

that are associated with such occurrences” and “To provide for action to be taken to correct the identified systemic factors” (Sec. 754, items b2 and b3). In addition, the legislation stated that the Secretary shall “Continue research and development investments to improve communication, coordination, and team work in the provision of health care” (Sec. 754, item d4).

In its ongoing response to this legislation, DoD implemented a Web-based patient safety culture survey to a census of all staff working in Army, Navy, and Air Force Military Health System (MHS) facilities in the U.S. and internationally, including Military Treatment Facility (MTF) hospitals as well as ambulatory and dental services. The survey obtains MHS staff opinions on patient safety issues such as teamwork, communications, medical error occurrence and response, error reporting, and overall perceptions of patient safety. The purpose of the survey is to assess the current status of patient safety in MHS facilities as well as to provide baseline input for assessment of patient safety improvement over time. Survey results will be prepared at the facility and Service levels and MHS overall.

*Affected Public:* Federal government; individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,384.

*Number of Respondents:* 14,022.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

###### *Data Collection Method*

The patient safety culture survey is administered as a web-based instrument to a census of all staff, both clinical and non-clinical, working in all U.S. and international MHS facilities. Potential respondents will receive a pre-notification letter followed by an e-mail survey notification containing an embedded hyperlink to the internet location where the survey can be completed. Two additional e-mail survey notifications will be sent, a week apart, so that the data collection field period will be four weeks for each Service. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. All survey responses are voluntary and will be individually anonymous; only group-level results will be tabulated to protect individual anonymity.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Defense Business Board (DBB) Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Business Board (DBB).

**DATES:** The public meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 1:15 p.m., with a break from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Pentagon, Room 3E863, Washington, DC (escort required, see below).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Board's Designated Federal Officer is Phyllis Ferguson, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, *Phyllis.ferguson@osd.mil*, (703) 695-7563. For meeting information please contact Debra Duffy, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, *Debra.duffy@osd.mil*, (703) 697-2168.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **(a) Background**

The mission of the DBB is to advise the Secretary of Defense on effective strategies for implementation of best business practices of interest to the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will deliberate on draft recommendations from four subcommittees: (1) The Defense Contract Audit Agency Independent Review Panel, (2) A Review of Capabilities Requirements, (3) Best Practices on Export Controls, and (4) Transition Topics.

##### **(b) Availability of Materials for the Meeting**

A copy of the draft agenda and any available materials to be presented at the October 23, 2008 meeting can be obtained from the Board's Web site at

<http://www.defenselink.dod/dbb> under "Meeting Materials."

##### **(c) Public's Accessibility to the Meeting**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must contact Ms. Duffy at the number listed in this FR Notice no later than noon on Monday, October 20th to arrange a Pentagon escort. Public attendees are required to arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance by 8 a.m. and complete security screening by 8:15 a.m. Security screening requires two forms of identification: 1) A government-issued photo I.D., and 2) any type of secondary I.D. which verifies the individual's name (i.e. debit card, credit card, work badge, social security card).

*Special Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Duffy at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

##### **(d) Procedures for Providing Public Comments**

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Board about its mission and topics pertaining to this public session.

Written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting, however, written comments should be received by the DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Board for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted via email to the address for the DFO given in this notice in the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, or Word format). Please note: Since the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Board's Web site.

Dated: September 25, 2008.

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