

SAS action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the SAS's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 18, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-C-2006-0039]

Request for Comments on USPTO's Draft Strategic Plan for FY 2007-2012

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) solicits comments on its draft strategic plan for 2007-2012. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires Federal agencies to establish a strategic plan covering not less than five years, and to solicit the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan.

The USPTO's current plan, *The 21st Century Strategic Plan for 2003-2008*, may be viewed on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov> as can the agency's draft plan for 2007-2012.

DATES: Written comments must be received by October 6, 2006. A public forum on Strategic Plan 2007-2012 will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, from 9 a.m. until noon. Those wishing to present oral comments at the forum should register no later than September 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The September 26, 2006 public forum will be held at USPTO Headquarters, 600 Dulany Street, Madison West, Room 10D31, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Those interested in presenting oral comments

or written comments on the draft strategic plan should send their request or written comments to the USPTO by any of the following methods: electronically via a special e-mail address: StrategicPlanning1@uspto.gov; by fax to 571-273-0127, Attention: USPTO Strategic Plan Coordinator; by hand delivery or courier to the USPTO Strategic Plan Coordinator, 600 Dulany Street, Madison East, Room 7A45, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by mail sent to: The USPTO Strategic Plan Coordinator, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

To ensure timely receipt of your comments, we strongly encourage responses via e-mail, fax, or hand/courier delivery.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Bolton, United States Patent and Trademark Office, by telephone at 571-272-6290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GPRA requires Federal agencies to establish a strategic plan covering not less than a five-year period, and to solicit the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan. This notice represents one in a series of consultations seeking input from a variety of sources on the USPTO's draft strategic plan. On March 14, 2006, the USPTO posted a notice on its Web site soliciting public input and establishing an e-mail box (StrategicPlanning1@uspto.gov) for the public's use in submitting suggestions, ideas and comments that the agency should consider in developing the new plan. USPTO employees also were given the opportunity to provide input, either via e-mail or anonymously via USPTO's intranet site.

The draft strategic plan for 2007-2012 is available on the USPTO's Web site at <http://www.USPTO.gov>. The draft plan includes the USPTO's mission statement, vision statement and a description of the strategic goals, objectives and significant actions that the USPTO plans to take in order to accomplish its mission and achieve its vision. Full details on how the USPTO plans to implement the strategic plan, including funding and performance metrics, will be included in the USPTO's fiscal year 2008 President's Budget.

The USPTO would like to receive input from a wide range of organizations (both national and international), public bodies, and other stakeholders. We especially encourage the views and suggestions of individuals and entities holding or dealing with intellectual property, and USPTO employees.

The USPTO anticipates publishing the final Strategic Plan for 2007-2012 in early calendar year 2007, and making it available on our Web site at that time.

Dated: August 21, 2006.

Jon W. Dudas,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Transfer of Cannon Air Force Base and Melrose Air Force Range From Air Combat Command to Air Force Special Operations Command

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Air Force Special Operations Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] parts 1500-1508), and the United States Air Force's (USAF) Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP, 32 CFR part 989), the Air Force is preparing an EIS to consider the proposed action of transferring certain Air Force Special Operations equipment and personnel to Cannon AFB. The Air Force proposes to transfer aircraft and personnel from Hurlburt Field, Florida, or other existing operational locations to Cannon AFB, New Mexico. Potential AFSOC assets to beddown include aircraft, weapons systems, equipment, and personnel. Growth is planned through Fiscal Year 2013 at Cannon AFB, and AFSOC proposes to begin utilizing Melrose Air Force Range (AFR), existing training airspace, and existing Military Training Routes from Cannon AFB. This NOI describes the Air Force's scoping process and identifies the Air Force's point of contact. As part of the proposal, the Air Force will analyze potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed aircraft, equipment, and personnel transfer, beddown, training, and operations.

