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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-391]

Overview and Analysis of Current U.S. Unilateral Economic Sanctions

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation, scheduling of public hearing, and notice of opportunity to submit comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 23, 1998.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on February 19, 1998, of a request under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)) from the Committee on Ways and Means (the Committee) of the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. International Trade Commission (the Commission) instituted investigation No. 332-391, *Overview and Analysis of Current U.S. Unilateral Economic Sanctions*. The Commission plans to submit its report to the Committee by August 19, 1998.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Stamps, Office of Economics (202-205-3227 or e-mail to jstamps@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this investigation can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Background

As requested by the Committee, the Commission in its report on the investigation will provide:

(1) A description of U.S. unilateral economic sanctions in effect including, to the extent possible, a description of economic sanctions imposed by states and localities;

(2) To the extent possible, a survey of affected U.S. industries on the costs and effects of U.S. unilateral economic sanctions;

(3) A review of recent literature on the economic effects of national-level economic sanctions; and

(4) A proposed methodology to analyze in future studies the short-and long-term costs of U.S. unilateral sanctions and their impact on the U.S. economy.

In its request, the Committee defined the term "unilateral economic sanctions" to mean any unilateral restriction or condition on economic activity with respect to a foreign country or foreign entity that is imposed by the United States for reasons of foreign policy or national security. The Committee said that the Commission should exclude from this definition: (1) U.S. economic sanctions imposed pursuant to a multilateral regime when the other members of that regime have agreed to impose substantially equivalent measures; (2) U.S. measures imposed to remedy unfair trade practices or to enforce United States rights under a trade agreement, including under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII of that Act, title III of the Trade Act of 1974, sections 1374 and 1377 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (19 U.S.C. 3103 and 3106), and section 3 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10b-1); (3) any measure imposed to remedy market disruption or to respond to injury to a domestic injury for which increased imports are a substantial cause or threat thereof, including remedies under sections 201 and 406 of the Trade Act of 1974, and textile import restrictions including those imposed under section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1784); (4) any action taken under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974, including the enactment of a joint resolution under section 402(d)(2) of that Act; (5) any measure imposed to restrict imports of agricultural commodities to protect food safety or to ensure the orderly marketing of commodities in the United States, including actions taken under section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 624); (6) any measures imposed to restrict imports of any other products in order to protect domestic health or safety; (7) any measure authorized by, or imposed under, a multilateral or bilateral trade agreement to which the United States is a signatory, including the Uruguay Round Agreements, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement, and the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement; and (8) any export control imposed on any item on the United States Munitions List.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with this investigation will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, beginning at 9:30 am on May 14 (and May 15 if needed), 1998. All persons will have the right to appear by counsel or in person, to present testimony, and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, on or before April 30, 1998. Persons testifying at the hearing are encouraged to file prehearing briefs or statements; the deadline for filing such briefs or statements (a signed original and 14 copies) is April 30, 1998. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs or statements is May 22, 1998. Any confidential business information included in such briefs or statements or to be submitted at the hearing must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 201.6).

In the event that, as of COB April 30, 1998, no witnesses have filed a request to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1816) after April 30, 1998, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested persons in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received not later than COB May 22, 1998. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade

Commission, 500 E Street SW,
Washington, DC 20436.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Job Training Program Act, Disability Grant Program Funded Under Title III, Section 323 and Title IV, Part D, Section 452

AGENCY: Employment and Training
Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Funds
and Solicitation for Grant Application
(SGA).

SUMMARY: All information required to submit a grant application is contained in this announcement. The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA), announces the availability of approximately \$4.17 million to award competitive grants for multi-state employment and training projects serving people with disabilities. This grant program is funded using Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA) Title IV Research and Demonstration funds and Title III National Reserve funds.

DATES: Applications for this SGA will be accepted commencing April 29, 1998. The closing date for receipt of proposals is 2:00 (Eastern Standard Time) May 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be mailed to: Division of Acquisition and Assistance, Attention: Dr. David Houston, Reference SGA/DAA 98-007, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Rooms S-4203, Washington, D.C. 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Houston, Division of Acquisition and Assistance, Telephone (202) 219-7300 (not a toll-free number). This solicitation will also be published on the Internet at <http://www.doleta.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announcement consists of five parts:

Part I—Application Process, Part II—Background and Purpose, Part III—Statement of Work, Part IV—Government Requirements, and Part V—Selection Criteria.

Part I. Application Process

A. Submission of Proposal

A proposal shall consist of two (2) separate and distinct sections: Section I, the Technical Proposal and Section II, the Financial Proposal. An original and three copies of the proposal shall be submitted. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 17.249.

Section I shall contain a Technical Proposal that demonstrates the applicant's capabilities in accordance with the Statement of Work in Part III of this solicitation. No cost data or reference to costs shall be included in the Technical Proposal. In addition, the Technical Proposal shall be limited to 50 double-spaced, single-side, 8.5 inch x 11 inch pages with 1 inch margins. Appendices shall not exceed 20 pages. Text type shall be 12 point or larger. Applications not meeting these requirements may not be considered. The *Technical Proposal* must also contain participant, activity and outcome information.

Section II, the Financial Proposal shall contain the SF-424, "Application for Federal Assistance", and Budget Information Sheet (Attachments A & B). In addition, the budget shall include on a separate page a detailed cost analysis of each line item. *Administrative costs should not exceed 15 percent of total proposed costs.* Justification must be provided on the need for administrative costs that exceed this limit. Approval of a budget by DOL is not the same as approval of actual costs.

Hand Delivered Proposals

Proposals may be mailed or delivered by hand. A mailed proposal should be mailed no later than five (5) days prior to the closing date for the receipt of applications. Hand delivered grant applications must be received at the designated place by 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on May 29, 1998. All overnight mail will be considered to be hand-delivered and must be received at the designated place by the specified time on the closing date. Grant applications transmitted by electronic mail, telegraph or facsimile will not be considered.

Late Proposals

Any proposals received at the Office designated in the solicitation, after the exact time specified for receipt, will not be considered unless it is received before the award is made or was either:

(1) Sent by U.S. Postal Service registered or Certified mail not later than the fifth (5th) calendar day before the date specified for receipt of application, or

(2) Sent by U.S. Postal Express Mail Next Day Service—Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5 p.m. at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of proposals. The term "working days" excludes weekends and U.S. Federal holidays. The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late proposal sent by either Express Mail or U.S. Postal Service Registered, Certified Mail is the U.S. Postmark both on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. Both postmarks must show a legible date or the proposal shall be processed as if mailed late. "Postmark" means a printed, stamped, or otherwise placed impression (exclusive of a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been supplied and affixed by employees of the U.S. Postal Service on the date of mailing.

Therefore, applicants should request the postal clerk to place a legible hand cancellation "bull's eye" postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

B. Eligible Applicants

Private non-profit entities are eligible to receive grant funds under this award. Entities described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities are not eligible to receive funds under this SGA. The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.* prohibits the award of federal funds to 501(c)(4) entities engaged in lobbying activities.

Applicants must operate or propose to operate in two or more states.

Applicants should provide documentation of knowledge and/or experience in the following areas:

- Overcoming barriers to employment experienced by individuals with disabilities;
- Ability to conduct training, placement, and follow-up services; and
- Management and accountability structure necessary to ensure the integrity of the funds requested (by meeting the standards for financial management and participant data systems as specified in 29 CFR, Part 95).

Only the proposal per applicant/organization(s) is permitted. A proposal submitted by a consortium of two or more organizations will be accepted.