

that includes transforming the most respected Army in the world into a strategically responsive force that is dominant across the full spectrum of operations.

The Army proposes to implement transformation as rapidly as possible, while continually maintaining the warfighting readiness of its operational forces, improving its installations and business practices, and taking care of its people. The proposed program of Army Transformation would be the mechanism used to integrate and synchronize the implementation of the Army Vision. To validate early transformation concepts, an Initial Force of two brigade combat teams at Fort Lewis, Washington, is receiving off-the-shelf equipment to support evaluation and refinement of new doctrinal organizational and operational concepts. An Interim Force of six to eight brigade combat teams will follow in the future. The Interim Force would be a transition force—one that seeks the Objective Force state of the art technology, but leverages today's technology together with modernized legacy forces as a bridge to the future. The Objective Force would be the force that achieves our transformation objective. It would be a future force that would be a strategically responsive Army capable of dominating at every point across the full spectrum of operations and rapidly transitioning across mission requirements without loss of momentum. It would be able to operate as an integral member of joint, multinational, interagency teams and would be dominant against the asymmetric application of conventional, unconventional, and weapons of mass destruction threat capabilities.

The PEIS complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Implementation of the Army Transformation, as envisioned, will be a major undertaking entailing a series of changes in equipment, force structure and training practices. As changes are proposed for specific sites and for equipment acquisition and testing, there will likely be a range of adverse and beneficial effects on the environment. The PEIS informs the public, regulators, concerned groups and Army decision-makers about potential environmental concerns that should be factored into all aspects of Army Transition. Additionally, the PEIS provides all stakeholders with an opportunity to present their views to Army decision-makers.

Alternatives: (1) No Action Alternative—whereby Army Transformation would not be implemented and needed changes to Army equipment, force structure and

training practices would be separately analyzed on a piecemeal basis; and (2) Action Alternative—whereby Army Transformation, as envisioned by Army decision-makers, would be implemented to better meet present and future national security requirements and fulfill the Army Vision.

Significant issues: The PEIS addresses issues including noise, impacts to wetlands and riparian areas, soil erosion, air and water quality, endangered species, and cultural resources.

Comments received as a result of the NOA will be used to assist the Army in identifying potential impacts to the quality of human and natural environments. Individuals or organizations may participate in this process by mailing written comments or by facsimile through the Army Homepage web site www.army.mil/a-z.htm, and scrolling to "Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement."

Dated: October 10, 2001.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA(I&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License of a U.S. Government-Owned Patent

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7 (a)(I)(i), announcement is made of the intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license to U.S. patent number 5,607,979 issued March 4, 1997 entitled "Topical Skin Protectants" to DFB Pharmaceuticals, Inc. with its principal place of business at 3909 Hulen Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. The exclusive field of use will be the prevention or treatment of contact and allergic dermatitis, as well as dermatitis or wounds caused by incontinence.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For

licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664. Both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license can file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, on or before November 2, 2001. Written objections are to be filed with the Command Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Prospective Grant of an Exclusive License

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command (SBCCOM), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR part 404.7(a)(1)(I), SBCCOM hereby gives notice that it is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license in the United States to practice the invention embodied in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Number 60/298,858, filed 6/15/01, entitled, "Photovoltaic Cell" to University of Massachusetts, Lowell having a place of business in Lowell, Massachusetts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone: (508) 233-4928 or e-mail Robert.rosenkrans@natick.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 fifteen (15) days from the date of this published Notice, SBCCOM receives written evidence and argument to 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. The following Patent Number, Title and Issue date is provided:

Provisional Patent Application Number: 60/298,858.

Title: Photovoltaic Cell.
Filing Date: June 15, 2001.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Estuary Habitat Restoration Council

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 105(h) of the Estuary Restoration Act of 2000, (Title I, Public Law 106-457), announcement is made of the forthcoming meeting of the Estuary Habitat Restoration Council. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be in room 3M60/70, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ellen Cummings, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314-1000, (202) 761-4558; or Ms. Cynthia Garman-Squier, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Washington, DC (202) 512-6668.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Estuary Habitat Restoration Council consists of representatives of five agencies. These are the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Agriculture, and Army. Among the duties of the Council is development of a national estuary restoration strategy designed in part to meet the goal of restoring one million acres by 2010. At this first meeting of the Council, procedural matters will be decided, and a framework for conducting Council business will be established.

Current security measures require that persons interested in attending the meeting must pre-register with us before 2 p.m. October 24, 2001. Please contact Ellen Cummings at 202-761-4558 to pre-register. The public should enter on the "G" Street side of the GAO building. All attendees are required to show photo identification and must be escorted to the meeting room by Corps personnel. Attendee's bags and other possessions are subject to being

searched. All attendees arriving between one-half hour before and one-half hour after 10:30 a.m. will be escorted to the hearing. Those that are not pre-registered and/or arriving later than the allotted time will be unable to attend the public hearing.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 17, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate

of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: October 12, 2001.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Reading Excellence Act: School and Classroom Implementation and Impact Study.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Federal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 4,090.

Burden Hours: 3,192.

Abstract: The Reading Excellence Act School and Classroom Implementation and Impact Study (REA-SCII) is a six-year study to learn about the implementation and impact of the REA legislation on instructional practice in reading and on student reading achievement. The study has three components: (1) A large-scale study in which survey data are collected from teachers, principals, and district staff from a nationally-representative random sample of 400 REA schools; and (2) an in-depth study of a subset of 60 schools in which we will collect data from classroom observation as well as measures of student reading; and (3) in-depth case studies in ten REA-funded schools in which we will collect data from classroom observation, teacher interviews, and focus groups.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Jacqueline Montague at (202) 708-5359 or via her Internet address Jackie.Montague@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information