DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Conjugate Vaccines Against \textit{B. anthracis} (Anthrax) and Monoclonal Antibodies Against Anthrax

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

ACTION: Notice.


DATES: Only written comments and/or application for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before September 26, 2011 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the patent application, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Peter Souka, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852–3804; E-mail: ps193c@nih.gov; Telephone: (301) 435–4646; Facsimile: (301) 402–0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Anthrax, whether resulting from natural or bioterrorist-associated exposure, is a constant threat to human health. The lethality of anthrax is primarily the result of the effects of anthrax toxin, which has 3 components: a receptor-binding protein known as “protective antigen” (PA) and 2 catalytic proteins known as “lethal factor” (LF) and “edema factor” (EF). Although production of an efficient anthrax vaccine is an ultimate goal, the benefits of vaccination can be expected only if a large proportion of the population at risk is immunized. In contrast, passive administration of neutralizing human or chimpanzee monoclonal antibody to a subject at risk for anthrax or exposed to anthrax could provide immediate efficacy for emergency prophylaxis against or treatment of anthrax.

The methods and compositions of these inventions provide a means for prevention and/or therapy of \textit{B. anthracis} (anthrax) infection by immunization with conjugate vaccines against anthrax and/or passive immunization with monoclonal antibodies against \textit{B. anthracis}.

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 thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, 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.

The fields of use may be limited to (1) monoclonal antibodies against \textit{B. anthracis} (anthrax) for use in humans and (2) \textit{B. anthracis} conjugate vaccines for use in humans.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released.

Dated: August 19, 2011.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5477–N–34]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juanita Perry, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 706–1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 706–2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800–927–7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration, No. 88–2503–OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today’s Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: August 18, 2011.

Mark R. Johnston,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska OCS Region, Chukchi Sea Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193


ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement


BOEMRE prepared this Final SEIS pursuant to: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations that implement the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and (2) the July 21, 2010, remand order issued by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska. The Final SEIS augments the analysis of the Final EIS, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193, Chukchi Sea Planning Area (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007–026).

BOEMRE will issue a NEPA Record of Decision after the 30-day period during which the Final SEIS is available. BOEMRE gives this notice of availability in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR 1506.6 (b).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sharon Warren or Mr. Mike Routhier, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503–5820. You may contact Ms. Warren or Mr. Routhier by telephone at 907–334–5820. You may contact Ms. Warren or Mr. Routhier by telephone at 907–334–4876.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In May 2007, BOEMRE (formerly the Minerals Management Service (MMS)) published the Final EIS for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193, Chukchi Sea (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007–0026), which evaluated the potential effects of the proposed sale and three alternatives: a no action alternative, and two alternatives that incorporate deferral areas of varying size along the coastward edge of the proposed sale area.

On January 31, 2008, plaintiffs filed a lawsuit challenging Chukchi Sea Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193, alleging violations of NEPA and the Endangered Species Act with the United States District Court for the District of Alaska (District Court) [Native Village of Point Hope et al., v. Salazar, No. 1:08–cv–00004–RRB (D. Alaska)], BOEMRE conducted the sale in February 2008. BOEMRE received high bids totaling approximately $2.6 billion and issued 487 leases.

In July 2010, the District Court remanded the matter for further NEPA analysis in accordance with its order. The District Court amended this order in August 2010. The District Court directed BOEMRE to address three concerns: (1) Analyze the environmental impact of natural gas development; (2) determine whether missing information identified by BOEMRE in the Final EIS for Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 was essential or relevant under 40 CFR 1502.22; and (3) determine whether the cost of obtaining the missing information was exorbitant, or the means of doing so unknown.

BOEMRE: (1) Completed Chukchi Sea Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska, Draft Supplemental EIS (“SEIS”) OCS EIS/EA BOEMRE 2010–034 addressing each of these concerns; (2) published the Draft SEIS for public comment on October 15, 2010; and (3) provided a 45-day comment period. BOEMRE received over 150,000 comments on the Draft SEIS. Citing the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, many commenters requested an analysis of a potential blowout and oil spill during exploration. In response to those comments, BOEMRE determined it appropriate to provide analysis of a very large oil spill (“VLOS”) from a hypothetical exploration well blowout. BOEMRE prepared the Chukchi Sea Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea, Alaska, Revised Draft Supplemental SEIS OCS EIS/EA BOEMRE 2010–034 with the VLOS analysis and those issues under remand.

On May 27, 2011, the Federal Register published a Notice of Availability of the Revised Draft SEIS for a 45-day public comment for BOEMRE and Notice of BOEMRE filing the Revised Draft EIS with the Environmental Protection Agency. The public comment period officially closed on July 11, 2011. During the Revised Draft SEIS public comment period, BOEMRE received over 360,000 comment letters and cards from Federal Agencies, state and local governments, Alaska Native tribes, interested groups, and members of the public.