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Name of Committee: National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel; R21
Review.  

Date: March 17, 2004.  

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.  

Place: National Library of Medicine, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 301, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Hua-Chuan Sim, MD, Health Science Administrator, National Library of Medicine, Extramural Programs, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6). Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel; R21
Review.  

Date: March 3, 2004.  

Time: 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.  

Place: National Library of Medicine, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 301, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Hua-Chuan Sim, MD, Health Science Administrator, National Library of Medicine, Extramural Programs, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG–2003–16711]

Cooperative Research and Development Agreements

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.
ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces its intent to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) and seeks inquiries and proposals from potential participants. The goal of this CRADA will be the development of a display tool for the Coast Guard’s use in visualizing its future “world of work.”

DATES: Preliminary inquiries must be received by February 17, 2004. The deadline for receiving proposals is March 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries and proposals from potential participants must be sent to Bert Macesker, Risk Technologies Program Area Manager, U.S. Coast Guard Research & Development Center, 1082 Shennecossett Road, Groton, CT 06340 (e-mail: bmacesker@rdc.uscg.mil).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice or the proposed CRADA, contact Bert Macesker, Risk Technologies Program Area Manager, U.S. Coast Guard Research & Development Center, 1082 Shennecossett Road, Groton, CT 06340, telephone (860) 441–2225, fax (860) 441–2225, e-mail: bmacesker@rdc.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Cooperative Research and Development Agreements

Cooperative Research and Development Agreements, or CRADAs, are authorized by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99–502, codified at 15 U.S.C. 3710a). A CRADA promotes the transfer of technology to the private sector for commercial use as well as specified research or development efforts that are consistent with the mission of the Federal party to the CRADA. The Federal party or parties agree with one or more non-Federal parties to share research resources (but the Federal party does not contribute funding). The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as an executive agency under 5 U.S.C. 105, is a Federal agency for purposes of 15 U.S.C. 3710a and may enter into a CRADA. DHS delegated its authority to the Commandant of the Coast Guard (see DHS Delegation No. 0160) and the Commandant has delegated his authority to the Coast Guard Research and Development Center.

Goal of Proposed CRADA

Under the proposed agreement, the Coast Guard’s Research & Development Center (RDC) plans to collaborate with industry. Together, the RDC and its CRADA participant(s) will examine how the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) can visualize its “world of work” in the future.

At the unit level, “world of work” implies a complete picture of the Commanding Officer’s (CO’s) area of responsibility and beyond. This complete picture includes a display (or displays) that offers personalized views of maritime risks and USCG readiness. The CO needs this information to decide how to reduce risks to the public and the costs to manage those risks. As an example, the CO wants to answer the question: How do we balance USCG activities and resources against risk on any given day?

At the Commandant level, “world of work” looks across multiple units and at specific programs throughout the USCG. For example, the Commandant wants to answer the question: How much do our activities reduce risks?

The tool will provide information for risk-based decision making in a future environment. The information will assist USCG personnel in making both short-term operational decisions and longer-term strategic decisions.

The RDC, with its CRADA participant(s), will create a structured and collaborative environment to advance concepts and technologies for a display tool. The desired products of the proposed collaboration are a shared vision and an operationally relevant situation display tool. We currently envision the display tool as a two-dimensional, geographic display of maritime system risks and organizational readiness. Desirable display concepts include the ability to (1) integrate into the common operating picture of the future and (2) support a systematic approach to allocating USCG resources based on risk.

Party Contributions

We anticipate that the Coast Guard’s contributions under the proposed CRADA will include:

(1) A structured opportunity to receive pertinent real world Integrated Maritime Command Center (IMCC) data, including the opportunity to establish real-time internet protocol (IP) data connections for access to IMCC-Miami data, to test and demonstrate CRADA products;

(2) Access to a Miami Area of Responsibility (AOR) risk profile, readiness, and response activity data;

(3) Feedback from USCG staff who are working in risk, readiness, and activity resource management modeling; and

(4) Feedback from USCG staff who are involved in defining IMCC situation display requirements.

