

May 31, 2006. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after publication of the preliminary results notice.

This notice of extension of the time limit is published in accordance with 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: January 5, 2006.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Tufts University, Notice of Decision on Application, for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

*Docket Number:* 05-044. Applicant: Tufts University, Somerville, MA. Instrument: Low Temperature Scanning Tunneling Microscope. Manufacturer: Omicron Nanotechnology, Germany. Intended Use: See notice at 70 FR 61603, October 25, 2005.

*Comments:* None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: stable imaging at temperatures down to 4 Kelvin with low thermal drift rates (<1 angstrom per hour) and low rms vibration amplitudes (< 0.005 angstrom in a 300 Hz bandwidth). It also has the capability of depositing molecules on the sample in the microscope stage at temperatures down to 4 Kelvin and tip retraction and return to the same area after deposition of molecules. Advice received from: A university research laboratory for advanced microstructures and devices (comparable case). It knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value

to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

*Docket Number:* 05-061. Applicant: University of Michigan, 2355 Bonisteel Boulevard, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2104. Instrument: Application Specific Integrated Circuit. Manufacturer: Ideas ASA, Norway. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used as a compatible accessory for a unique 3-dimensional position sensitive CdZnTe semiconductor gamma-ray spectrometer. The article consists of a multi-channel charge sensing amplifier with very low noise of about 300 electrons rms for which three iterations have been developed in collaboration with Ideas ASA. The systems can get energy and 3D position information for not only single-interaction events, but for multiple-interaction events by using electron drift times. Excellent energy resolution for both single-interaction events (0.8% FWHM at 662 keV) and multiple-interaction events (1.3% FWHM at 662 keV) has been achieved. A new scalable detector array system with plug-in electronics is required for further development of the spectrometer. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 27, 2005.

*Docket Number:* 05-062. Applicant: University of Texas Medical Branch at

Galveston, 301 University Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77555. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2200FS. Manufacturer: JEOL, Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to examine and study:

- (1) Biological macromolecules, cellular organelles and viruses
- (2) Three dimensional structure
- (3) Electron Microscope imaging at cryogenic temperatures
- (4) Structure-functional relationship to pathologic potential
- (5) Low electron radiation dose imaging of frozen-hydrated viruses to preserve structure.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: December 27, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Notice Requesting Comments on Intellectual Property Protection at Trade Events

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 4721, 4724; 22 U.S.C. 2452(a)(3); Pub. L. 86-14 (73 Stat. 18); Pub. L. 91-269 (84 Stat. 272).

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

**ACTION:** Notice requesting comments on intellectual property protection at trade events.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce requests comments from interested parties regarding issues related to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection at trade events, including policies and current practices, and problems of infringement.

**DATES:** Comments should be received within 30 days from the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Comments received after 30 days will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2118, HCHB, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, Attn: Donald Huber; or e-mail to: [dhuber@mail.doc.gov](mailto:dhuber@mail.doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald Huber at Tel: 202-482-2525; e-mail: [dhuber@mail.doc.gov](mailto:dhuber@mail.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez

recently unveiled several new programs to fight intellectual property theft under the Administration's Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) initiative. As one component of this initiative, the Commerce Department is considering what steps to take to strengthen awareness and protection of IPR at Commerce-supported trade events, including trade fairs, expositions, and shows, both internationally and domestically. Specifically, the Department is considering to require, as a condition of its support for a trade event, that the organizer adopt a reasonable IPR policy and that the exhibitors agree to abide by such a policy and to attest that they have the necessary authority for their use of intellectual property at the event. (Commerce programs include the Trade Fair Certification Program and the International Buyer Program.)

In order to determine how best to strengthen IPR awareness and protection at trade events, the Department seeks input from trade events organizers and other interested parties to assist in assessing the breadth of the IPR protection problem at trade events generally; current private sector policies and practices regarding IPR protection at trade events; and what additional actions might be taken to address IPR problems.

