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Agency Approval Number: 0607-0104.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 4,500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Avg Hours per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey was developed in response to requests by government, business, and other users to provide an early indication of current retail trade activity at the United States level. MARTS also provides monthly sales of food service establishments and drinking places. Policymakers, such as the Federal Reserve Board, need to have the most timely estimates in order to anticipate economic trends and act accordingly. Data on sales from this survey provide the earliest possible look at consumer spending and are necessary for the calculation of the personal consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Without the Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey, the Census Bureau's earliest measure of retail sales is the "preliminary" estimate from the full monthly sample, released about 40 days after the reference period.

The Census Bureau tabulates the collected data to provide, with measured reliability, statistics on United States retail sales. These sales estimates, developed from the Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey, are used by the Council of Economic Advisers, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Federal Reserve Board, and other government agencies, as well as business users in formulating economic decisions. These estimates have a high priority because of their timeliness. There would be approximately a one month delay in the availability of these data if this survey were not conducted.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: July 25, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No.: 060607156-6203-02]

Solicitation of Applications for the National Technical Assistance Program

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is soliciting applications for FY 2006 National Technical Assistance Program funding. EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Through its National Technical Assistance Program, EDA works towards fulfilling its mission by funding research and technical assistance projects to promote competitiveness and innovation in urban and rural regions throughout the United States and its territories. By working in conjunction with its research partners, EDA will help States, local governments, and community-based organizations to achieve their highest economic potential.

DATES: Applications (on Form ED-900A, Application for Investment Assistance) for funding under this notice must be received by the EDA representative listed below under "Addresses" no later than August 30, 2006 at 5 p.m. EDT. Applications received after 5 p.m. EDT on August 30, 2006 will not be considered for funding. By September 29, 2006, EDA expects to notify the applicants selected for investment assistance. The selected applicants should expect to receive funding for their projects within thirty (30) days of EDA's notification of selection.

ADDRESSES: Applications submitted pursuant to this notice may be:

1. E-mailed to William P. Kittredge at wkittredge@eda.doc.gov; or

2. Hand-delivered to William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, Room 7009, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; or

3. Mailed to William P. Kittredge, Senior Program Analyst, Economic Development Administration, Room 7009, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Applicants are encouraged to submit applications by e-mail. Applicants are advised that, due to mail security measures, EDA's receipt of mail sent via the United States Postal Service may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery. EDA will not accept applications submitted by facsimile.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, please contact William P. Kittredge at (202) 482-5442 or via e-mail at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: The Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this competitive solicitation is available at www.grants.gov and at EDA's Internet website at www.eda.gov. Paper copies of the Form ED-900A, "Application for Investment Assistance" (OMB Control No. 0610-0094), and additional information on EDA and its National Technical Assistance Program may be obtained from EDA's Internet website at www.eda.gov.

Funding Availability: Funds appropriated under the Science, State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-108, 119 Stat. 2290 (2005)) are available for making awards under the National Technical Assistance Program authorized by section 207 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3147), as amended (PWEDA), and 13 CFR part 306, subpart A. Approximately \$500,000 is available, and shall remain available until expended, for funding awards pursuant to this competitive solicitation. This is the third FFO announcement published under this program during FY 2006. The first announcement under National Technical Assistance was published on June 16, 2006 and the second announcement under Research and Evaluation was published on July 18, 2006.

Statutory Authority: The authority for the National Technical Assistance Program is section 207 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3147). You may access EDA's currently effective regulations (codified

at 13 CFR Chapter III) and PWEDA on EDA's Internet website at www.eda.gov.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 11.303, Economic Development-Technical Assistance.

Eligibility Requirement: Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a District Organization; an Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; a State; a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; an institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; a public or private non-profit organization or association; a private individual; or a for-profit organization. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3122) and 13 CFR 300.3.

Cost Sharing Requirement: Generally, the amount of the EDA grant may not exceed fifty (50) percent of the total cost of the project. Projects may receive an additional amount that shall not exceed thirty (30) percent, based on the relative needs of the region in which the project will be located, as determined by EDA. See section 204(a) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(b)(1). Under this competitive solicitation, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development (Assistant Secretary) has the discretion to establish a maximum EDA investment rate of up to one hundred (100) percent where the project (i) merits and is not otherwise feasible without an increase to the EDA investment rate; or (ii) will be of no or only incidental benefit to the recipient. See section 204(c)(3) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144) and 13 CFR 301.4(b)(4).

While cash contributions are preferred, in-kind contributions, consisting of assumptions of debt or contributions of space, equipment, and services, may provide the non-federal share of the total project cost. See section 204(b) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3144). EDA will fairly evaluate all in-kind contributions, which must be eligible project costs and meet applicable federal cost principles and uniform administrative requirements. Funds from other federal financial assistance awards are considered matching share funds only if authorized by statute that allows such use, which may be determined by EDA's reasonable interpretation of the statute. See 13 CFR 300.3. The applicant must show that the matching share is committed to the project, available as needed and not conditioned or encumbered in any way

that precludes its use consistent with the requirements of EDA investment assistance. See 13 CFR 301.5.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications for funding under this competitive solicitation are not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Evaluation and Selection Procedures: To apply for an award under this announcement, an eligible applicant must submit a completed application (Form ED-900A, Application for Investment Assistance) to EDA during the timeframe specified in the "Dates" section of this notice. Applications received after 5 p.m. EDT on August 30, 2006 will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered for funding. By September 29, 2006, EDA expects to notify the applicants selected for investment assistance. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by postal mail that their applications were not recommended for funding. Applications that do not meet all items required or that exceed the page limitations set forth in this competitive solicitation will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered by the review panel. Applications that meet all the requirements will be evaluated by a review panel comprised of at least three (3) EDA staff members, all of whom will be full-time federal employees.

