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**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Availability of the National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) announces the availability of the National Missile Defense Deployment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS assesses the potential impacts associated with the possible deployment of the NMD system. The NMD system would be a fixed, land-based, non-nuclear missile defense system with a land and space-based detection system capable of responding to limited strategic ballistic missile threats to the United States from a rogue nation. Potential deployment locations for the NMD elements include sites in Alaska and North Dakota. In addition, as the operational requirements are refined other regions may be identified.

**PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES:** The alternatives considered in the EIS are the No-Action Alternative and the Proposed Action. A No-Action Alternative would be a DoD recommendation not to deploy an NMD system at the time a decision is made but to continue NMD system development to improve NMD system capabilities. With the Proposed Action Alternative, a decision would be made to deploy the NMD system and the NMD element locations would be selected from the range of locations studied in the EIS.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Public hearing locations and dates are as follows: (1) October 26, 6-9 PM; Langdon Activity Center, 516 10th Avenue, Langdon, North Dakota; (2) October 27, 6-9 PM; Civic Auditorium, 615 1st Avenue North, Grand Forks, North Dakota; (3) November 1, 6-9 PM; Carlson Community Activity Center, 2010 2nd Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska; (4) November 2, 7-10 PM; Anderson School, 116 West 1st Street, Anderson, Alaska; (5) November 3, 6-9 PM; Delta High School, School Road, Delta Junction, Alaska; (6) November 4, 6-9

PM; WestCoast International Inn, 3333 W. International Airport Rd., Anchorage, Alaska; and (7) November 9, 6-9 PM; Days Inn, 2000 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

**COMMENTS:** Comments on the DEIS should be received by November 15, 1999. Written comments and inquiries of the DEIS should be directed to SMDC-EN-V (Ms. Julia Hudson), U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, PO Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801, telephone (256) 955-4822. Public reading copies of the DEIS will be available for review at the public libraries within the communities where the public hearings will be held and at the BMDO internet site at [www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/nmd.html](http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/nmd.html).

Dated: September 24, 1999.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of Secretary

#### Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

**ACTION:** Notice of revised meeting times.

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

*Date of Meeting:* October 19, 1999 from 0830 to 1710 and October 20, 1999 from 0800 to 1700.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, VA 22203.

*Matters to be Considered:* Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Kelly, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2124.

Dated: September 27, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Active Duty Service Determinations for Civilian or Contractual Groups

On August 27, 1999, the Secretary of the Air Force, acting as Executive Agent of the Secretary of Defense, determined that the service of the group known as "The Operational Analysis Group of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Office of Emergency Management, which served overseas with the U.S. Army Air Corps from December 7, 1941 through August 15, 1945" shall be considered "active duty" under the provisions of Public Law 95-202 for the purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

To be eligible for VA benefits, members of the group must establish each of the following:

1. He or she was employed as a civilian employee of the Office of Scientific Research and Development for a period of time during the period December 7, 1941 to August 15, 1945; and

2. He or she was assigned as a civilian operations analyst or scientific consultant to duty with an operations analysis section or operational research section at a headquarters of an Army Air Force field force or command outside the continental limits of the United States; and

3. He or she served for a period of time outside the continental limits of the United States as a civilian operations analyst or scientific consultant at that field force or command between December 7, 1941 and August 15, 1945; and

4. He or she completed honorably the period for which the applicant contracted with the Office of Scientific Research and Development and completed honorably his or her obligations to the Army Air Force unit to which he or she was assigned outside the continental limits of the United States.

Qualifying periods of time are computed from the date of departure from the continental United States to the date of return to the continental United States.

#### Application Procedures

Before an individual can receive any VA benefits, the person must first apply for an Armed Forces Discharge Certificate (Department of Defense Form 214) by filling out a Department of Defense (DD) Form 2168, Application for Discharge of Member or Survivor of

Member of Group Certified to Have Performed Active Duty With the Armed Forces of the United States, and sending it to the U.S. Air Force Personnel Center at the following address: AFPC/DPPRP, 550 C Street West, Suite 11, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4713.

