DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
Defense Science Board Task Force on Test and Evaluation

AGENCY: Notice of advisory committee meetings.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Navy
Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government Owned Invention

AGENCY. Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.


Requests for copies of the patent application cited should be directed to the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, and must include the application number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R. J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of intent to grant exclusive license in the United States, to practice the Government owned invention described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/840112 entitled "Amplification of Signals from High Impedance Sources."

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections, along with supporting evidence, not later than July 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
Defense Science Board Task Force on Coalition Warfare

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Coalition Warfare will meet in closed session on April 22-23, 1998 at Strategic Analysis, Inc., 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings the Task Force will address how best to make future U.S. military capabilities, embodied by JV2010, coalition compatible.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that these DSB Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

L.M. Bynum,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Navy
Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License; Madison Technology International, Ltd.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of intent to grant to Madison Technology International, Ltd., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States, to practice the Government owned invention described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/840112 entitled "Amplification of Signals from High Impedance Sources."

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections, along with supporting evidence, not later than July 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by May 4, 1998. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer:
The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper function of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.


Hazel Fiers,
Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.
Title: Safe and Drug-Free School Recognition Program.

Abstract: The Safe and Drug-Free School Recognition Program will identify schools that are doing an exemplary job of creating safe schools and will provide a brief description of what each school is doing.

Additional Information: In December, 1997, President Clinton directed the Department of Education and the Department of Justice to produce an annual report on school safety. A draft outline of the report was released in late February. A key component of the proposed report will be a description of effective models for safe schools. A mechanism for identifying and assessing the quality and effectiveness of school-based models will be this Recognition Program. Therefore, the Department is requesting an emergency clearance by May 4, 1998 in order to meet the request from the White House. Failure to recognize these schools in time for the report may result in having no guidance to offer as a counter balance to what each school is doing.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Solicitation for Financial Assistance Number DE–PS07–98ID13651—Industrial Process Control With Laser-Based Ultrasonics

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of Laser-Based Ultrasonic technologies that will enhance economic competitiveness, reduce energy consumption and reduce environmental impacts of the steel industry. The objective of the solicitation is to develop and use an integrated laser ultrasonic system for in-process manufacturing applications in the U.S. steel industry. A workshop on Industrial Applications of Laser Ultrasonics held December 9 and 10, 1997, identified significant applications of laser ultrasonic techniques in industrial process monitoring and control. These applications, generally encompassing manufacturing processes in all IIO industries, include measurement of temperature, thickness, and material properties (stress, defects, and other intrinsic physical parameters). The Workshop addressed current status and future research and development needs in laser ultrasonic techniques as well as barriers for technology use. Two of the primary barriers identified in the Workshop will be addressed by this solicitation; they are (1) development of an integrated sensor system to combine the use of laser ultrasonics with other measurement tools to meet the in-process monitoring requirements for accuracy and reproducibility and (2) installation and use of this integrated system in an Industrial process demonstrating the cost-savings utility to the industry. A total of $1,500,000 in federal funds ($550,000 in fiscal year 1998, $500,000 in fiscal year 1999, and $450,000 in fiscal year 2000) is expected to be available to fund this effort. DOE anticipates making a single award with a duration of three years or less. A minimum of 30% non-federal cost-share is required for research and development and a minimum of 50% non-federal cost-share is required for later demonstration and process evaluation. Collaborations between industry, university, and Federal Laboratory participants are encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: T. Wade Hillebrant, Contract Specialist; Procurement Services Division, U.S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, ID 83401–1563; telephone (208) 526–0547.