

# **Business Development Center Applications: Chicago**

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency.

**ACTION:** Cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is cancelling the announcement to solicit competitive applications under its Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program to operate the Chicago, Illinois MBDC. This solicitation was originally published in the Federal Register, Wednesday, June 12, 1996, Vol. 61, No. 114, page 29735.

11.800 Minority Business Development Center

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)

Dated: June 13, 1996.

Donald L. Powers,

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

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# **National Institute of Standards and Technology**

## **National Fire Codes: Request for Proposals for Revision of Standards**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) proposes to revise some of its fire safety standards and requests proposals from the public to amend existing NFPA fire safety standards. The purpose of this request is to increase public participation in the system used by NFPA to develop its standards.

The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of NFPA is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

**DATES:** Interested persons may submit proposals on or before the dates listed with the standards.

**ADDRESSES:** Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, at above address, (617) 770-3000.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Background**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) develops fire safety standards which are known collectively as the National Fire Codes. Federal agencies frequently use these standards as the basis for developing Federal regulations concerning fire safety. Often,

the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference of these standards under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51.

## **Request for Proposals**

Interested persons may submit amendments, supported by written data, views, or arguments to Arthur E. Cote, P.E., Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101. Proposals should be submitted on forms available from the NFPA Standards Administration Office.

Each person must include his or her name and address, identify the document and give reasons for the proposal. Proposals received before or by 5:00 PM local time on the closing date indicated will be acted on by the Committee. The NFPA will consider any proposal that it receives on or before the date listed with the standard.

At a later date, each NFPA Technical Committee will issue a report which will include a copy of written proposals that have been received and an account of their disposition by the NFPA Committee as the Report on Proposals. Each person who has submitted a written proposal will receive a copy of the report.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

*Associate Director.*

NFPA No.	Title	Proposal closing date
NFPA 10-1994 .....	Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers .....	7/19/96
NFPA 17-1994 .....	Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems .....	7/19/96
NFPA 17A-1994 .....	Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems .....	7/19/96
NFPA 25-1995 .....	Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems .....	7/19/96
NFPA 30B-1994 .....	Code for the Manufacture and Storage of Aerosol Products .....	8/1/96
NFPA 33-1995 .....	Standard for Spray Application Using Flammable and Combustible Materials .....	8/1/97
NFPA 34-1995 .....	Standard for Dipping and Coating Processes Using Flammable or Combustible Liquids .....	8/1/97
NFPA 35-1995 .....	Standard for the Manufacture of Organic Coatings .....	12/31/96
NFPA 37-1994 .....	Standard for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines .....	7/19/96
NFPA 43D-1994 .....	Code for the Storage of Pesticides .....	1/17/97
NFPA 58-1995 .....	Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases .....	8/1/96
NFPA 59-1995 .....	Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases at Utility Gas Plants .....	8/1/96
NFPA 65-1993 .....	Standard for the Processing and Finishing of Aluminum .....	1/17/97
NFPA 68-1994 .....	Guide for Venting of Deflagrations .....	7/19/96
NFPA 70-1996 .....	National Electrical Code .....	11/8/96
NFPA 70B-1994 .....	Recommended Practice for Electrical Equipment Maintenance .....	1/17/97
NFPA 77-1993 .....	Recommended Practice on Static Electricity .....	8/1/96
NFPA 80-1995 .....	Standard for Fire Doors and Fire Windows .....	1/17/98
NFPA 91-1995 .....	Standard for Exhaust Systems for Air Conveying of Materials .....	7/19/96
NFPA 105-1993 .....	Recommended Practice for the Installation of Smoke-Control Door Assemblies .....	1/17/97
NFPA 160-P* .....	Standard for the Use of Flame Special Effects before a Proximate Audience .....	7/19/96
NFPA 220-1995 .....	Standard on Types of Building Construction .....	1/2/98
NFPA 260-1994 .....	Standard Methods of Tests and Classification System for Cigarette Ignition Resistance of Components of Upholstered Furniture .....	1/17/97
NFPA 261-1994 .....	Standard Method of Test for Determining Resistance of Mock-Up Upholstered Furniture Material Assemblies to Ignition by Smoldering Cigarettes .....	1/17/97
NFPA 262-1994 .....	Standard Method of Test for Fire and Smoke Characteristics of Wires and Cables .....	1/17/97
NFPA 263-1994 .....	Standard Method of Test for Heat and Visible Smoke Release Rates for Materials and Products .....	1/17/97

