

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Science Board**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Defense Against Unconventional Use of Nuclear Weapons Against the US Homeland will meet in closed session on April 16–17, 2002, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will review the Department of Defense's (DoD) responsibilities, current capabilities, and the scope of activities conducted by DoD to ensure its future preparedness to prevent, deter, detect, identify, warn, defend against, respond to, and attribute attack of the U.S. homeland by unconventional delivery of conventional and unconventional nuclear weapons, as well as radiological weapons.

The mission of the DSB is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Task Force will determine the adequacy of the U.S. ability to detect, identify, respond, and prevent unconventional nuclear attacks by terrorist or sub national entities. The Task Force will also identify capabilities of the Department to provide protection against such nuclear attacks in support of national capabilities in homeland defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: March 21, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Science Board Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Missile Defense is tentatively scheduled to meet in closed session on April 29–30, 2002; May 20–21, 2002; June 18–19, 2002; and July 15–16, 2002; at the Institute for Defense Analyses, 4850 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA. This Task Force will develop recommendations that help guide the ballistic missile defense system (BMDS) toward a fully integrated, layered defense capable of defeating ballistic missiles in any phase of their flight.

The mission of the DSB is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the DSB Task Force will examine five areas: counter-countermeasures; boost phase technology; battle management and command, control, and communications; international cooperation; and the evolution of ballistic missile threats.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces a competitive solicitation for applications for grants and cooperative agreements for information dissemination, public outreach, training, and related technical analysis and technical assistance activities involving renewable energy and energy efficiency. It is estimated that funding of approximately \$1.2 million will be available for renewable energy programs and an additional \$3 million will be available for energy efficiency programs for awards under this solicitation in fiscal year 2002.

Areas of interest involving renewable energy include wind, hydrogen and geothermal technologies. Energy efficiency areas of interest include energy efficiency in the transportation, buildings, and industrial sectors. The awards may be for a period of six months to three years. Proposals will be subject to the objective merit review procedures for the *Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)*. Eligible applicants for this solicitation are profit organizations, non-profit institutions and organizations, state and local governments, universities, individuals, Native American organizations, and Alaskan Native Corporations.

ADDRESSES: The formal solicitation document, which will include greater detail about specific program areas of interest, application instructions, and evaluation criteria, is expected to be issued in the beginning of April 2002. The solicitation will include specific funding totals for each program area of interest. Applications will be due for the various program areas in mid-May 2002. The formal solicitation will be disseminated electronically as solicitation number DE–PS01–02EE10846 through *DOE's e-Center Web site and Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS)* located at <http://e-center.doe.gov>. You can get more information about IIPS or register your organization to use IIPS on the e-center home page. Registration is a prerequisite to the submission of an application and applicants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. A users' manual for IIPS can be found under the help button on the main e-Center page. Assistance for IIPS related problems is available through the IIPS help desk from 8 am to 8 pm, Monday through Friday, at 1–800–683–0751.

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Contact the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Headquarters Procurement Services, Attention ME–642.1 (Larry Lansing or Tova Stein, EERE–2002), 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, e-mail: eere.grants@pr.doe.gov. Questions or comments should be categorized as *administrative or financial assistance related*. Administrative questions or comments relate only to the operation of IIPS. All questions or comments should be directed to the attention of Mr. Lansing (for program Areas of Interest 1 and 4) or Ms. Stein (for Program Areas of Interest 2, 3 and 8)). The preferred method of submitting questions and/or comments is through e-mail. Only questions and comments coordinated