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Sally A. Warner,

Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.

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Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 14 April, 1995.

Time of Meeting: 0800-1200.

Place: Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) Battle Lab Issue Group and the Summer Study on "Technology Transfer from the Technology base to the Customer" will visit three Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Battle Labs. This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. The ASB Administrative Officer, Sally Warner, may be contacted for further information at (703) 695-0781.

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Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on April 4, 1995; April 11, 1995; April 18, 1995; and April 25, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 800, Hoffman Building #1, Alexandria, Virginia.

Under the provisions of 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

Dated: March 17, 1995.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DOD) announces a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting is open to the public. The topics to be covered are criteria for assessing successful partnerships and partnership successes within DOD.

DATES: The meeting is to be held Wednesday April 5, 1995, in room 1E801, Conference Room 4 the Pentagon from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Comments should be received by March 29, 1995, in order to be considered at the April 5 meeting.

ADDRESSES: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit written comments or recommendations. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Mr. Kenneth Oprisko at the address shown below. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals wishing to attend who do not possess an appropriate Pentagon building pass should call the below listed telephone number to obtain instructions for entry into the Pentagon. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should also call the below listed telephone number to obtain appropriate accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Civilian Personnel Management Service, 2461 Eisenhower Ave., Hoffman Building #1, Suite 152, Alexandria, VA 22331-0900, (703) 325-1380.

Dated: March 17, 1995.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Navy

Naval Research Advisory Committee; Closed Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Naval Research Advisory Committee will meet on April 10-14, 1995. The meeting will be held at the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, HI; Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, HI; and Maui High Performance Computer Center and Haleakala Observatory, Maui, HI. The meeting will commence at 9 a.m. and terminate at 5 p.m. on April 10; commence at 8 a.m. and terminate at 5 p.m. on April 11; commence at 12 Noon and terminate at 5 p.m. on April 12; commence at 12:30 p.m. and terminate at 8 p.m. on April 13; and commence at 9 a.m. and terminate at 2:30 p.m. on April 14, 1995. All sessions of the meeting will be closed to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to expose the Committee members to fleet operations and complexities in the Pacific Theater. The agenda will consist of briefings, discussions and demonstrations related to joint interoperability, forward presence, C⁴I, quality of life, logistics, maintenance, training and tactics, theater air defense, cooperative engagement, reduced ship manning, system life cycle cost reduction, and relevant technology issues. These briefings, discussions, and demonstrations will contain classified information that is specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive order. The classified and nonclassified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined as to preclude opening any portion of the meeting.

Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

For further information concerning this meeting contact: Ms. Diane Mason-Muir, Office of Naval Research, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, Telephone Number: (703) 696-6769.

Dated: March 17, 1995.

L.R. McNeas,

LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Deviation from the Department of Energy Assistance Regulations

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of class deviation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) hereby announces a class deviation from its Financial Assistance Regulations. This deviation removes, on a pilot basis for noncompetitive financial assistance awards of \$1 million or less, the requirements to publish a **Federal Register** announcement prior to award and, then, to delay 14 calendar days before making the award. This deviation will save public funds and reduce paperwork by allowing smaller financial assistance actions to be awarded in a more timely fashion involving fewer DOE offices and employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 7, 1995.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this notice, the Department of Energy announces that, pursuant to 10 CFR 600.4, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management has made a determination of the need for a class deviation to the Department's Financial Assistance Rules. A deviation to 10 CFR 600.7 has been approved which provides that, on a Department-wide two year pilot basis, noncompetitive financial assistance awards under \$1 million are not required to be published in the **Federal Register** 14 calendar days prior to making an award. This deviation was approved to avoid the time consuming and labor intensive efforts involved in preparation and review of the announcements, and the 14 days of publication before award could be made for relatively low dollar value actions. Publication of these pending noncompetitive award announcements have not resulted in their intended purpose which was to make potentially qualified recipients aware of pending noncompetitive financial assistance awards so they might make their qualifications known to the awarding office, and possibly compete for the award. During the many years that the Department has published these announcements, only a very few responses have been received, and, of those, most had nothing to do with the

noncompetitive nature of the awards. This deviation will result in streamlining the process of awarding noncompetitive financial assistance actions, thereby saving the Government resources of time and money. It is anticipated that, by the time the deviation expires, DOE will have completed a rulemaking to remove the publication requirement on a permanent basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen D. Mournighan, Office of Management Review and Analysis, [HR-523], U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 30, 1994.

Richard H. Hopf,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management.

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Seattle Regional Support Office

Notice of Pacific Northwest and Alaska Regional Bioenergy Program

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Applications Number DE-PS51-95R020563.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Seattle Regional Support Office (SRSO) announces its intention to issue a competitive solicitation and make financial assistance awards for bioenergy-related demonstration, development and commercialization projects in support of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska Regional Bioenergy Program. This action is subject to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules (10 CFR Part 600).

DATES: The solicitation is anticipated to be released on or about March 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation, forward your request to the U.S. Department of Energy's Seattle Regional Support Office, 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3950, Seattle, WA 98104, Attn: Ms. Carol A. Curtis, Grants/Contracts Specialist. Only written requests for this solicitation will be honored. For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Ms. Curtis at (206) 553-2200. Please reference solicitation DE-PS51-95R020563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Curtis, phone number 206-553-2166.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The DOE established regional bioenergy programs to promote the development of effective uses of biomass for energy. The legislative authority (Senate Appropriation Bill) directs DOE to "carry out activities related to technology transfer, industry support, resource assessment, and matching local resources to conversion technologies." The solicitation will be one approach used to carry out this directive. The DOE is seeking applications for projects that demonstrate bioenergy technologies which produce energy savings through displacement of non-renewable resources, or that produce energy through the direct combustion of renewable resources. Projects will also be evaluated on the ability of the proposed project to minimize environmental impacts and improve the economic viability of a specific bioenergy industry or technology. Projects shall be located in the region consisting of the states of: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and Montana. All project sponsors will be required to provide a minimum cost sharing of 1:1. Acceptable demonstration technologies will use one or more of the following biomass fuels: landfill debris and landfill gas; logging residues; agricultural crops and wastes; biomass farming; urban, forest, and forest products wood wastes; municipal solid waste; animal wastes; and food processing wastes. Bioenergy projects can produce electricity, mechanical power, space heat, and industrial process heat. The DOE plans to award multiple grants valued at approximately \$100,000 for each project. The DOE funding for this program in FY 1995 is about \$500,000.

This solicitation will be issued on or about March 17, 1995, and will contain detailed information on funding, cost-sharing requirements, eligibility, application preparation, and evaluation. Responses to the solicitation will be due May 10, 1995. Awards will be announced prior to September 30, 1995.

All responsible sources are encouraged to submit an application. All projects must comply with the requirements of the National Energy Policy Act (NEPA).

Issued in Seattle, Washington on March 2, 1995.

Carol Curtis,

Grants/Contract Specialist.

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