The MBDC will operate in the Rochester N.Y. SMSA geographic service area.

The funding instrument for the MBDC will be a cooperative agreement. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

The MBDC program is designed to provide business development services to the minority business community for the establishment and operation of viable minority businesses. To this end, MBDA funds organizations that can identify and coordinate public and private sector resources on behalf of minority individuals and firms; offer a full range of management and technical assistance; and serve as a conduit of information and assistance regarding minority business.

Applications will be evaluated initially by regional staff on the following criteria: The experience and 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 (50 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 (20 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 any one evaluation criteria category to be considered programmatically acceptable and responsive. The selection of an application for further processing by MBDA will be made by the Director based on a determination of the application most likely to further the purpose of the MBDC Program. The application will then be forwarded to the Department for final processing and approval, if appropriate. The Director will consider past performance of the applicant on previous Federal awards.

MBDCs shall be required to contribute at least 15% of the total project cost through non-Federal contributions. To assist them in this effort, MBDCs may charge client fees for management and technical assistance (M&%TA) rendered. Based on a standard rate of $50 per hour, MBDCs will charge client fees at 20% of the total cost for firms with gross sales of $500,000 or less, and 35% of the total cost for firms with gross sales of over $500,000.

MBDCs performing satisfactorily may continue to operate after the initial competitive year for up to 2 additional budget periods. MBDCs with year-to-date "commendable" and "excellent" performance ratings may continue to be funded for up to 3 or 4 additional budget periods, respectively. Under no circumstances shall an MBDC be funded for more than 5 consecutive budget periods without competition. Periodic reviews culminating in year-to-date quantitative and qualitative evaluations will be conducted to determine if funding for the project should continue. Continued funding will be at the discretion of MBDA based on such factors as an MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and the Agency priorities.

Awards under this program shall be subject to all Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to Federal assistance awards.

In accordance with OMB Circular A-129, "Managing Federal Credit Programs," applicants who have an outstanding account receivable with the Federal Government may not be considered for funding until these debts have been paid or arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made to pay the debt.

Applicants are subject to Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) requirements as stated in 15 CFR part 26.

The Departmental Grants Officer may terminate any grant/cooperative agreement in whole or in part at any time before the date of completion whenever it is determined that the MBDC has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant/cooperative agreement. Examples of some of the conditions which can cause termination are failure to meet cost-sharing requirements; unsatisfactory performance of MBDC work requirements; and reporting inaccurate or inflated claims of client assistance or client certification. Such inaccurate or inflated claims may be deemed illegal and punishable by law.

On November 18, 1988, Congress enacted the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690, title V, subtitle D). The statute requires contractors and grantees of Federal agencies to certify that they will provide a drug-free-workplace. Pursuant to these requirements, the applicable certification form must be completed by each applicant as a precondition for receiving Federal grant or cooperative agreement awards.

"Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements" and SF-LLL, the "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" (if applicable) is required in accordance with section 319 of Public Law 101-121, which generally prohibits recipients of Federal contracts, grants, and loans from using Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant or loan.

CLOSING DATE: The closing date for applications is September 27, 1991. Applications must be postmarked on or before September 27, 1991.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Washington Regional Office. Mailing address for submission is:.

ADDRESSES: Ginal A. Sanchez, Regional Director, Washington Regional Office, Minority Business Development Agency, 14th & Constitution Avenue NW., room 6711, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Iglehart, Regional Director New York Regional Office at (212) 264-3263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive Order 12372 "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" is not applicable to this program. Questions concerning the preceding information, copies of application kits and applicable regulations can be obtained at the above New York address.

11.800 Minority Business Development (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)

Dated: August 19, 1991.

John F. Iglehart,

New York.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 910897-1197]

Cooperative Research and Development Opportunity To Complete and Operate a Racetrack Microtron With the National Institute of Standards and Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) seeks U.S. parties interested in entering into a cooperative research and development program with NIST to relocate, complete and operate a racetrack microtron. Such parties should have—or be able to acquire—expertise in the construction and operation of electron accelerators and should be prepared to invest adequate resources. This program will be undertaken within the scope and confines of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories,

including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements (CRDAs) with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment and facilities—but no funds—to the cooperative research program. Contributions from other participants may include funding, personnel, facilities and equipment. This is not a grant program. This program is covered by 15 CFR part 26, Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension.

