

Yucelboru Ihracat Ithalat ve Pazarlama A.S. (collectively "Kroman"). See *Notice of Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review: Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Turkey*, 71 FR 30383 (May 26, 2006). Kroman agreed in writing to waive the time limits in order for the Department, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(j)(3), to conduct this review concurrently with the ninth administrative review of this order for the period April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006, which is being conducted pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Therefore, the preliminary results are currently due no later than January 2, 2007, the first business day after December 31, 2006.

#### Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department shall make a preliminary determination in an administrative review of an antidumping order within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act further provides, however, that the Department may extend the 245-day period to 365 days if it determines it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period. We determine that it is not practicable to complete this administrative review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act because this review involves a number of complicated issues for certain of the respondents, including a request for revocation for two respondents. Analysis of these issues, as well as the required verifications of these companies, requires additional time. Therefore, we have fully extended the deadline for completing the preliminary results until April 30, 2007, which is 365 days from the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. The deadline for the final results of the review continues to be 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension notice is published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: October 18, 2006.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### U.S. Electronic Education Fair for China

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. accredited colleges and universities are invited to participate in the U.S. Electronic Education Fair For China by purchasing space on the initiative's internet landing page.

**DATES:** Applications will be accepted from October 24, 2006 until 3 pm EST November 10, 2006. The initiative is scheduled to commence on November 19, 2006.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexander Feldman, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3850. Tel: (202) 482-8243. Amber Wesley, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3850. Tel: (202) 482-6357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Electronic Education Fair for China is a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of State. The purpose of the initiative is to inform Chinese students who are interested in studying outside of China about the breadth and depth of the higher education opportunities available in the U.S. The initiative will have a three-pronged multimedia approach using television, the Internet and on-ground activities. Two, thirty minute TV programs will be produced in combination with a series of short, 3 minute programs, aired on local cable and national satellite TV stations throughout China all of which will drive viewers to the Internet landing page. DVDs distributed through education trade fairs and also through the 47 EducationUSA advisory centers throughout China will further this message.

Accredited U.S. Institutions are invited to purchase space on the Internet Landing page in order to provide information about their schools. Informational space will be available at a Gold or Silver level. Institutions purchasing at the Gold level, priced at \$8,000, will receive a banner-sized ad with their schools logo and name, which will link to their school website. Those who purchase at the Silver level, priced at \$3,000, will have their name listed on the site with a link to their institution Web site.

Dated: October 20, 2006.

**Mary Ann McFate,**

*Director, Office of Organization and Management Support.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews

**AGENCY:** NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of first request for panel review.

**SUMMARY:** On October 18, 2006, Hylsa, S.A. de C.V. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the Notice of Final Results and Partial Rescission of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review made by the International Trade Administration, respecting Oil Country Tubular Goods from Mexico. This determination was published in the *Federal Register* (71 FR 54614) on September 18, 2006. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-MEX-2006-1904-06 to this request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules").

These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on October 18, 2006, requesting panel review of the Notice of Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review described above.

*The Rules provide that:*

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is November 17, 2006);

(b) a Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is December 4, 2006); and

(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 00724218-6267-11]

#### **Cancellation of the Solicitation of Applications for the Native American Business Enterprise Center (NABEC) and Extension of NABEC Program Period**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) publishes this notice to: (1) Announce that it is canceling the Solicitation of Applications for the Native American Business Enterprise Center (NABEC)

(formerly Native American Business Development Center (NABDC)) Program as published on September 6, 2006, and (2) Amend the August 29, 2003 **Federal Register** notice solicitation to extend the total project award period for cooperative agreements under the NABEC program from three (3) years to four (4) years. MBDA is taking both actions in order to permit MBDA to solicit input from all stakeholders on any proposed Program changes. This notice also identifies certain NABECs currently funded through December 31, 2006, that will be eligible for an additional year of funding beyond the three (3) years normally allowed between competitions.

**DATES:** The additional year of funding, if approved by the Grants Officer, will commence January 1, 2007 and continue through December 31, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Efrain Gonzalez, Program Manager at (202) 482-1940.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Executive order 11625, the NABEC Program was established to provide standardized business assistance services to the Native American business public directly, develop a network of strategic partnerships and provide strategic business consulting within the geographic services area. These mission goals generate increased results with respect to financing and contracts awarded to Native American and minority-owned firms and thus, are a key component of the Program.

MBDA is announcing the cancellation of the Solicitation of Applications for the NABEC Program, as published on September 6, 2006 (71 FR 52529), to allow for the solicitation of input from all stakeholders on any proposed Program changes. In addition, MBDA is extending the total project award period from three years to four years for awards under the NABEC Program. MBDA's prior **Federal Register** notice of August 29, 2003 (68 FR 51981), as amended on September 30, 2003 (68 FR 56267), February 11, 2004 (69 FR 6644), and February 19, 2004 (69 FR 7726) is hereby amended to allow for the extension of the total project award period of cooperative agreements under the NABEC Program to four (4) years.

NABECs that will be completing the third year of operation on December 31, 2006 will be eligible for an additional year of funding, on a non-competitive basis. Such additional funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA, using the evaluation criteria and process used to determine the continuation of funding during the original award period (Years 1-3).

In making its determination, MBDA will consider (1) the NABEC's performance rating, (2) the availability of funds, and (3) the agency's priorities. In determining the NABEC's performance rating, MBDA will review the overall project performance as evaluated through the standardized performance reports and assessments required by the NABEC Program. MBDA will consider only those NABEC's that have achieved a performance rating of "Satisfactory," "Good," "Commendable," or "Outstanding."

The following NABECs are affected by this notice and will be eligible for an additional year (January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007) of funding on a non-competitive basis: Arizona Statewide NABEC (The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development), California Statewide NABEC (The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development), Minnesota/Iowa Statewide NABEC (Minnesota Chippewa Tribe), New Mexico Statewide NABEC (The Native American Resource Center, Inc.), North Carolina/Cherokee/Ashville NABEC (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), North/South Dakota Statewide NABEC (United Tribes Technical College), Northwest NABEC (The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development), and Oklahoma Statewide NABEC (The Native American Resource Center, Inc.).

The existing NABECs will continue to concentrate on serving Native American and minority-owned firms located in their originally designated geographic service area. The NABEC Program shall continue to leverage telecommunications technology, including the Internet, and a variety of online computer-based resources to dramatically increase the level of service that the NABEC can provide to Native American and minority-owned firms, including micro-enterprises.

Entrepreneurs eligible for assistance under the NABEC Program are Native Americans, Eskimos, African Americans, Puerto Ricans, Spanish-speaking Americans, Aleuts, Asian Pacific Americans, Asian Indians, and Hasidic Jews.

#### **Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements**

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this notice.