

This five-year sunset review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

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Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

No FEAR Act Notice; Notice of Rights and Protections Available Under the Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws

AGENCY: The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (CFPB or the Bureau) is providing notice to its employees, former employees, and applicants for Federal employment about the rights and remedies available to them under the Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection, and retaliation laws. This notice fulfills CFPB's initial notification obligation under the Notification and Federal Employees Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act (No FEAR Act), as implemented by Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liza Strong, Office of Human Capital, 1700 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20037, (202) 435-7655. Additional information can be found on CFPB's Web site at <http://www.consumerfinance.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174, 116 Stat. 566 (5 U.S.C. 2301 note). The Act is intended to hold Federal agencies accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws. In support of this purpose, Congress found that "agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination." Sec. 101(1), Public Law 107-174, 116 Stat. 566. The Act requires CFPB to inform its employees, former employees, and applicants for employment of the rights and protections available under Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection, and retaliation laws. OPM requires agencies to publish the initial notice required by the No FEAR Act in the **Federal Register**. 5 CFR 724.202.

Antidiscrimination Laws

A Federal agency may not discriminate against an employee or applicant with respect to the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, (including pregnancy and gender identity), age (40 and above), disability, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, military service, or any other non-merit factor. Discrimination on these bases is prohibited by Federal statutes and Executive Orders. 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(1); 29 U.S.C. 206(d); 29 U.S.C. 631; 29 U.S.C. 633a; 29 U.S.C. 791; 38 U.S.C. 4301-35; 42 U.S.C. 2000e-16; 42 U.S.C. 2000ff-1; E.O. 13087; E.O. 13145; E.O. 13152.

If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or genetic information, you must contact an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action, or, in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action, before you may file a formal complaint of discrimination with your agency. *See, e.g.*, 29 CFR part 1614.

If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, you must either contact an EEO counselor or give notice of your intent to sue to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action.

If you are alleging discrimination based on sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor you may file a written complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC).

If you are alleging discrimination based on military service, you may request assistance from the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) at the Department of Labor (DOL), the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), or OSC, depending on the circumstances.

Whistleblower Protection Laws

A Federal employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve a personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to be evidence of violations of law, rule or regulation;

gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; abuse of authority; or substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law or such information is specifically required by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.

Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-11) with OSC at 1730 M Street NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or online through the OSC Web site at <http://www.osc.gov>.

Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity

A Federal agency may not retaliate against an employee or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed in this Notice. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections of this Notice in order to pursue a legal remedy.

Disciplinary Actions

Each agency has the right to discipline a Federal employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws up to and including removal from the federal service. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, please see 5 CFR part 724, and contact the Office of Human Capital at CFPB. Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection, and retaliation laws can be found on the EEOC Web site at <http://www.eeoc.gov>, on the OSC Web site at <http://www.osc.gov>, on the DOL Web

site at <http://www.dol.gov>, and the MSPB Web site at <http://www.mspb.gov>.

Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

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Meredith Fuchs,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Period for the Revised Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Military Training Activities at the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility, Boardman, OR

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) published a revised notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF), Oregon in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2011 (76 FR 80910). This notice announces a 32-day extension of the public scoping comment period to end on February 27, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Amy Burt, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA 98315-1101, Attn: NWSTF Boardman Project Manager; or <http://www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public scoping period on the NWSTF Boardman EIS will be extended by 32 days, from January 27, 2012 to February 27, 2012. Comments on the scope of the EIS may be submitted in writing or electronically. Written comments should be mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: Mrs. Amy Burt, NWSTF Boardman EIS Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Northwest, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA 98315-1101. All written comments must be postmarked by February 27, 2012, to ensure they become part of the official record. Comments submitted electronically at the project Web site at <http://www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com> must be submitted before the end of the comment period to ensure they become part of the official record. All scoping comments will be taken into account in the Draft EIS.

Dated: January 25, 2012.

J.M. Beal,
Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

The following patent is available for licensing: Patent application 13/168,459: ACCESSORY INTERFACE SYSTEM (An apparatus for mounting accessories on a weapon mount).

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Monsey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001, telephone (812) 854-4100.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404.

Dated: January 25, 2012.

J. M. Beal,
Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Daniel Defense, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Daniel Defense, Inc. a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to practice in the United States, the Government-owned invention described below: Patent application 13/168,459 (Navy Case 100,359): filed June 24, 2011, entitled "Accessory Interface System".

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than February 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Monsey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001, telephone (812) 854-4100.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Partially Exclusive Patent License; Jinga-hi, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Jinga-hi, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, partially exclusive license in the United States to practice the Government-owned inventions described in U.S. Patent No. 7528606: Coupled Non-linear Sensor System for Sensing a Time-dependent Target Signal and Method of Assembling the System.//U.S. Patent No. 8049570: Coupled bi-stable microcircuit system for ultra-sensitive electrical and magnetic field sensing,//and U.S. Patent Application No. 12/749338: Coupled Bi-Stable Circuit for Ultra-Sensitive