DATES: Interested parties should respond in writing at the address shown below no later than February 24, 1991.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Francis J. Schima, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Radiation Physics Building Rm C114, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Francis J. Schima, (301) 975–5537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: (1) NIST has the following equipment available for the effort:

—Two magnets with power supplies
—Main acceleration cavity
—RF power supply with control system computer
—Beam insertion system with control system computer
—Injector power supplies
—Pre-accelerator
—Associated vacuum systems with control computer

(2) NIST has no funding or personnel to contribute to the effort.

(3) While NIST finds it difficult to quantify the size of the contribution required of the collaborator, completion of the facility alone—even before it begins operation—will be a major effort requiring a multiyear commitment of qualified personnel and substantial resources.

(4) Because of the nature of the facility, NIST will be able to work with only one collaborator or group of collaborators.

(5) NIST will select its collaborator or group of collaborators from among the respondents to its notice based on NIST's evaluation of the probability of success in completing and operating the RTM.

(6) Responses from interested parties should address the resources and qualified personnel the party will have available and any other information that will permit NIST to assess the probability of success.

(7) Interested parties may request an RTM Fact Sheet and a tour of the facility from the above contact.

This notice does not contain a collection of information for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Dated: August 20, 1991.

John W. Lyons,

Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Subsistence Taking of Northern Fur Seals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of the 1991 subsistence fur seal harvest outcome.

SUMMARY: This notice briefly summarizes the outcome of the 1991 subsistence fur seal harvest on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska.

DATES: Comments are invited through September 30, 1991.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Dr. Aleta Hohn or Lynne Harris, NMFS Office of Protected Resources (F/PR1), 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynne Harris or Dr. Aleta Hohn (301) 427–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 1, 1991, NMFS issued a final notice of harvest estimates for the annual subsistence fur seal harvest in the Pribilof Islands, Alaska. (56 FR 36735). Actual harvesting of fur seals began on June 30 pursuant to the Fur Seal Act regulations governing the subsistence taking of fur seals by native Alaskans, found at 50 CFR 215.31 *et seq.* On Saturday, July 27, each island reached the lower end of the specified harvest estimates (181 seals on St. George Island, 1145 seals on St. Paul). The regulations require the harvest to be suspended if the lower bound of the harvest estimate is reached, to allow for re-evaluation of subsistence need as provided by 50 CFR 215.32 (e). This suspension is to last no more than 48 hours, during which time the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries is to review the harvest data and determine whether the subsistence needs of the Pribilovians have been met by attaining the lower end of the harvest estimate. If the subsistence needs of the Pribilovians have not been met, the Assistant Administrator must estimate the number of additional seals necessary to meet the remaining needs.

On Friday, July 26, NMFS received word from the chief observer on St. Paul that the Pribilovians on both islands would very likely reach the lower end of the subsistence harvest estimates for each island soon. In response, NMFS sent a letter to the Pribilovians outlining the type of information NMFS would require to make a determination of remaining subsistence need if the Pribilovians intended to request additional animals.

On Saturday, July 27, both St. Paul and St. George reached the lower end of their respective harvest estimates. The observers present stopped each harvest at that point. The Assistant Administrator was notified of these events on July 29, and later that same day NMFS received formal requests for additional seals from both St. Paul and St. George. On July 30, NMFS requested additional information from the Pribilovians to substantiate their requests. This information was received later that same day. After considering the information presented by the Pribilovians, the information provided by NMFS harvest observers and all harvest data collected during the first 4 weeks of the harvest, the Assistant Administrator authorized the harvesting of up to 100 additional animals on St. George and up to 500 additional animals on St. Paul. This decision was effective on July 31.

Late in the afternoon on July 31, NMFS received notice from the Humane Society of the United States of their intention to file a motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) to halt the additional harvesting authorized on St. George and St. Paul. Two hearings were held in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on August 1. During the first of these hearings, the Court requested that NMFS suspend any further harvesting activity in the Pribilof's pending the Court's final decision. The Assistant Administrator immediately announced this suspension to the Pribilovians.

After the hearings and the submission of briefs by both sides, the Court entered an order denying the plaintiff's motion for a TRO. The order was entered at 5:24 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on August 2. The Pribilovians were immediately notified of the outcome of the proceedings and the harvest was allowed to resume. The harvest concluded on August 8.

