

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Immunoconjugates Having High Binding Affinity

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive patent license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patent No. 7,081,518, issued July 25, 2006, entitled "Anti-Mesothelin Antibodies Having High-Affinity Binding" [E-139-1999/0-US-07]; European Patent Application No. 00937925.6, filed May 26, 2000, entitled "Immunoconjugates Having High Binding Affinity" [E-139-1999/0-EP-04]; Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-500670, filed May 26, 2000, entitled "Immunoconjugates Having High Binding Affinity" [E-139-1999/0-JP-05]; Mexican Patent Application No. PA/a/2001/01195, filed May 26, 2000, entitled "Immunoconjugates Having High Binding Affinity" [E-139-1999/0-MX-06]; and Canadian Patent Application No. 2374398, filed May 26, 2000, entitled "Immunoconjugates Having High Binding Affinity" [E-139-1999/0-CA-03] to Cambridge Antibody Technology, Ltd., which has offices in Cambridge, United Kingdom. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide, and the field of use may be limited to the use of the SSIP immunoconjugate and variants thereof for the treatment of mesothelin expressing cancers.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before February 20, 2007 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated exclusive license should be directed to: Jesse S. Kindra, J.D., M.S., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-5559; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: kindraj@mail.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This technology relates to an improved anti-mesothelin antibody (SS1) based on affinity maturation, which involves somatic hypermutation of the variable region. The technology also includes additional antibody variants other than SS1.

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 (60) days from the date of this published notice, the NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license. Comments and objections submitted to this notice will not be made available for public inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: December 12, 2006.

Steven M. Ferguson,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Submission for Review; Reinstatement Previously Discontinued Information Collection Request for the Fiscal Year 2003 State Domestic Preparedness Program

AGENCY: Preparedness Directorate, National Preparedness Task Force, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; 30-day notice of information collections under review; Reinstatement Previously Discontinued Information Collection Request for the Fiscal Year 2003 State Domestic Preparedness Program.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has submitted the following information collection request (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Action of 1995: 1600-0002, 1600-0003, 1600-0004, 1600-0005. The information collections were previously published in **Federal Register** on

October 12, 2006 allowing for OMB review and a 60-day public comment period. No Comments were received by DHS.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 19, 2007 (Automatically tabulated by FR). This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/Preparedness, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security Washington, DC 20528; and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974 (this is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate, National Preparedness Task Force.

Title: Fiscal Year 2003 State Domestic Preparedness Program.

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