

During the 1994 review period, Rotem received three EIRD grants. The EIRD grants issued to Rotem on February 1, 1994 and April 7, 1994 benefited a research project concerning green acid, which is used as an input in the production of IPA as well as other products. The EIRD grant issued to Rotem on August 1, 1994 benefited a research project concerning phosphate, which can be used to produce IPA as well as other products. We view these grants as "non-recurring" grants based on the analysis set forth in the "Allocation" section of the *General Issues Appendix* (58 FR 37226) because these benefits are exceptional, and Rotem cannot expect to receive benefits on an ongoing basis from review period to review period. Since the total value of the grants received in 1994 was less than 0.50 percent of all Rotem's sales, we divided the total amount of the 1994 grants by Rotem's total sales of all products. On this basis, we preliminarily determine the benefit from this program to be 0.06 percent *ad valorem*.

## II. Programs Preliminarily Determined To Be Not Used

We examined the following programs and preliminarily determine that the producer and/or exporter of the subject merchandise did not apply for or receive benefits under these programs during the period of review:

- A. Exchange Rate Risk Insurance Scheme;
- B. Reduced Tax Rates under ECIL;
- C. ECIL Section 24 loans;
- D. Labor Training Grants;
- E. Dividends and Interest Tax Benefits under Section 46 of the ECIL; and
- F. ECIL Preferential Accelerated Depreciation.

## Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with § 355.22(c)(4)(ii) of the Department's *Interim Regulations*, we have calculated an individual subsidy rate for each producer/exporter subject to this administrative review. For the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy for Rotem to be 6.59 percent *ad valorem*.

If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess the following countervailing duties:

Net Subsidies— Producer/Exporter	Net Subsidy Rate %
Rotem Amfert Negev Ltd. ....	6.59

The Department also intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties, at the rate indicated above, on the f.o.b. invoice price for all shipments of the subject merchandise from the reviewed company, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

The URAA replaced the general rule in favor of a country-wide rate with a general rule in favor of individual rates for investigated and reviewed companies. The procedures for countervailing duty cases are now essentially the same as those in antidumping cases, except as provided for in section 777A(e)(2)(B) of the Act. Requests for administrative reviews must now specify the companies to be reviewed. See § 355.22(a) of the *Interim Regulations*. The requested review will normally cover only those companies specifically named. Pursuant to 19 CFR 355.22(g), for all companies for which a review was not requested, duties must be assessed at the cash deposit rate, and cash deposits must continue to be collected at the rate previously ordered. As such, the countervailing duty cash deposit rate applicable to a company can no longer change, except pursuant to a request for a review of that company. See *Federal-Mogul Corporation and The Torrington Company v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 782 (CIT 1993) and *Floral Trade Council v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 766 (CIT 1993) (interpreting 19 CFR 353.22(e), the antidumping regulation on automatic assessment, which is identical to 19 CFR 355.22(g)). Therefore, the cash deposit rates for all companies except those covered by this review will be unchanged by the results of this review.

We will instruct Customs to continue to collect cash deposits for non-reviewed companies at the most recent company-specific or country-wide rate applicable to the company. Accordingly, the cash deposit rates that will be applied to all non-reviewed companies covered by this order are those established in the most recently completed administrative proceeding. These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested. In addition, for the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994, the assessment rates applicable to all non-reviewed companies covered by this order are the cash deposit rates in effect at the time of entry.

## Public Comment

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation methodology and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held seven days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38.

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under 19 CFR 355.38, are due. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)).

Dated: May 29, 1996.

Paul L. Joffe,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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## Minority Business Development Agency

### Minority Business Development Centers; Florida

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

**ACTION:** Notice; Solicitation of Business Development Center Applications for Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, and West Palm Beach.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate the Minority Business Development Centers (MBDC) listed in this document.

The purpose of the MBDC Program is to provide business development assistance to persons who are members of groups determined by MBDA to be socially or economically disadvantaged, and to business concerns owned and controlled by such individuals. To this end, MBDA funds organizations to identify and coordinate public and private sector resources on behalf of minority individuals and firms; to offer a full range of client services to minority entrepreneurs; and to serve as a conduit of information and assistance regarding minority business.

