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All written comments should be sent to Gregory W. Campbell, Office of Policy, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Central Records Unit, Room 1870, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street NW., Washington, DC 20230, Subject: Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews; Request for Comment on Agency Practice.

Dated: January 17, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Restoring America's Travel Brand: A National Strategy To Compete for International Visitors; Request for Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Office of Travel and Tourism Industries (OTTI), 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 1003, Washington, DC 20230.

Description/Background

In support of competitive goals established by the President of the United States, and in response to the white paper entitled Restoring America's Brand, A National Strategy to Compete for International Visitors, that was recently submitted to the Secretary of Commerce by the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (TTAB), the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), International Trade Administration (ITA), Office of Travel & Tourism Industries (OTTI), is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) for assistance by interested government agencies, organizations, and industry businesses. The information requested may include:

- An assessment of, or comment on, the white paper presented by the Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, which can be found at: http://tinnet.ita.doc.gov/TTAB/docs/2006_FINALTTAB_National_Tourism_Strategy.pdf.
 - Respondents are highly encouraged to provide specific comments on the recommendations that are covered in the white paper, organized by the sections:
 - Making it easier for people to visit by balancing hospitality with security,
 - Asking people to visit the United States through a nationally coordinated marketing program, and
 - Demonstrating the value of travel and tourism to the nation's economy.
 - In addition, respondents are encouraged to provide comments/ observations related to other areas of concern or issues that are not addressed in the white paper, such as:
 - Sustainable tourism development,
 - Medical tourism,
 - Cultural heritage tourism development,
 - Technical training/tours for business-to-business development,
 - Education exchanges or attendance,
 - Public-private partnerships, or
 - Infrastructure challenges, to name a few.
- Comments will serve in the development of policies and programs

to be implemented by the federal government concerning the tourism sector.

The Government encourages both rigorous and creative solutions in response to this RFI.

How To Respond

The Department of Commerce is asking respondents to provide written input concerning any and all recommendations contained within the white paper submitted by the Travel and Tourism Advisory Board and other aspects of travel and tourism that may not be addressed in the white paper.

All responses should be e-mailed to either of the following members of the Office of Travel and Tourism Industries: julie.heizer@mail.doc.gov or Cynthia.warshaw@mail.doc.gov.

Please use reference: 2006 RFI Restoring America's Travel Brand, A National Strategy to Compete for International Visitors in the subject line of all correspondence. Please submit responses by January 19, 2007.

Input provided through this RFI may be representative of the collective opinion from a membership-wide survey of a travel and tourism industry trade association, or it can be submitted as the opinion of a single person. Any opinions or information received that are not specific to travel and tourism related issues will not be considered.

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a solicitation. All information received in response to this RFI that is marked "Proprietary" will be handled accordingly. Responses to the RFI will not be returned. In accordance with FAR 15.201(e), responses to this notice will not be considered an offer and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. Interested parties are solely responsible for all expenses associated with responding to this RFI.

Additional information on the Travel and Tourism Advisory Board and the white paper submission may also be found at the Office of Travel & Tourism Industries Web site at: <http://www.tinnet.ita.doc.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 050412107-7004-03]

Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program

AGENCY: Office of Education (OED), Office of the Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere (USEC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of scholarship opportunity.

SUMMARY: NOAA announces the Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship Program for FY 2007, and sets forth eligibility criteria and selection guidelines for the program. The Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship Program was established through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447). This Scholarship Program will provide approximately 100 undergraduate applicants selected for the program with scholarships to participate in oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, and education. There is no guarantee that funds will be available to make awards to all qualified applicants.

DATES: Completed applications must be received by February 22, 2007, at 5 p.m. eastern standard time.

ADDRESSES: Applications for the Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship Program will be available through NOAA at http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/Hollings_info.html. If an applicant does not have Internet access, hardcopy applications may be requested by contacting NOAA Office of Education, Hollings Scholarship Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 10703, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NOAA Hollings Scholarship at StudentScholarshipPrograms@noaa.gov or call 301-713-9437 x125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship Program was established through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447). The purposes of the program include: (1) To increase undergraduate training in oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, and education and to foster multidisciplinary training opportunities; (2) to increase public understanding and support for stewardship of the ocean and atmosphere and to improve environmental literacy; (3) to recruit and prepare students for public service careers with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other natural resource and science agencies at the Federal, State and local and tribal levels of government; and, (4) to recruit and prepare students for careers as teachers and educators in oceanic and atmospheric science and to improve scientific and environmental education in the United States.

The Hollings Scholarship Program will provide successful undergraduate applicants with awards that include academic assistance (up to a maximum of \$8,000 per year) for full-time study during the 9-month academic year; a 10-week, full-time internship position (\$650/week) during the summer at a NOAA facility; and, if reappointed, academic assistance (up to a maximum of \$8,000) for full-time study during a second 9-month academic year. The internship between the first and second years of the award provides the Scholars with "hands-on" practical educational training experience in NOAA-related scientific, research, technology, policy, management, and education activities. Awards will also include travel expenses to attend a mandatory Hollings Scholarship Program orientation, approved conferences where students present a paper or poster, and a housing subsidy for scholars who do not reside at home during the summer internship.

Authority

The Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program is established by the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447).

Funding Availability

Approximately \$3.5 million may be available for the award of a maximum of 100 two-year scholarships, dependent on the availability of appropriations. There is no guarantee that funds will be

available to provide scholarships for all qualified students.

Eligibility

Any undergraduate student who is a U.S. citizen; enrolled as a full-time student in the Fall 2007 as a junior, at an accredited college or university within the United States or U.S. Territories; possesses at least a 3.0 grade point average per semester/quarter and cumulative on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent on other identified scale) in all completed undergraduate courses and in their major field of study; and has declared a major in a NOAA-related discipline, including, but not limited to, oceanic, environmental, and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, engineering, remote sensing technology, marine policy, physical and social sciences including, geography, physics, hydrology, meteorology, oceanography or teacher education that support NOAA's programs and mission may apply to this notification.

The Hollings Scholarship Program will consider applications from all students that meet the above eligibility requirements.

Evaluation Criteria

Application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Relevant coursework (30%).
2. Education plan and statement of career interest (40%).
3. Recommendations and/or endorsements (reference forms) (20%).
4. Additional relevant experience related to diversity of education; extracurricular activities; honors and awards; non-academic and volunteer work; written and oral communications skills (10%).

Selection Process

An initial administrative review of applications is conducted to determine compliance with requirements and completeness of applications. Only complete applications in compliance with the requirements will be considered for review. Applications identified as incomplete or not in compliance with the requirements will be destroyed. All applications that meet the requirements and are complete will be evaluated and scored individually in accordance with the assigned weights of the evaluation criteria by an independent peer review panel, comprised of Federal and nonfederal employees. No consensus advice or recommendations will be given. A numerical ranking will be assigned to each application based on the average of the panelist's ratings. The Program Officer will conduct a review of the rank