NFPA No.	Title	Proposal closing date
NFPA 264–1995 .....	Standard Method of Test for Heat and Visible Smoke Release Rates for Materials and Products Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter (Will be renumbered NFPA 271).	1/17/97
NFPA 264A–1994 .....	Standard Method of Test for Heat Release Rates for Upholstered Furniture Components or Composites and Mattresses Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter (Will be renumbered NFPA 272).	1/17/97
NFPA 265–1994 .....	Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Evaluating Room Fire Growth Contribution of Textile Wall Coverings.	7/19/96
NFPA 266–1994 .....	Standard Method of Test for Fire Characteristics of Upholstered Furniture Exposed to Flaming Ignition Source.	7/19/96
NFPA 267–1994 .....	Standard Method of Test for Fire Characteristics of Mattresses and Bedding Assemblies Exposed to Flaming Ignition Source.	7/19/96
NFPA 270–P* .....	Standard Test Method for Determination of Specific Optical Density of Smoke .....	7/19/96
NFPA 273–P* .....	Standard Method of Test on Determining Degrees of Combustibility of Building Materials .....	7/19/96
NFPA 297–1995 .....	Guide on Principles and Practices for Communications Systems .....	1/17/97
NFPA 302–1994 .....	Fire Protection Standard for Pleasure and Commercial Motor Craft .....	1/17/97
NFPA 326–1993 .....	Standard Procedures for the Safe Entry of Underground Storage Tanks .....	1/17/98
NFPA 327–1993 .....	Standard Procedures for Cleaning or Safeguarding Small Tanks and Containers Without Entry .....	1/17/97
NFPA 328–1992 .....	Recommended Practice for the Control of Flammable and Combustible Liquids and Gases in Manholes, Sewers, and Similar Underground Structures.	1/17/97
NFPA 329–1992 .....	Recommended Practice for Handling Underground Releases of Flammable and Combustible Liquids	1/17/97
NFPA 430–1995 .....	Code for the Storage of Liquid and Solid Oxidizers .....	1/17/97
NFPA 480–1993 .....	Standard for the Storage, Handling and Processing of Magnesium Solids and Powders .....	1/17/97
NFPA 490–1993 .....	Code for the Storage of Ammonium Nitrate .....	1/17/97
NFPA 496–1993 .....	Standard for Purged and Pressurized Enclosures for Electrical Equipment .....	1/17/97
NFPA 512–1994 .....	Standard for Truck Fire Protection .....	1/17/97
NFPA 513–1994 .....	Standard for Motor Freight Terminals .....	1/17/97
NFPA 651–1993 .....	Standard for the Manufacture of Aluminum Powder .....	1/17/97
NFPA 655–1993 .....	Standard for Prevention of Sulfur Fires and Explosions .....	1/17/97
NFPA 664–1993 .....	Standard for the Prevention of Fires and Explosions in Wood Processing and Woodworking Facilities	1/17/97
NFPA 720–P* .....	Recommended Practice for the Installation of Household Carbon Monoxide (CO) Warning Equipment	7/19/96
NFPA 721–P* .....	Recommended Practice for the Installation of Fuel Gas Warning Equipment .....	7/19/96
NFPA 801–1995 .....	Standard for Facilities Handling Radioactive Materials .....	7/19/96
NFPA 802–1993 .....	Recommended Practice for Fire Protection for Nuclear Research and Production Reactors .....	7/19/96
NFPA 803–1993 .....	Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Nuclear Power Plants .....	7/19/96
NFPA 921–1995 .....	Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations .....	7/19/96
NFPA 1002–1993 .....	Standard for Fire Department Vehicle Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications .....	1/17/97
NFPA 1031–1993 .....	Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector .....	1/17/97
NFPA 1033–1993 .....	Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator .....	1/17/97
NFPA 1035–1993 .....	Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator .....	1/17/97
NFPA 1124–1995 .....	Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks .....	1/17/97
NFPA 1201–1994 .....	Standard for Developing Fire Protection Services for the Public (Will be renumbered NFPA 1200) .....	7/19/96
NFPA 1221–1994 .....	Standard for the Installation, Maintenance, and Use of Public Fire Service Communication Systems .....	1/17/97
NFPA 1420–1993 .....	Recommended Practice for Pre-Incident Planning for Warehouse Occupancies .....	1/17/97
NFPA 1452–1993 .....	Guide for Training Fire Service Personnel to Make Dwelling Fire Safety Surveys .....	7/19/96
NFPA 1583–P* .....	Recommended Practice for Fire Fighter Physical Performance Assessment .....	12/2/96
NFPA 1921–1993 .....	Standard for Fire Department Portable Pumping Units .....	10/1/96
NFPA 1936–P* .....	Standard on Hydraulic Rescue Tools .....	10/1/96
NFPA 1941–P* .....	Standard on Marine Fire Fighting Vessels .....	10/1/96
NFPA 1962–1993 .....	Standard for the Care, Use and Service Testing of Fire Hose, Including Couplings and Nozzles .....	8/1/96
NFPA 1964–1993 .....	Standard for Spray Nozzles (Shutoff and Tip) .....	8/1/96
NFPA 1976–1992 .....	Standard on Protective Clothing for Proximity Fire Fighting .....	10/1/96
NFPA 1977–1993 .....	Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting .....	8/30/96
NFPA 1982–1993 .....	Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS) for Fire Fighters .....	7/5/96
NFPA 8505–1992 .....	Recommended Practice for Stoker Operation .....	7/19/96
NFPA 8506–1995 .....	Standard on Heat Recovery Steam Generators .....	1/17/97

\*Proposed NEW drafts are available from the NFPA Standards Administration Department, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

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### National Fire Codes: Request for Comment on NFPA Technical Committee Reports

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) revises existing standards and adopts new standards twice a year. At its Fall Meeting in November or its Annual Meeting in May, the NFPA acts on recommendations made by its technical committees. The purpose of this notice is to request comments on the technical reports which will be presented at NFPA's 1997 Annual Meeting.

The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of NFPA is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

**DATES:** Thirty-six reports are published in the 1997 Annual Meeting Report on Proposals and will be available on August 2, 1996. Comments received on or before October 11, 1996 will be