with 19 CFR 351.305, which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

These amended final results are published in accordance with sections 751(h) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 30, 2007. **David M. Spooner,** Assistant Secretary for Import Administration. [FR Doc. E7–23964 Filed 12–10–07; 8:45 am]

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International Trade Administrastion

[C-570-921]

Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 11, 2007. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Neubacher or Scott Holland, AD/ CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5823 and (202) 482–1279, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 29, 2007, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the countervailing duty investigation of lightweight thermal paper (LWTP) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). See Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China, 72 FR 62209 (November 2, 2007). Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than January 2, 2008.

Postponement of Due Date for Preliminary Determination

On November 20, 2007, Appleton Papers Inc. (petitioner) requested that the Department postpone the preliminary determination of the countervailing duty investigation of

LWTP from the PRC. Under section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department may extend the period for reaching a preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation until not later than the 130th day after the date on which the administering authority initiates an investigation if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension of the period within which the determination must be made under subsection (b) (section 703(b) of the Act). Pursuant to section 351.205(e) of the Department's regulations, the petitioners' request for postponement of the preliminary determination was made 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination. Accordingly, we are extending the due date for the preliminary determination by 65 days to no later than March 7, 2008.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: December 4, 2007.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No.: 071205803-7804-01]

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Opportunity Center (MBOC) Program

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

SUMMARY: In accordance with 15 U.S.C. Section 1512 and Executive Order 11625, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate a Minority Business Opportunity Center (MBOC) in the locations and geographical service areas specified in this notice. The MBOC operates through the use of business consultants and provides business assistance and brokering services directly to eligible minorityowned businesses. The MBOC Program's primary evaluation criterion is the dollar value of contracts and financial transactions awarded to eligible minority business enterprises (MBEs). Responsibility for ensuring that applications in response to this competitive solicitation are complete and received by MBDA on time is the

sole responsibility of the applicant. Applications submitted must be to operate an MBOC and to provide business assistance and brokering services to eligible clients. Applications that do not meet these requirements will be rejected. This is not a grant program to help start or to further an individual business.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is January 18, 2008 at 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Completed applications must be received by MBDA at the address below for paper submissions or at www.Grants.gov for electronic submissions. The due date and time is the same for electronic submissions as it is for paper submissions. The date that applications will be deemed to have been submitted electronically shall be the date and time received at Grants.gov. Applicants should save and print the proof of submission they receive from Grants.gov. Applications received after the closing date and time will not be considered. Anticipated time for processing is sixty (60) days from the close of the competition period. MBDA anticipates that awards under this notice will be made with a start date of April 1, 2008.

Pre-Application Conference: In connection with this solicitation, a preapplication teleconference will be held on December 18, 2007 at 1 p.m. (EST). Participants must register at least 24 hours in advance of the teleconference and may participate in person or by telephone. Please visit the MBDA Internet Portal at *http://www.mbda.gov* (MBDA Portal) or contact an MBDA representative listed below for registration instructions.

ADDRESSES: (1a) Paper Submission—If Mailed: If the application is sent by postal mail or overnight delivery service by the applicant or its representative, one (1) signed original, plus two (2) copies of the application must be submitted. Applicants are encouraged to also submit an electronic copy of the proposal, budget and budget narrative on a CD-ROM to facilitate the processing of applications. Completed application packages must be mailed to: Office of Business Development-MBOC Program, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Applicants are advised that MBDA's receipt of mail sent via the United States Postal Service may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery due to security measures. Applicants may