

California, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,027,954 entitled "Gas Sensing Diode and Method of Manufacturing," (NASA Case No. 16,519-1); and U.S. Patent No. 6,291,838 entitled "Gas Sensing Diode Comprising SiC" (NASA Case No. LEW 16,519-2), both of which are assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to NASA Glenn Research Center.

NASA has not yet made a determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by July 8, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kent N. Stone, Patent Attorney, NASA Glenn Research Center, Mail Stop 500-118, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44135, telephone: (216) 433-8855.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

**Robert M. Stephens,**

*Deputy General Counsel.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (02-055)]

### Notice of Prospective Patent License

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that Tietronix Software, Inc., having offices in Houston, Texas, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the inventions described and claimed in pending U.S. Patent Application entitled "System and Method for Dynamic Optical Filtration (DOFS)," NASA Case No. MSC23037-1, and any continuations, divisional applications, and foreign applications corresponding to the above-listed cases. The above-identified patent application is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to the Johnson Space Center.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by May 24, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Cate, Patent Attorney, NASA Johnson Space Center, Mail Stop HA, Houston, TX 77058-8452; telephone (281) 483-1001.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

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## NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** National Mediation Board.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Information Officer, Finance and Administration Department, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 8, 2002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Chief Information Officer, Finance and Administration Department, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Record keeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Currently, the National Mediation Board is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Application for Mediation Services, and the Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute and is interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the

agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

**June D.W. King,**

*Chief Information Officer, Finance and Administration Department, National Mediation Board.*

### A. Application for Mediation Services

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Mediation Services, OMB Number: 3140-0002.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Carrier and Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 70 annually.

Burden Hours: 17.50.

*Abstract:* Section 5, First of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 155, First, provides that both, or either, of the parties to the labor-management dispute may invoke the mediation services of the National Mediation Board. Congress has determined that it is in the nation's best interest to provide for governmental mediation as the primary dispute resolution mechanism to resolve labor-management disputes in the railroad and airline industries. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of mediation is to be accomplished and the Board has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.1 provides that applications for mediation services be made on printed forms which may be secured from the National Mediation Board. This section of the regulations provides that applications should be submitted in duplicate, show the exact nature of the dispute, the number of employees involved, name of the carrier and name of the labor organization, date of agreement between the parties, date and copy of notice served by the invoking party to the other and date of final conference between the parties. The application should be signed by the highest officer of the carrier who has been designated to handle disputes under the Railway Labor Act or by the chief executive of the labor organization, whichever party files the application.

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information