

comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 74 FR 65535, on December 10, 2009. No public comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest Woodson, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775 or e-mail ernest.woodson@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The patent coverage in FAR subpart 27.2 requires the contractor to report each notice of a claim of patent or copyright infringement that came to the contractor's attention in connection with performing a Government contract (sections 27.202-1 and 52.227-2). The contractor is also required to report all royalties anticipated or paid in excess of \$250 for the use of patented inventions by furnishing the name and address of licensor; date of license agreement; patent application serial number, or other basis on which the royalty is payable; brief description of item or component, percentage or dollar rate of royalty per unit, unit price of contract item, and number of units (sections 27.204-1, 52.227-6, and 52.227-9). The information collected is to protect the rights of the patent holder and the interest of the Government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Number of Respondents: 30.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Responses: 30.

Average Burden Hours per Response:

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Total Burden Hours: 15.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0096, Patents, in all correspondence.

Dated: February 18, 2010.

Al Matera,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the National Biodefense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) will be holding a public meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The NBSB will hold a public meeting on March 26, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET. The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

ADDRESSES: Washington, DC Metro Area. The venue details will be posted on the NBSB Web page at <http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/omsph/nbsb/index.html> as they become available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E-mail: NBSB@HHS.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 319M of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7f) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), the Department of Health and Human Services established the National Biodefense Science Board. The Board shall provide expert advice and guidance to the Secretary on scientific, technical, and other matters of special interest to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate. The Board may also provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on other matters related to public health emergency preparedness and response.

Background: The Board will discuss and consider recommendations from the

National Biodefense Science Board's Medical Countermeasure Enterprise Working Group report regarding the issues and challenges facing the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasure Enterprise (PHEMCE).

Availability of Materials: The meeting agenda and other materials will be posted on the NBSB Web site at <http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/omsph/nbsb/index.html> prior to the meeting.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Any member of the public providing oral comments at the meeting must sign in at the registration desk and provide his/her name, address, and affiliation. All written comments must be received prior to March 25, 2010, and should be sent by e-mail to NBSB@HHS.GOV with "NBSB Public Comment" as the subject line. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should e-mail NBSB@HHS.GOV.

Dated: February 18, 2010.

Nicole Lurie,

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office for Civil Rights; Workshop on the HIPAA Privacy Rule's De-Identification Standard; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

This notice announces a forthcoming workshop organized by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The meeting will be open to the public.

General Purpose of the Meeting: Section 13424 (c) of the Health Information Technology for Clinical and Economic Health (HITECH) Act, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA),¹ requires HHS to issue guidance on methods for de-identification of protected health information as designated in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. In response to this mandate, OCR is soliciting stakeholder input from experts with practical technical and policy experience to inform the creation of guidance materials. OCR is collecting views regarding de-identification approaches, best practices for

¹ Public Law 111-5.