Evaluation Criteria: The review panel will evaluate the applications and rate and rank them using the following criteria of approximate equal weight:

1. Conformance with EDA's statutory and regulatory requirements, including the extent to which the proposed project satisfies the award requirements set out below and as provided in 13 CFR 306.2:
 - a. Strengthens the capacity of local, State or national organizations and institutions to undertake and promote effective economic development programs targeted to regions of distress;
 - b. Benefits distressed regions; and
 - c. Demonstrates innovative approaches to stimulate economic development in distressed regions;
2. The degree to which an EDA investment will have strong organizational leadership, relevant project management experience and a significant commitment of human resources talent to ensure the project's successful execution (see 13 CFR 301.8(b));
3. The ability of the applicant to implement the proposed project successfully (see 13 CFR 301.8);
4. The feasibility of the budget presented; and
5. The cost to the Federal government.

Selection Factors: EDA expects to fund the highest ranking applications submitted under this competitive solicitation. The Assistant Secretary is the Selecting Official and will normally follow the recommendation of the review panel. However, the Assistant Secretary may not make any selection, or he may select an application out of rank order for the following reasons: (1) A determination that the application better meets the overall objectives of sections 2 and 207 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. 3121 and 3147); (2) the applicant's performance under previous awards; or (3) the availability of funding.

The 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, published in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this competitive solicitation. This notice may be accessed by entering the **Federal Register** volume and page number provided in the previous sentence at the following Internet website: <http://gpoaccess.gov/fr/retrieve.html>.

Paperwork Reduction Act.

This request for applications contains a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the use of the Application for Investment Assistance (Form ED-900A) under control number 0610-0094. The Form ED-900A also incorporates Forms SF-424 (Application for Financial Assistance), SF-424A (Budget-Non-Construction Programs) and SF-424B (Assurances-Non-Construction Programs). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 12866.

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review."

Executive Order 13132.

It has been determined that this notice does not contain "policies that have Federalism implications," as that phrase is defined in Executive Order 13132, "Federalism."

Administrative Procedure Act/ Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: July 25, 2006.

Benjamin Erulkar,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce, for Economic Development and Chief Operating Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 31-2006]

Foreign-Trade Zone 208 - New London, Connecticut, Expansion of Subzone and Manufacturing Authority-Subzone 208A, Pfizer Inc (Pharmaceutical Products), Groton, Connecticut

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the New London Foreign Trade Zone Commission, grantee of FTZ 208, requesting to expand the subzone and scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures for Subzone 208A, at the Pfizer Inc (Pfizer) facility in Groton, Connecticut. It was formally filed on July 20, 2006.

Subzone 208A was approved by the Board in 2005 at Pfizer's plant (61 bldgs. on 57 acres/723,362 sq. ft., 195, 642 sq. ft. of which is devoted to manufacturing) located at 445 Eastern Point Road, Groton, Connecticut. The facility (400 employees) is used to produce and/or distribute a wide range of pharmaceuticals, with specific authority granted for the manufacture of a single product under zone procedures (Board Order 1391, 5/9/05).

Pfizer is now requesting authority to expand the subzone to include 2 additional parcels (31 bldgs. on 112 acres/3,480,165 sq. ft., approximately one-third of which is devoted to manufacturing) located at 38 Eastern Road in Groton, adjacent to the current site, for the manufacture of pharmaceutical reference standards (HTSUS 3822.00, duty-free). Reference

standards not qualifying for entry under HTSUS 3822.00 could qualify to be entered under the prototype provision of HTSUS 9817.85 (duty-free). Materials sourced from abroad account for approximately 20 percent of all materials used in production. The materials sourced from abroad primarily consist of organic chemicals but, due to the unique, wide-ranging nature of the reference standards, they may also include: animal by-products; corn starch; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts; animal and vegetable fats, oils and waxes; lactose and lactose syrup; miscellaneous edible preparations; ethyl alcohol; salts, magnesium carbonate and talc; mineral oils and products; inorganic chemicals and compounds of precious metals; pharmaceutical products; tannins, pigments and acid dyes; essential oils; sulfonates, surface active agents, lubricating preparations and waxes; fish glue, gelatin, peptones, dextrans and enzymes; miscellaneous chemical products; plastics; rubber and rubber articles; paper and paperboard; printed books; cotton wadding; glass products; aluminum foil; base metals; optical, medical and surgical instruments; miscellaneous manufactured articles (gelatin, wax and vegetable materials); and chemicals (chapter 99). FTZ savings will result initially from imported materials used in the manufacture of reference standards subject to duty rates from duty-free to 7.5 percent.

The application also requests authority to include a broad range of inputs (listed above) for other finished pharmaceutical products that Pfizer may produce under FTZ procedures in the future. (New major activity involving these inputs/products would require review by the FTZ Board.) The duty rates for these inputs and final products range from duty-free to 10 percent.

Zone procedures would exempt Pfizer from Customs duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to defer Customs duty payments on foreign materials, and to choose the duty rate that applies to the finished products instead of the rates otherwise applicable to the foreign input materials. Pfizer also expects to realize additional savings through the use of weekly entry procedures. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed below. The closing period for their receipt is September 29, 2006. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the forgoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to October 14, 2006).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: the City of New London's Office of Development and Planning, 111 Union Street, New London, CT 06320; and, Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 1115, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: July 20, 2006.

Andrew McGilvray,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-570-893

Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the People's Republic of China: Partial Rescission of the First Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 31, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: P. Lee Smith or Erin Begnal, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1655 and (202) 482-1442, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 7, 2006, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation listing 163 firms for which it received timely requests for an administrative review of this antidumping duty order. *See Notice of Initiation of Administrative Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders on Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of China*, 71 FR 17813 (April 7, 2006) ("*Initiation*