 30, 1997, is estimated at \$198,971. The total Federal amount is \$169,125 and is composed of \$165,000 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,125. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15%, \$29,846 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$198,971. Cost-sharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party in-kind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof.

2. *MBDC Application: San Diego. Metropolitan Area Served:* San Diego, California.

*Award Number:* 09-10-96003-01.

*Closing Date for Applications:* January 8, 1996.

For Further Information and An Application Package, Contact: Steven Saho, (415) 744-3001.

### *Pre-Application Conference:*

December 28, 1995—call the San Francisco Regional Office for time and location: (415) 744-3001.

### *Cost of Performance Information:*

Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from April 1, 1996 to April 30, 1997, is estimated at \$333,125. The total Federal amount is \$283,156 and is composed of \$276,250 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$6,906. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15%, \$49,969 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$333,125. Cost-sharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party in-kind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof.

**Standard Paragraphs**—The following information and requirements are applicable to the above-listed MBDCs.

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement. If the recommended applicant is the current incumbent organization, the award will be for 12 months. For those applicants who are not incumbent organizations or who are incumbents that have experienced closure due to a break in service, a 30-day start-up period will be added to their first budget period, making it a 13-month award. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: The knowledge, background and/or capabilities of the firm and its staff in addressing the needs of the business community in general and, specifically, the special needs of minority businesses, individuals and organizations (45 points); the resources available to the firm in providing business development services (10 points); the firm's approach (techniques and methodologies) to performing the work requirements included in the application (25 points); and the firm's estimated cost for providing such assistance (20 points). An application must receive at least 70% of the points assigned to each evaluation criteria category to be considered programmatically acceptable and responsive. Those applications determined to be acceptable and responsive will then be evaluated by the Director of MBDA. Final award selections shall be based on the number of points received, the demonstrated responsibility of the applicant, and the determination of those most likely to further the purpose of the MBDA program. Negative audit findings and recommendations and unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for award. The applicant with the highest point score will not necessarily receive the award. Periodic reviews culminating in year-to-date evaluations will be conducted to determine if funding for the project should continue. Continued funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA based on such factors as the MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and Agency priorities.

The MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 15% of the total project cost through non-federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the MBDC may charge client fees for services rendered. Fees may range from \$10 to \$60 per hour based on the gross receipts of the client's business.

Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," is not applicable to this program. Federal funds for this project include audit funds for non-CPA recipients. In event that a CPA firm wins the competition, the funds allocated for audits are not applicable. Questions concerning the preceding information can be answered by the contact person indicated above, and copies of application kits and applicable regulations can be obtained at the above address. The collection of information requirements for this project have been approved by the Office of Management