NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Establishment of a NASA Federal Advisory Committee: Applied Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), and pursuant to Section 314(a) of the NASA Authorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–155), the NASA Administrator has determined that the establishment of the Applied Sciences Advisory Committee as a Federal advisory committee under FACA is necessary and in the public interest in connection with duties imposed upon NASA by law. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), in accordance with Section 102–360(a) of the GSA Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management (41 CFR parts 101–6 and 102–3).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Meister, Strategic Integration and Management Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–1557.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Section 313 of the NASA Authorization Act of 2005 directs that NASA establish a program of grants for competitively-awarded pilot projects to explore the integrated use of sources of remote sensing and other geospatial information to address State, local, regional and tribal agency needs. Section 314(a) of this Act requires that NASA establish an advisory committee to monitor the program established under Section 313. Pursuant to Section 314(a), in late 2008, NASA established the Applied Sciences Analysis Group (ASAG) as a task group under the auspices of the Earth Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council. It has been responsible for providing strategic and programmatic guidance for planning and prioritizing the Earth Science Division’s Applied Sciences Program activities and has served as a community-based interdisciplinary forum for analysis. The AGAG held its first meeting in January 2009, with one or two meetings per year taking place since then. The ASAG has been governed by a Terms of Reference. During 2012, NASA has determined that the establishment of a separate independent Federal advisory committee known as the Applied Sciences Advisory Committee (ASAC) is more in line with the letter and spirit of the statutory requirement.

Nature and Purpose: The ASAC will be governed by a formal charter, consistent with FACA, the GSA Final Rule noted above, and related regulations, policies and guidelines. It shall draw upon the expertise of its members and other sources to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, on Applied Sciences programs, policies, plans and priorities. The ASAC’s recommendations and analysis can be used to inform decisions on the programmatic scope and priorities, as well as the implementation of Applied Sciences programs. In addition, the ASAC will provide a regular forum for broad discussion of Earth science applications and the role of Applied Sciences within and outside of NASA. The ASAC will function solely as an advisory body and comply fully with the provisions of FACA.

Membership: The ASAC will consist of approximately 9–12 members who will serve as Special Government Employees for a two-year term, renewable at the discretion of the Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters. The ASAC Chair will also serve as a member of the Earth Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council.

Meetings: The ASAC shall meet approximately one to two times per year or as required by the Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters.

Designated Federal Officer: The NASA Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for ASAC is Mr. Peter Meister, Strategic Integration and Management Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–1557.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (12–099)]

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant an exclusive license.

SUMMARY: This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive license in the United States to practice the inventions described and claimed in the following U.S. Patent Applications: "Reducing Sensor and Readout Circuitry Noise in Digital Domain Using Referencing Pixels" Application Serial No. 13/489073, NASA Case No. GSC–16181 and "Hilbert-Huang Transform Data Processing Real-Time System with 2–D Capabilities" Application Serial No. 13/474367, NASA Case No. GSC–16328–1 to Syneren Technologies Corporation having its principal place of business in Lanham, Maryland. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The exclusive license will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

DATES: The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. Competing applications completed and received by NASA within fifteen (15) days of the date of this published notice will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Proposal Review Panel for Computing Communication Foundations; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Site Visit, Proposal Panel Review for Science and Technology Centers—Integrative Partnerships

Date/Time: December 3, 2012, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.; December 4, 2012, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; December 5, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Place: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Type of Meeting: Partial Closed.

Contact Person: John Cozzens, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1115, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8910.

Purpose of Meeting: To assess the progress of the STC Award: 0939370, “Emerging Frontiers of Science of Information”, and to provide advice and recommendations concerning further NSF support for the Center.

AGENDA

Monday, December 3, 2012

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Closed—Site Team and NSF Staff meets to discuss Site Visit materials, review process and charge.

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Open—Presentations by Awardee Institution, faculty staff and students, to Site Team and NSF Staff. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

1:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Closed—Draft report on education and research activities.

Thursday, December 5, 2012

8:30 a.m.–noon: Open—Response presentations by Site Team and NSF Staff Awardee Institution faculty staff to. Discussions and question and answer sessions.

Noon to 3:00 p.m.: Closed—Complete written site visit report with preliminary recommendations.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.


Susanne Bolton, Committee Management Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Tomas Vagoun at vagoun@nitrdf.gov or (703) 292–4873.

DATES: To be considered, submissions must be received by December 19, 2012.

SUMMARY: This Request For Comments (RFC) is issued by the Cyber Security and Information Assurance Research and Development Senior Steering Group (SSG) of the Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. The SSG is preparing a report to provide an update on technological developments in Federal cybersecurity research and development since the release of the 2011 Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Strategic Plan (the strategic plan). Also, in light of the ever evolving technological landscape of cybersecurity, and as input to its follow-on report, the SSG seeks comments on the progress over the past year in the research areas identified in the strategic plan, the strategic plan’s impact in orienting private sector cybersecurity research and development activities, the successes and challenges in achieving the technological objectives outlined in the plan, and on any nascent or emerging areas in cybersecurity research and development that warrant further focus. Additionally, the comments will be used by the SSG in its assessment of future needs and directions in Federal cybersecurity research and development. Comments are to be submitted to cybersecurity@nitrdf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Continued cybersecurity research and development is critical to ensuring that we are on track as a Nation to develop innovative tools and capabilities to address