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**Douglas H. Shulman,**

*Commissioner of Internal Revenue.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Recruitment Notice for the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice of Open Season for Recruitment of IRS Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Members.

**DATES:** March 19, 2012 through April 27, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shawn Collins at 202-622-1245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are inviting individuals to help improve the nation's tax agency by applying to be members of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). The mission of the TAP is to listen to taxpayers, identify issues that affect taxpayers, and make suggestions for improving IRS service and customer satisfaction. The TAP serves as an advisory body to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and the National Taxpayer Advocate. TAP members will participate in subcommittees that channel their feedback to the IRS through the Panel's parent committee.

The IRS is seeking applicants who have an interest in good government, a personal commitment to volunteer approximately 300 to 500 hours a year, and a desire to help improve IRS customer service. To the extent possible, the TAP Director will ensure that TAP membership is balanced and represents a cross-section of the taxpaying public with at least one member from each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Potential candidates must be U.S. citizens and must pass an IRS tax compliance check and a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background investigation. Federally-registered lobbyists cannot be members of the TAP.

TAP members are a diverse group of citizens who represent the interests of taxpayers from their respective geographic locations by providing input from a taxpayer's perspective on ways to

improve IRS customer service and administration of the Federal tax system, and by identifying grassroots taxpayer issues. Members should have good communications skills and be able to speak to taxpayers about the TAP and TAP activities, while clearly distinguishing between TAP positions and their personal viewpoints.

Interested applicants should visit the TAP Web site at [www.improveirs.org](http://www.improveirs.org) to complete the on-line application or call the TAP toll-free number, 1-888-912-1227, if they have questions about TAP membership. The opening date for submitting applications is March 19, 2012, and the deadline for submitting applications is April 27, 2012. Interviews may be held. The Department of the Treasury will review the recommended candidates and make final selections. New TAP members will serve a three-year term starting in December 2012. (Note: highly-ranked applicants not selected as members may be placed on a roster of alternates who will be eligible to fill future vacancies that may occur on the Panel.)

Questions regarding the selection of TAP members may be directed to Shawn Collins, Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 3219, Washington, DC 20224, or 202-622-1245.

Dated: February 29, 2012.

**Shawn Collins,**

*Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development, intends to grant to Brain Plasticity, Inc., One Montgomery St., Suite 710, San Francisco, California 94104-4505, USA, an exclusive license to practice the following patent application: PCT/US2011/042031 filed July 8, 2011, entitled "Computer-Implemented interactive behavioral training technique for the optimization of attention or remediation of disorders of attention."

**DATES:** Comments must be received March 21, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov); by mail or hand-delivery to the Director, Regulations Management (O2REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026. Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Call (202) 461-4902 for an appointment (This is not a toll-free number). In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy E. Centanni, Director of Technology Transfer, Office of Research and Development (10P9TT), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 443-5640 (This is not a toll-free number). Copies of the published patent applications may be obtained from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is in the public interest to so license these inventions, as Brain Plasticity, Inc., submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. 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 15 days from the date of this published Notice, the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development receives written evidence and argument which 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.

Dated: February 24, 2012.

**John R. Gingrich,**

*Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans' Rural Health Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on March 29-30, 2012, at the Conference

Center at the Community Health Development, Inc., 201 South Evans Street, Uvalde, Texas, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on health care issues affecting enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas. The Committee examines programs and policies that impact the provision of VA health care to enrolled Veterans residing in rural areas, and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA services for these Veterans.

In the morning of March 29, the Committee will hear from its Chairman; the Veterans Integrated Systems Network 17 Director; and the Chief Executive Officer of the Community Health Development, Inc. In the

afternoon, the Committee will receive overviews of the San Antonio Healthcare Delivery System and the Texas Veterans Commission. The Committee will also receive briefings on improving access in rural health and hear from the Director of the Office of Rural Health (ORH).

In the morning of March 30, the Committee will hear opening remarks from its Chairman; receive briefings on the South Texas Veterans Health Care Telehealth Program, the Homeless Women Veterans Program, and the ORH National Outreach Tool Kit; and hear from the County Veterans Service Officer. In the afternoon, the Committee will discuss its annual report and fall meeting. Public comments will be received at 3:30 p.m.

Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1–2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Judy Bowie, Designated Federal Officer, ORH (10P1R), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email at [rural.health.inquiry@va.gov](mailto:rural.health.inquiry@va.gov). Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Bowie at (202) 461–1929.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Vivian Drake,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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