

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226).

ASWH requests a five-year permit to conduct scientific research focusing primarily on North Atlantic right whales, with a secondary focus on humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*) whales. The purposes of the right whale research include: (1) to improve knowledge of right whale habitat utilization; (2) to monitor the population in a portion of the southeast U.S. right whale critical habitat; (3) to contribute to the right whale photo-identification catalog; (4) to characterize the shallow water acoustic environment and right whale vocalizations; and (5) to examine sightability from different types of platforms. The feeding behavior of right, fin, and humpback whales would also be studied using aerial platforms.

The main study areas are the waters off northeast Florida in December through April and the waters off Cape Cod, MA in the summer months. Research could occur year round in Atlantic waters from Maine to Florida. The majority of the research would involve aerial surveys conducted from a variety of platforms, including airplanes, blimps, and aerostats. A maximum of 50 fin and 50 humpback whales could be harassed annually during aerial surveys. Seventy-five right whales may be harassed annually during aerial surveys. Twenty other cetacean species, including endangered sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*), sei (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), and blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*) whales, may be incidentally harassed during aerial surveys. Two pinniped species and four species of sea turtles (loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempi*), green (*Chelonia mydas*)) may also be incidentally harassed as a result of aerial surveys.

Vessel surveys would also be conducted in U.S. southeast waters. Close approaches to right whales would be made to collect photo-identification, behavioral and passive acoustic data. ASWH proposes to use both motorized (10 right whales harassed annually) and non-motorized (i.e., kayaks) (5 right

whales harassed annually) vessels in their research.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: December 4, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Cancellation of Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) Requirements for Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in The People's Republic of China and Exported on and after January 1, 2009

December 5, 2008.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection canceling all previous directives concerning ELVIS requirements for China.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website (<http://www.cbp.gov>), or call (202) 863–6560. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

This directive cancels the ELVIS requirement for goods exported from China on and after January 1, 2009. The ELVIS requirement and quota requirements will continue to remain in effect until further notice for goods exported from China prior to January 1, 2009, even if entered in 2009. This action is consistent with the terms of the bilateral agreement on textiles and apparel between the Governments of the United States of America and the

People's Republic of China that was signed on November 8, 2005.

In the letter below, CITA is directing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to cancel all ELVIS requirements for goods exported from China on and after January 1, 2009.

Janet E. Heinzen,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

December 5, 2008.

Commissioner,

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Washington, D.C. 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive cancels all previous directives concerning requirements for ELVIS transmissions, issued to you by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, effective for goods exported from China on and after January 1, 2009.

However, the ELVIS requirement and quota requirements will continue to remain in effect until further notice for goods exported from China prior to January 1, 2009, even if entered in 2009.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreement has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Janet E. Heinzen,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 404.4, which implements Public Law 96–517, as amended, the Department of the Air Force announces its intention to grant to EMTEC, a non-profit member based organization registered in Ohio, having a place of business at 3155 Research Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45420, an exclusive license in any right, title, and interest the Air Force has in the invention described in: Air Force invention number AFD 881, entitled *Light Emitting Diode with a Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Biopolymer Phosphor Based Coating for Solid State Lighting Object*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: License for this invention will be granted unless a written objection is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Written objections should be sent to: Air Force

Materiel Command Law Office,
AFMCLO/JAZ, Building 11, room D18,
2240 B Street, Wright-Patterson AFB OH
45433-7109, Attention, Bart S. Hersko.
Telephone: (937) 255-2838; Facsimile
(937) 255-3733 or e-mail:
Bart.Hersko@wpafb.af.mil.

Bao-Anh Trinh,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Part 404 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, which implements Public Law 96-517, as amended, the Department of the Air Force announces its intention to grant X5 Systems, Inc. a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at 140 Meadowbrook Drive, Los Gatos, California 95032, an exclusive license in any right, title and interest the United States Air Force has in: U.S. Patent Number 5,719,794, filed on July 19, 1995 and issued on February 17, 1998, entitled "A Process for the Design of Antennas using Genetic Algorithms" by Edward E. Altshuler as sole inventor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A license for this patent will be granted unless a written objection is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Written objections should be sent to: Air Force Research Laboratory, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, AFRL/RIJ, 26 Electronic Parkway, Rome, New York 13441-4514. Telephone: (315) 330-2087; Facsimile (315) 330-7583.

Bao-Anh Trinh,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.
SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 February 9, 2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 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 Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, 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 Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 4, 2008.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Lender Application Process (LAP).
Frequency: On Occasion.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.
Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 58
Burden Hours: 9.

Abstract: The Lender's Application Process is submitted by lenders who are eligible for reimbursement of interest and special allowance, as well as Federal Insured Student Loan (FISL) claims payment, under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. The information will be used by the Department of Education (ED) to update Lender Identification Numbers (LIDs), lenders names, addresses with 9 digit zip codes and other pertinent information.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3917. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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