The total number of fur seals taken during the 1991 subsistence harvest in the Pribilof Islands is as follows: St. George—281, St. Paul—1645.

NMFS has announced its intent to re-evaluate the current methods used to determine subsistence need and measure waste as they relate to the subsistence fur seal harvest of the Pribilof Islands.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1151–1175, 16 U.S.C. 1361–1384.

Dated: August 20, 1991.

Nancy Foster,

Director, Office of Protected Resources.

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Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 910235–1173]

Termination of Status of International Depository Authority Under Budapest Treaty; In Vitro International, Inc.

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that In Vitro International, Inc.'s status as an international depository authority is terminated effective September 25, 1991.

ADDRESS: Questions should be submitted to H. Dieter Hoinkes, Office of Legislation and International Affairs, Box 4, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: H. Dieter Hoinkes, Office of Legislation and International Affairs, (703) 557–3065.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since November 30, 1983, In Vitro International, Inc. (IVI) of Linthicum, Maryland, has been recognized as an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. The Patent and Trademark Office has received a letter from Dr. Rex A. D'Agostino, President of IVI, dated May 24, 1991, stating that IVI can no longer continue to perform its functions as an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty.

By letter dated June 25, 1991, the Patent and Trademark Office has notified the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that the "the United States withdraws its declaration of assurances made on behalf of IVI on September 9, 1983". As a consequence, the termination of the status of IVI as an international depository authority takes effect on September 25, 1991.

All deposits stored with IVI under the Budapest Treaty were transferred on June 20, 1991, to a substitute authority, which is the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, (Telephone No. (301) 881–2600). All mail or other communications addressed to IVI regarding those deposits, including all files and other relevant information, have also been transferred to ATCC. In its capacity as a substitute authority, ATCC has agreed to store all deposits transferred from IVI for an initial period of not less than three months from July 5, 1991, the date of first notice in the Federal Register of IVI's termination as an international depository authority. Patent owners and applicants who wish to preserve their date of original deposit must contact ATCC by October 5, 1991, to make arrangements to pay ATCC's fee for continued maintenance and storage of their deposits past the initial storage period. ATCC will not accept responsibility for continued storage of deposits in respect of which depositors have failed to make appropriate arrangements by October 5, 1991.

For further information, contact H. Dieter Hoinkes, Office of Legislation and International Affairs, Box 4, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231; telephone (703) 557–3065.

Dated: August 20, 1991.

Harry F. Manbeck, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The USAF Scientific Advisory Board Division Advisory Group (DAG) for Electronic Security Command (ESC) will meet on 10–11 September 1991 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at San Antonio, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to address technical issues in forming the new Air Force Intelligence Command; technical implications of Desert Shield/Storm C31 results; and possible solutions to technical shortfalls in a classified ESC mission system. This meeting will involve discussions of classified defense matters listed in section 552b(c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraph (1) thereof, and accordingly will be closed to the public.

For further information, contact the Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at 703–697–4648.

Grace T. Rowe,

Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The USAF Scientific Advisory Board ESD Advisory Group will meet on 30 September–1 October 1991 from 0830–1700 and 0830–1200 respectively at Command Management Center, Bldg. 1606, Hanscom AFB, MA.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice on the ESD C3I Acquisition Programs related to Command Center Automation to include Standards, Open-system Architecture, COTS, Software, and Software Engineering. This meeting will involve discussions of classified defense matters listed in section 552b(c) of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraph (1) thereof, and accordingly will be closed to the public.

For further information, contact the Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at 703–697–4648.

Grace T. Rowe,

Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Department of the Navy

Finding of No Significant Impact for Proposed Construction and Use of a High Energy Test and Containment Facility at Naval Underwater Systems Center Newport, RI

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy hereby gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not being prepard for the construction and use of a High Energy Test and Containment Facility at the Naval Underwater Systems Center (NUSC) Newport Rhode Island.

The proposed action involves the construction of a heavily reinforced test facility that will permit land-based testing of torpedo and underwater propulsion systems that use lithium-based chemical reactions. The 1,130 square foot facility would be constructed of reinforced concrete test cells designed to contain the effects of a worse-case system failure of a lithium based propulsion system. The facility would consist of an outer, low pressure chamber which would be part of the containment features of the facility, and an inner, high energy chamber which would be used for propulsion testing.