**Important:** Applicants must attach supporting documents to their DD Form 2168 application. Of primary importance will be any employment records from the Operational Analysis Group of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Office of Emergency Management. Other supporting documentation might include copies of passports with appropriate entries, military or civilian orders posting the applicant to an overseas assignment, reports signed by or mentioning the work of the applicant at the Operational Analysis unit overseas, Army Air Force (AAF) Identification Forms 133, any personal employment records such as commendations regarding performance, employee expense reports of charges to AAF contracts, medical certifications prior to departure from the U.S., AAF passes to leave the limits of an overseas base, miscellaneous AAF papers, etc. Additionally, the overseas Operational Analysis unit chief may provide written confirmation for the service of other members in his unit.

Applicants having difficulty establishing all of the eligibility criteria mentioned above, should recognize the nature and character of documents addressing each criteria need not be the same. For example, an applicant may establish employment with the Operational Analysis Group of the Office of Scientific Research and Development through official employment records, but find that proving assignment to an Army Air Force field force or command outside the continental United States more difficult. In such a case, an applicant may be able to prove assignment and service at that location through other evidence, such as, dated, postmarked (or other sign of authenticity) correspondence (official or personal) to or from the applicant at that assignment outside the United States.

Upon confirmation of an applicant's eligibility, the DD Form 214 will be passed from AFPC/DPPRP to the Awards and Decorations office to determine which ribbons the applicant is eligible to receive (campaign ribbons, theater ribbons, victory medal, etc.). Specific awards (*i.e.*, Silver Star, Purple Heart, etc.) need separate justification detailing the act, achievement, or service believed to warrant the appropriate medal/ribbon. DD Forms

2168 are available from VA offices or from the U.S. Air Force offices in this notice. An electronic version is also available in Adobe Acrobat (the reader is free) on the Internet at "DefenseLINK, publications."

For further information contact Mr. James D. Johnston at the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAFPC), 1535 Command Drive, EE Wing, 3rd Floor, Andrews AFB, MD 20762-7002.

#### Benefit Information

A determination of "active duty" under Public Law 95-202 is "for the purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs" (38 U.S.C. 106). Benefits are not retroactive and do not include such things as increased military or Federal Civil Service retirement pay, or a military burial detail, for example. Entitlement to state veterans benefits vary and are governed by each state. Therefore, for specific benefits information, contact your nearest Veterans Affairs Office and your state veterans service office after you have received your Armed Forces discharge documents.

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*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive or Partially Exclusive License to BONTEX

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with 37 CFR 404 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to BONTEX, a corporation having its principle place of business at One BONTEX Drive, Buena Vista, VA 24416-0751, an exclusive or partially exclusive license relative to an ARL patented elastomeric compound (Foreign patent #'s: European patents EP326394A1 issued on 2 Aug, 1989; EP326394B1 issued on 5 May 1993; German patent #P68906275, issued on 5/5/93; Canada Patent #1308832 issued 13 Oct, 1992; Israel Patent #89074 issued 16 Feb, 1993; Australian Patent #8930655 issued 25 Aug, 1989. Anyone wishing to object to the granting of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research

Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg. 433, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR Part 404.7(a)(1)(i), SBCCOM hereby gives notice that it is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license in the United States to practice the invention embodied in U.S. Patent Number 5,918,254 issued June 29, 1999, entitled, "Low Concentration Aerosol Generator" to Dycor, U.S.A., Inc. having a place of business in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Roy Albert, Technology Transfer Office, U.S. Army SBCCOM, ATTN: SCBRD-ASC, 5183 Blackhawk Road (Bldg E3330/245), APG, MD 21010-5423, Phone: (410) 436-4438 or E-Mail: rcalbert@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted, unless within sixty days from the date of this publication Notice, SBCCOM receives written evidence and argument to establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

U.S. Patent 5,918,254 relates to an apparatus useful in generating and counting aerosol particles. The apparatus is capable of generating and counting low concentrations of individual aerosol particles.

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