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Required information must be submitted to BIS no later than June 15, 2009.

Dated: February 19, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Application(s) 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, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 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 postmarked on or before March 17, 2009. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 3720, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 3720.

Docket Number: 09-001. Applicant: Childrens Hospital, 4650 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Instrument: Transmission Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Czech Republic. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for the study of ultrastructural changes in human and animal tissue and tissue culture samples in various disease processes and experimental conditions. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: Instrument is not manufactured by any company in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 30, 2009.

Docket Number: 09-002. Applicant: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Acquisition Management Unit, TMS, R8, 1595 Winkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202. Instrument: Transmission Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for qualitative and quantitative analysis of asbestos in air, dust, soil, water and biological

sample matrices. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: No instruments available domestically with the capabilities required for the intended use.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 5, 2009.

Docket Number: 09-003. Applicant: U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, 8301 MuirKirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708. Instrument: Transmission Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for evaluation of biological specimens for the expression of microbial structures important in the causation of disease. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: No domestic suppliers of transmission electron microscopes. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 5, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Notice and Call for Applications for the Environmental and Clean Energy Technologies Trade Mission to Croatia, Italy, and Greece, March 30 to April 4, 2009

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

**ACTION:** Notice and Call for Applications for the Environmental and Clean Energy Technologies Trade Mission to Croatia, Italy, and Greece, March 30 to April 4, 2009.

#### Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (USFCS) is organizing an Environmental and Clean Energy Technologies Trade Mission to Zagreb, Croatia; Milan, Italy; and Athens, Greece, from March 30 to April 4, 2009. All three fast growing markets hold promising potential for U.S. firms offering equipment, services, and technologies in the target sectors. The mission will introduce participating U.S. firms to prospective representatives, distributors, end-users, and partners through one-on-one appointments in all three cities and will include participation in the EcoTec

Environmental Tradeshow (EcoTec 2009) in Athens, where the USFCS will provide entry to the trade show, manage a booth, and organize meetings with business and industry contacts for each of the mission participants.

#### Commercial Setting

##### Greece

Environmental protection is a priority issue in Greece, where the market for environmental equipment and services is expected to far outstrip local capacity in the future. The Greek Ministry of Environment estimates the country's environmental market to be about US\$2.2 billion, or 1.5 percent of GDP. Investment in environmental infrastructure through European Union (EU) and national programs has been the centerpiece of environmental progress in Greece. These investments have been used to construct numerous wastewater and solid waste treatment facilities, as well as new recycling plants, composting facilities, and treatment plants for industrial and hazardous waste materials.

The implementation of EU environmental legislation in national laws has created the institutional basis for successfully facing environmental protection challenges. In January 2007, the Minister of Environment announced a US\$6.3 billion investment plan for 2007-2013 for the upgrading, modernization and maintenance of environmental projects in waste management, recycling, and water treatment, to be implemented under the "Environment and Sustainable Development" program.

Following EU directives and practices, Greece is committed to introducing the necessary legislative framework for promoting the use of "clean" or "green" technologies. Renewable energy will play a major role in these initiatives. Furthermore, in an effort to catch up with commitments under the Kyoto Protocol, Greece's Minister of Environment has approved a National Allocation Plan for Emission Trading for 2008-2012, which aims to bring about a 16.6 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Areas holding the greatest potential for U.S. firms in the Greek environmental market include waste management, recycling and biomass facilities; hazardous waste treatment and disposal; water treatment; air and sea pollution control; clean coal plants; "green" building materials; emissions monitoring and reduction; and photovoltaic plants.

At the EcoTec Environmental Tradeshow, to be held April 3-6, 2009,