

September 8, 1992 to International EXIM Corporation.

A certificate holder is required by law to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate (Section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018, § 235.14 (a) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14 (a)). The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review [Sections 325.14 (b) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14 (b)]. Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation (Sections 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(a) (3) and 325.14(c)).

On August 29, 1994, the Department of Commerce sent to International EXIM Corporation a letter containing annual report questions with a reminder that its annual report was due on October 23, 1994. Additional reminders were sent on October 24, 1994 and on November 16, 1994. The Department has received no written response from International EXIM Corporation to any of these letters.

On December 7, 1994, and in accordance with § 325.10 (c) (2) of the Regulations, [15 CFR 325.10 (c) (2)], the Department of Commerce sent a letter by certified mail to notify International EXIM Corporation that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate for failure to file an annual report. In addition, a summary of this letter allowing International EXIM Corporation thirty days to respond was published in the Federal Register on December 13, 1994 at 59 FR 64195. Pursuant to 325.10(c) (2) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.10(c) (2)), the Department considers the failure of International EXIM Corporation to respond to be an admission of the statements contained in the notification letter.

The Department has determined to revoke the certificate issued to International EXIM Corporation for its failure to file an annual report. The Department has sent a letter, dated January 13, 1995, to notify International EXIM Corporation of its determination. The revocation is effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which this notice is published in the Federal Register 325.10(c) (4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 324.10(c) (4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(c) (4) and 325.11.

Dated: January 13, 1995.

W. Dawn Busby,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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Minority Business Development Agency

Business Development Center Applications: Tucson, AZ

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications to operate its Tucson Minority Business Development Center (MBDC).

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. The MBDC will provide service in the Tucson, Arizona Metropolitan Area. The award number of the MBDC will be 09-10-95010-01.

DATES: The closing date for applications is February 21, 1995. Applications must be received in the MBDA Headquarters' Field Coordination Division on or before February 21, 1995. A pre-application conference will be held on February 1, 1995, at the Federal Building, 300 West Congress Street, Room 7L, Seventh Floor, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Office of Operations and Regional Management, Field Coordination Division, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5075, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-6022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Steven Saho at (415) 744-3001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from May 1, 1995 to May 31, 1996, 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.

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement. 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