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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, 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. Provisional Patent Application 60/184,376 entitled: "Automated Decision-Aid System for Hazardous Incidents (ADASHI)" to Optimetrics, Inc.

The Automated Decision-Aid System for Hazardous Incidents (ADASHI) is a unique computer-based integrated decision-aid support system for improving tactical response to a hazardous incident. ADASHI effectively integrates the specific technical functions required to control a hazardous event involving chemical, biological or radiological (CBR) materials. ADASHI will automatically monitor most aspects of the CBR event, whether it be a "What if?" simulated event for training purposes or a real event. ADASHI can also be utilized as an "over the shoulder" decision-support system to aid incident commanders in making better, more timely decisions by rapidly processing the multi-variant input data and providing critical information to that commander in a high-stress environment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bob Gross, Technology Transfer Office, U.S. Army SBCCOM, ATTN: AMSSB-RAS-C, 5183 Blackhawk Road (Bldg E3330/245), APG MD 21010-5423; Phone: (410) 436-5387 or E-mail: rigross@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 published 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.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Draft Integrated Total Army Personnel Data Base (ITAPDB) Data Element Standard Version 1.0 (V1.0)**

AGENCY: Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, U.S. Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice (Request for comments).

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel announces a draft Integrated Total Army Personnel Data Base (ITAPDB) Data Standard Version 1.0 (V1.0), dated 3 August 2000. Comments are invited on: (a) Ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information contained therein; and (b) ways to establish a common set of data element standards that will enable the Army to eliminate redundant data, ensure commonality of information, reduce data conversion cost, and align with DoD development initiatives.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 5, 2000. All comments received within 30 days of publication of this notice will be considered before any decision on whether to adopt this proposal.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Director, Information Systems, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, ATTN: DAPE-ZXI (Ms. Golden Giddings/Ms. Angela McCoy), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. E-mail address for Ms. Giddings is giddigl@hqda.army.mil and for Ms. McCoy is mccoyak@hqda.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Oestreich, (703) 325-8877, oestreib@perscom.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ITAPDB establishes data element standards that will be shared among Army Information systems horizontally between Army communities and vertically between field level and DA human resource information systems. Establishing a common set of data element standards enables the Army to eliminate redundant data, ensure commonality of information, reduce data conversion costs, and align with DoD development initiatives. As ITAPDB Data Element Standard evolves, it will apply to intelligence, operations, fire support, logistics, safety, transportation, human resource, military police, medical, dental, finance, chaplain, legal, post operation, civilian personnel, moral and welfare, recreation, force management, education center, inspector general and contractor support mission areas as it pertains to people related exchange of information or data.

This standard is essential to achieve effective and efficient system interoperability among systems that support all Army human resources—soldier, civilian, or contractor in active or retired status.

Individuals desiring a copy of the draft ITAPDB Data Element Standard Version 1.0 should e-mail or write to Ms. Giddings or Mr. Oestreich at the above addresses.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Improvements to the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Near Corpus Christi, Texas as Published in House Document 99, 90th Congress, Second Session**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The proposed action to be addressed in the Draft EIS is to evaluate several deepening and widening alternatives to improve a deep-draft navigation channel that connects harbor facilities in the Corpus Christi area with the Gulf of Mexico. The study will focus on circulation and salinity changes associated with an improved channel

and develop dredged material disposal options that will include an evaluation of beneficial uses of dredged material. The project is being maintained at its authorized depth of 45 feet and includes about 34.5 nautical miles of deep-draft channel. The Corpus Christi area is located about 200 miles southwest of Houston, Texas. The local sponsor for the project is the Port of Corpus Christi Authority.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be answered by: Mr. Carl Anderson, (409) 766-3914, Project Manager, Project Management Branch, or Dr. Terry Roberts, (409) 766-3035, Environmental Lead, Environmental Branch, Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553-1229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The study process began in 1990 when Congress directed the Secretary of the Army to study the feasibility of modifying the 45-foot channel to accommodate larger vessels, increase shipping efficiency, and enhance navigation safety. A reconnaissance study evaluated a deepening and widening plan to establish a Federal interest in the project. The study concluded there was a Federal interest in continuing studies in 1994. The feasibility study began in June 1999 and will determine the most cost-effective alternative for improving the channel while protecting the Nation's environment.