The Department is particularly interested in:

1. The frequency and nature of IPR infringement incidents that they believe occur at trade events, including specific instances where they have experienced problems with IPR violations at a trade event;

2. any measures or written policies that trade events organizers currently implement pertaining to IPR protection; and

3. the benefits, and burdens, of the Department initiating reasonable IPR policies at trade events that it supports.

In particular, Commerce is interested in learning about existing private sector IPR protection policies or procedures used for trade events, including the nature of those policies; whether those policies apply to exhibitors, attendees, or both; and how such policies are enforced (e.g., organizer action or recourse to traditional legal remedies). Submission of a copy of any IPR policies or statements, whether in promotional literature and in exhibitor or attendee contracts, would be very useful to Commerce agencies in considering the need for and content of a policy that might apply to DOC-sponsored trade events.

Comments should be submitted in accordance with the information above.

Comments received will be made available to the public. Commentators should not send confidential or proprietary information in response to this notice, as DOC may not be able to protect it from public disclosure.

Dated: January 4, 2006.

**Donald L. Huber,**

*Acting Executive Director, Global Trade Programs, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Hydrographic Services Review Panel Membership Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership solicitation for Hydrographic Services Review Panel.

**SUMMARY:** This notice responds to the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2002, Public Law 107-372, which requires the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to solicit nominations for membership on the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (the Panel). This advisory committee will advise the Under Secretary on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, (the Act) and such other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

**DATES:** Resumes should be sent to the address, e-mail, or fax specified and must be received by March 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, fax: 301-713-4019, e-mail: [Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov](mailto:Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain Roger Parsons, Director, Office of Coast Survey, NOS/NOAA, 301-713-2770 x134, fax 301-713-4019, e-mail: [Roger.L.Parsons@noaa.gov](mailto:Roger.L.Parsons@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 33 U.S.C. 883a, *et seq.*, NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) is responsible for providing nautical charts and related information for safe navigation. NOS collects and compiles hydrographic, tidal and current, geodetic, and a variety of other data in order to fulfill this

responsibility. The Hydrographic Services Review Panel provides advice on topics such as "NOAA's Hydrographic Survey Priorities," technologies relating to operations, research and development, and dissemination of data pertaining to:

- (a) Hydrographic surveying;
- (b) Nautical charting;
- (c) Water level measurements;
- (d) Current measurements;
- (e) Geodetic measurements; and
- (f) Geospatial measurements.

The Panel comprises fifteen voting members appointed by the Under Secretary in accordance with section 105 of the Act. Members are selected on a standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. The Co-Director of the Joint Hydrographic Center and two other employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration serve as nonvoting members of the Panel. The Director, Office of Coast Survey, serves as the Designated Federal Official (DFO). This solicitation is to obtain candidates to replace five of the voting members whose original three-year appointments expire in late 2006.

The voting members of the Panel are individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more disciplines relating to hydrographic surveying, tides, currents, geodetic and geospatial measurements, marine transportation, port administration, vessel pilotage, and coastal and fishery management. An individual may not be appointed as a voting member of the Panel if the individual is a full-time officer or employee of the United States. Any voting member of the Panel who is an applicant for, or beneficiary of, (as determined by the Under Secretary) any assistance under the Act shall disclose to the Panel that relationship, and may not vote on any matter pertaining to that assistance.

Voting members of the Panel serve for a term of four years. Members serve at the discretion of the Under Secretary and are subject to government ethics standards. Any individual appointed to a partial or full term may be reappointed for one additional full term. A voting member may serve until his or her successor has taken office. The Panel selects one voting member to serve as the Chair and another to serve as the Vice Chair. The Vice Chair acts as Chair in the absence or incapacity of the Chair but will not automatically become the Chair if the Chair resigns.

At a minimum, meetings occur biannually, and at the call of the Chair or upon the request of a majority of the voting members or of the Under