Background: On June 19, 2006, in accordance with the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Report, the SECDEF designated the AFSOC's establishment of the 16th Special Operations Wing at Cannon

AFB, beginning October 2007, as the new mission for that base. The EIS will analyze the impacts of that proposed action on the environment. AFSOC is considering what aircraft and other equipment to base at Cannon AFB, how best to utilize existing facilities, and what facilities will need to be modified or built. The proposed action will consider moving approximately 90 aircraft and approximately 3,500 personnel to the base. It is possible that additional facilities may need to be constructed at Melrose AFR. The impacts from the proposed actions will be considered in the EIS. In addition, the EIS will also address alternatives to the proposed action, including a "no action" alternative. Because the proposed action is to be taken as the result of the BRAC directive to the SECDEF to designate a new mission for Cannon AFB, the basing/installation alternative will be limited to the confines of Cannon AFB and Melrose AFR; however, the airspace alternatives will include Melrose AFR, surrounding Military Training Routes and Military Operations Areas (MOAs) including the Mt Dora MOA, Pecos MOA Complex and Bronco MOA.

DATES: The Air Force will hold a series of scoping meetings to solicit public input concerning the scope of the proposed action and alternatives, as well as to help identify other concerns and issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. The scheduled dates, times, locations, and addresses for the scoping meetings are as follows:

1. September 18, 2006—Monday, 6–8 p.m., at Clovis and Portales, NM, Clovis Community College, 417 Schepps Blvd.
2. September 19, 2006—Tuesday, 6–8 p.m., at Clayton, NM, Clayton High School, 323 South Fifth Street.
3. September 20, 2006—Wednesday, 6–8 p.m., at Fort Sumner, NM, Fort Sumner Community House, 137 East Baker Avenue.

No additional meetings are scheduled at this time. In addition to comments received at the scoping meetings, any written comments on the scope of the EIS received at the address below by October 5, 2006, will be considered in the preparation of this EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Carl T. Hoffman, HQ AFSOC/A7CV, 427 Cody Ave., Suite 225, Hurlburt Field, FL 32544–5434, (850) 884–5984.

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DAF, Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Partially Exclusive Patent License; Omega Sensors, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Omega Sensors, Inc., a revocable, non-assignable, partially exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government-owned invention described in U.S. Patent Pending, entitled "Method of fabricating a dual-suspension system for MEMS-based devices", Navy Case Number 96659.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than September 8, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Research and Technology Applications, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Code 2112, 83570 Silvergate Ave., Room 2306, San Diego, CA 92152–5048.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Stephen H. Lieberman, Office of Research and Technology Applications, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Code 2112, 83570 Silvergate Ave., Room 2306, San Diego, CA 92152–5048, telephone 619–553–2778, or e-mail: stephen.lieberman@navy.mil.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.)

Dated: August 15, 2006.

M.A. Harvison,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Tessarae Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Tessarae Inc., a revocable, non-assignable, exclusive license to practice in the field of use defined as design process, systems and applications utilizing high-density resequencing microarrays (greater than 100,000 features per array and less than 500

square micron feature size), and manufacturable under good practice standards in batch quantities greater than 1,000 arrays (such as CustomSeq resequencing microarrays fabricated by Affymetrix, Inc.), for screening, diagnosis where approved by the appropriate local government health authority, and/or surveillance of pathogen induced disease in the U.S. and certain foreign countries, the Government-owned inventions described in Navy Case No. 96,744: COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED BIOLOGICAL SEQUENCE IDENTIFIER SYSTEM AND METHOD./Navy Case No. 97,439: BROAD-SPECTRUM PATHOGEN DIAGNOSTIC AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM./Navy Case No. 97,747: AUTOMATED SAMPLE-TO-MICROARRAY SYSTEM./Navy Case No. 97,748: OPTIMIZED PATHOGEN RESEQUENCING DIAGNOSTIC AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM./Navy Case No. 98,057: RAPID DETECTION FOR OVER 20 RESPIRATORY PATHOGENS SIMULTANEOUSLY IN CLINICAL SAMPLES USING RESEQUENCING ARRAYS AND ANY CONTINUATIONS, DIVISIONALS OR RE-ISSUES THEREOF.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than September 8, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375–5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375–5320, telephone 202–767–7230. Due to U.S. Postal delays, please fax 202–404–7920, e-mail techtran@utopia.nrl.navy.mil, or use courier delivery to expedite response.

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Dated: August 18, 2006.

M.A. Harvison,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: Department of Energy.