We anticipate that the non-Federal parties’ contributions under the proposed CRADA will include:

(1) Making the real-time, IP data connections to relevant data source locations;

(2) Qualified personnel and procedures (certified by the appropriate authority) for the proper handling of all data provided by the USCG, other federal, state, local, law enforcement, and private organizations under this CRADA;

(3) At least two “innovative, alternative IMCC-Miami Situation Displays” provided to the USCG via real-time, IP data connections, which meet all USCG-specified requirements (including security requirements); and

(4) Periodic updates of the design/layout of these “innovative alternative” IMCC-Miami Situation Displays based upon insights gained during the CRADA research.

Selection Criteria

The Coast Guard reserves the right to select for CRADA partners all, some, or none of the proposals in response to this notice. The Coast Guard will provide no funding for reimbursement of proposal development costs. Proposals (or any other material) submitted in response to this notice will not be returned.

Proposals submitted are expected to be unclassified and have no more than 4 single-sided pages (excluding cover page and resumes). The Coast Guard will select proposals at its sole discretion on the basis of:

(1) How well they communicate an understanding of, and ability to meet, the proposed CRADA’s goal; and

(2) How well they address the following criteria:

(a) Technical capability to support the non-Federal party contributions described;
(b) Resources available for supporting the non-Federal party contributions described; and
(c) Technical expertise/understanding of Maritime Domain Awareness, maritime common operational picture, USCG port operations, and industry best practices in situational display technologies.

This is a technology transfer/development effort. So far, the Coast Guard has no forecast to procure the technology. Proposals should clearly discuss how the concepts and technologies, e.g., for two-dimensional, GIS-based display of maritime system risks and organizational readiness, could improve existing USCG capabilities and aid the USCG in visualizing its future “world of work.”

Special consideration will be given to small business firms/consortia, and preference will be given to business units located in the U.S. which agree that products embodying inventions made under the CRADA or produced through the use of such inventions will be manufactured substantially in the U.S.


F.A. Dutch,
Capt USCG, Commanding Officer, R&D Center.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

USCG–2003–16297

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; revision to PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2004, 2005, and 2006; request for public comment; correction to prior notice.

SUMMARY: On October 16, 2003, the Coast Guard—on behalf of the Coast Guard, the Research and Special Programs Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Minerals Management Service—published the Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) triennial exercise schedule for 2004 through 2006. This notice revises that schedule based on internal agency input, requests comments from the public, and requests industry participants to volunteer for scheduled PREP Area exercises.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before March 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG–2003–16297 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:


(3) Fax: 202–493–2251.

(4) Delivery: Room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, or need general information regarding the PREP Program and the schedule, contact Mr. Robert Pond, Office of Response, Plans and Preparedness Division (G-MOR–2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202–267–6603, fax 202–267–4063 or e-mail rpond@comdt.uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–0271.


The 2002 PREP Guidelines booklet is available at no cost on the Internet at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/nsfweb/nsfcc/index.html or by writing or faxing to the TASC DEPT Warehouse, 33141Q 75th Avenue, Landover, MD 20785, facsimile: 301–386–5394. The stock number of the manual is USCG–X0241. Please indicate the quantity when ordering. Quantities are limited to 10 per order.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to respond to this notice by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted, without change, to http://dms.dot.gov and will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use the Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT’s “Privacy Act” three paragraphs below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG–2003–16297), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under ADDRESSES; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this triennial exercise schedule in view of them.

Viewing comments and documents: To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to http://dms.dot.gov at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL–401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of Transportation’s Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit http://dms.dot.gov.

Revisions to the October 2003 Notice

On October 16, 2003, the Coast Guard published a notice in the Federal Register (68 FR 59627) announcing the PREP triennial exercise schedule for 2004, 2005, and 2006. We are making several revisions to the triennial exercise schedule in that notice based on internal agency input. A summary of the changes follows—

For Government-Led Area Exercises for Calendar Year 2004, we changed