2. Alternatives: a. The six construction alternatives that will be evaluated in the feasibility phase are:

(1) Widening the existing 400-foot channel across Corpus Christi Bay between Ingleside and the Harbor Bridge.

(2) Add barge lanes across Corpus Christi Bay.

(3) Extend the La Quinta Channel approximately 8,000 feet.

(4) Deepen the channel to 52 feet from the Gulf of Mexico to the Viola Turning Basin and widen it across Corpus Christi Bay between Ingleside and the Harbor Bridge.

(5) Deepen the channel to 50 feet from the Gulf of Mexico to the Viola Turning Basin and widen it across Corpus Christi Bay between Ingleside and the Harbor Bridge.

(6) Deepen the La Quinta Channel to 50 feet.

b. A "No Action" alternative will be evaluated and presented for comparison purposes in evaluating the various construction alternatives.

3. Scoping: The scoping process will involve Federal, State, and local

agencies, and other interested persons and organizations. A series of scoping workshops will be conducted to discuss various issues associated with the channel improvements and placement of dredged material. Separate Scoping Notices will be issued for the various workshops. Issues to be considered in this process include beneficial uses of dredged material, changes in salinity and circulation, water and sediment quality, erosion along the channel, and threatened and endangered species impacts. Any person or organization wishing to provide information on issues or concerns should contact the Corps of Engineers at the above address.

4. Coordination: Further coordination with environmental agencies will be conducted under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Essential Fish Habitat), and the Coastal Zone Management Act (Texas Coastal Management Program). A Regulatory Agency Coordination Team has been formed to provide guidance and counsel on matters relating to the evaluation of environmental impacts of this project. The Team is composed of representatives from three Federal and six State regulatory agencies, the local sponsor, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

5. DEIS Preparation: It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public for review and comment in March 2002.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lake Tohopekaliga Extreme Drawdown and Habitat Enhancement, Osceola County, FL

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the South Florida Water Management District intend to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the feasibility of implementing a plan for the Lake

Tohopekaliga Extreme Drawdown and Habitat Enhancement Project, Osceola County, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and DEIS may be addressed to Ms. Heather Carolan or Ms. Lizabeth R. Manners, U.S. Army Engineer District, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019; Telephone 904-232-2016/3923.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Project

a. Lake Tohopekaliga, located in Central Florida, has previously undergone three extreme drawdowns in 1971, 1979, and 1987. The drawdowns are designed to improve aquatic habitat that has been negatively impacted by flood control practices, which have resulted in detrimental stable lake levels and nutrient enrichment. Following refill of Lake Tohopekaliga after the three previous drawdowns the numbers of fish food organisms, sport fish and forage fish increased significantly; new aquatic vegetation communities became established; and organic sediments decreased in the lakes.

b. The purpose of this project is to improve the environmental ecosystem of Lake Tohopekaliga and thus provide quality habitat for fisheries, birds and other wildlife. Beneficial effects associated with the drawdown plan include bottom substrate improvements as organic build-up is reduced. Reduction of muck will lead to an increase in diversity and density of desirable vegetation. The drawdown will also allow the control of nuisance aquatic plants, such as hydrilla, water hyacinth, cattails, alligator weed, smartweed and pickerelweed, which proliferate under the unnatural static lake level conditions. In addition, the water quality of Lake Tohopekaliga will be enhanced by the nutrient uptake and filtration abilities by the recruitment of native plant species. Restoring littoral habitat, which favors bass, will increase native fish species.

c. Approximately 2,844 acres (40%) of shoreline along Lake Tohopekaliga will be exposed during the drawdown. Organic bottom sediments should compact and consolidate during the scheduled low water period. Coverage of beneficial aquatic vegetation such as knotgrass, maidencane and bulrush should increase following refill due to germination of seeds exposed during the drawdown. The subsequent increase in vegetation communities should significantly increase fish food organisms and sport fish populations.

d. Muck removal will be performed to enhance aquatic habitat and improve