In accordance with the Interim Final Policy published in the Federal Register on May 31, 1996, the cost-share requirement for the MBDCs listed in this notice has been increased to 40%. The Department of Commerce will fund up to 60% of the total cost of operating an MBDC on an annual basis. The MBDC operator is required to contribute at least 40% of the total project cost (the "cost-share requirement"). Cost-sharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party in-kind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof. In addition to the traditional sources of an MBDC's cost-share contribution, the 40% may be contributed by local, state and private sector organizations. It is anticipated that some organizations may apply jointly for an award to operate the center. For administrative purposes, one organization must be designated as the recipient organization.

**DATES:** The closing date for applications for each MBDC is listed below:

**ADDRESSES:** Completed application packages should be submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE:** A pre-application conference will be held on Friday, June 21, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., at the George C. Young Federal Building, 80 North Hughey Avenue, Room G12, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Please be advised that attendance at the pre-application conference on June 21, 1996, requires proper identification for entrance into the Federal building.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following are MBDCs for which applications are solicited:

1. MBDC Application: Jacksonville  
Metropolitan Area Served: Jacksonville, Florida  
Award Number: 04-10-96006-01  
Closing Date for Applications: July 8, 1996

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT:** Robert Henderson, Regional Director, at (404) 730-3300 Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from October 1, 1996 to October 30, 1997, is estimated at \$281,875. The total Federal amount is \$169,125 and is composed of \$165,000 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,125. The application must include a minimum cost share of 40%, \$112,750 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$281,875.

2. MBDC Application: Orlando  
Metropolitan Area Served: Orlando, Florida  
Award Number: 04-10-96007-01  
Closing Date for Applications: July 8, 1996

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT:** Robert Henderson, Regional Director, at (404) 730-3300 Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from October 1, 1996 to October 30, 1997, is estimated at \$281,875. The total Federal amount is \$169,125 and is composed of \$165,000 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,125. The application must include a minimum cost share of 40%, \$112,750 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$281,875.

3. MBDC Application: Tampa  
Metropolitan area serviced: Tampa, Florida  
Award Number: 04-10-96008-01  
Closing Date for Applications: July 8, 1996

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT:** Robert Henderson, Regional Director, at (404) 730-3300 Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from October 1, 1996 to October 30, 1997, is estimated at \$314,778. The total Federal amount is \$188,867 and is composed of \$184,260 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,607. The application must include a minimum cost share of 40%, \$125,911 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$314,778.

4. MBDC Application: West Palm Beach  
Metropolitan Area Served: West Palm Beach, Florida  
Award Number: 04-10-96009-01  
Closing Date for Applications: July 8, 1996

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT:** Robert

Henderson, Regional Director, at (404) 730-3300 Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from October 1, 1996 to October 30, 1997, is estimated at \$281,875. The total Federal amount is \$169,125 and is composed of \$165,000 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,125. The application must include a minimum cost share of 40%, \$112,750 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$281,875.

**Standard Paragraphs—The Following Information and Requirements Are Applicable to the Listed MBDCs:** Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, and West Palm Beach

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement. If the recommended applicant is the current incumbent organization, the award will be for 12 months. For those applicants who are not incumbent organizations or who are incumbents that have experienced closure due to a break in service, a 30-day start-up period will be added to their first budget period, making it a 13-month award. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: the knowledge, background and/or capabilities of the firm and its staff in addressing the needs of the business community in general and, specifically, the special needs of minority businesses, individuals and organizations (45 points), the resources available to the firm in providing business development services (10 points); the firm's approach (techniques and methodologies) to performing the work requirements included in the application (25 points); and the firm's estimated cost for providing such assistance (20 points). In accordance with Interim Final Policy published in the Federal Register on May 31, 1996, the scoring system will be revised to add ten (10) bonus points to the application of community-based organizations. Each qualifying application will receive the full ten points. Community-based applicant organizations are those organizations whose headquarters and/or principal place of business within the last five years have been located within the geographic service area designated in the solicitation for the award. Where an applicant organization has been in existence for fewer than five years or has been present in the geographic

service area for fewer than five years, the individual years of experience of the applicant organization's principals may be applied toward the requirement of five years of organization experience. The individual years of experience must have been acquired in the geographic service area which is the subject of the solicitation. An application must receive at least 70% of the points assigned to each evaluation criteria category to be considered programmatically acceptable and responsive. Those applications determined to be acceptable and responsive will then be evaluated by the Director of MBDA. Final award selections shall be based on the number of points received, the demonstrated responsibility of the applicant, and the determination of those most likely to further the purpose of the MBDA program. Negative audit findings and recommendations and unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for award. The applicant with the highest point score will not necessarily receive the award. Periodic reviews culminating in year-to-date evaluations will be conducted to determine if funding for the project should continue. Continued funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA based on such factors as the MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and Agency priorities.

The MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 40% of the total project cost through non-federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the MBDC may charge client fees for services rendered. Fees may range from \$10 to \$60 per hour based on the gross receipts of the client's business.

Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," is not applicable to this program. Federal funds for this project include audit funds for non-CPA recipients. In event that a CPA firm wins the competition, the funds allocated for audits are not applicable. Questions concerning the preceding information can be answered by the contact person indicated above, and copies of application kits and applicable regulations can be obtained at the above address. Notwithstanding any other provision of the 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 that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The collection of information requirements for this

project have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and assigned OMB control number 0640-0006.

Awards under this program shall be subject to all Federal laws, and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

**Pre-Award Costs**—Applicants are hereby notified that if they incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that an applicant may have received, there is no obligation on the part of the Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.

**Outstanding Account Receivable**—No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either the delinquent account is paid in full, repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.

**Name Check Policy**—All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

**Award Termination**—The Departmental Grants Officer may terminate any grant/cooperative agreement in whole or in part at any time before the date of completion whenever it is determined that the award recipient has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant/cooperative agreement. Examples of some of the conditions which can cause termination are failure to meet cost-sharing requirements; unsatisfactory performance of the MBDC work requirements; and reporting inaccurate or inflated claims of client assistance. Such inaccurate or inflated claims may be deemed illegal and punishable by law.

**False Statements**—A false statement on an application for Federal financial assistance is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

**Primary Applicant Certifications**—All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility

Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying."

**Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension**—Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

**Drug Free Workplace**—Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

**Anti-Lobbying**—Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 28.105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000 or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater.

**Anti-Lobbying Disclosures**—Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

**Lower Tier Certifications**—Recipients shall require applications/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to DOC. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DOC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

**Buy American-made Equipment or Products**—Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

11.800 Minority Business Development Center  
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)

Dated: June 3, 1996.

Donald L. Powers,

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.*

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## **Business Development Center Applications: Statewide New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications to operate its Statewide New Mexico Minority Business Development Center (MBDC).

The purpose of the MBDC Program is to provide business development services to the minority business community to help establish and maintain viable minority businesses. To this end, MBDA funds organizations to identify and coordinate public and private sector resources on behalf of minority individuals and firms; to offer a full range of client services to minority entrepreneurs; and to serve as a conduit of information and assistance regarding minority business. The MBDC will provide service in the State of New Mexico. The award number of the MBDC will be 06-10-96006-01.

**DATES:** The closing date for applications is July 8, 1996. Applications must be received in the MBDA Headquarters' Executive Secretariat on or before July 8, 1996. A pre-application conference will be held on June 13, 1996, at 10 a.m., at the Dallas Regional Office, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 7B23, Dallas, Texas 75242, (214) 767-8001.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 5073, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-3763.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT:** Bobby Jefferson at (214) 767-8001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from September 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997, is estimated at \$333,125. The total Federal amount is \$283,156 and is composed of \$276,250 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$6,906. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15%, \$49,969 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project

cost of \$333,125. Cost-sharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party in-kind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof.

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement. For those applicants who are not incumbent organizations or who are incumbents that have experienced closure due to a break in service, a 30-day start-up period will be added to their first budget period, making it a 13-month award. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

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The MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 15% of the total project cost through non-Federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the MBDC may charge client fees for services rendered. Fees may range from

\$10 to \$60 per hour based on the gross receipts of the client's business.

Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," is not applicable to this program. Federal funds for this project include audit funds for non-CPA recipients. In event that a CPA firm wins the competition, the funds allocated for audits are not applicable. Questions concerning the preceding information can be answered by the contact person indicated above, and copies of application kits and applicable regulations can be obtained at the above address. The collection of information requirements for this project have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and assigned OMB control number 0640-0006.

Awards under this program shall be subject to all Federal laws, and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

**Pre-Award Costs**—Applicants are hereby notified that if they incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that an applicant may have received, there is no obligation on the part of the Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.

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**Name Check Policy**—All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

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