

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 16, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 20602) that a request for a scientific research permit to acquire, import and export samples taken from marine mammals of the Orders Pinnipedia (except walrus) and Cetacea had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: November 2, 2004.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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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 are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. Patent application 10/945,573: ELECTROMAGNETIC WEAPON.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the invention cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code 054, Bldg 1, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Brian Bailey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code 054, Bldg 1, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001, telephone (812) 854-2378. To download an application for license, see: [http://www.crane.navy.mil/newscommunity/techtrans\\_CranePatents.asp](http://www.crane.navy.mil/newscommunity/techtrans_CranePatents.asp).

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

Dated: October 25, 2004.

**S.K. Melancon,**

*Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Federal Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting (FICC)

**AGENCY:** Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC). Notice of this meeting is intended to inform members of the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The FICC will engage in policy discussions related to educational research for young children with communication difficulties and their families. The meeting will be open and accessible to the general public.

**DATE AND TIME:** FICC Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** American Institutes for Research, 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW., Conference Rooms B & C, 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Obral Vance, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW., Room 4127, Washington, DC, 20202. Telephone: (202) 245-7584 (press 3). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (1-800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FICC is established under section 644 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1444). The FICC is established to: (1) Minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs,

including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) Identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical assistance and dissemination of best practice information.

Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, material in alternative format) should notify Obral Vance at (202) 245-7584 (press 3) or (1-800) 877-8339 (TDD) ten days in advance of the meeting. The meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW., Room 4127, Washington, DC 20202, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays, except Federal Holidays.

**Troy R. Justesen,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

**AGENCY:** President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

*Date:* Wednesday, December 8, 2004.

*Time:* 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Address:* The Board will meet at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis Hotel and Resort, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303; phone: 404-521-000, fax: 404-586-6299.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Leonard Dawson, Deputy Counselor, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 502-7889, fax: 202-502-7879.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities is established under Executive Order 13256, dated February 12, 2002, and Executive Order 13316 dated September 17, 2003. The Board is established (a) to report to the President annually on the results of the participation of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in Federal programs, including recommendations on how to increase the private sector role, including the role of private foundations, in strengthening these institutions, with particular emphasis on enhancing institutional planning and development, strengthening fiscal stability and financial management, and improving institutional infrastructure, including the use of technology, to ensure the long-term viability and enhancement of these institutions; (b) to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on the needs of HBCUs in the areas of infrastructure, academic programs, and faculty and institutional development; (c) to advise the Secretary in the preparation of an annual Federal plan for assistance to HBCUs in increasing their capacity to participate in Federal programs; (d) to provide the President with an annual progress report on enhancing the capacity to HBCUs to serve their students; and (e) to develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, a private sector strategy to assist HBCUs.

#### Agenda

The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve the Board's 2002-2003 Annual Report to the President and to discuss other items pertinent to the Board and the nation's HBCUs.

#### Additional Information

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify ReShone Moore at (202) 502-7893, no later than Wednesday,

December 1, 2004. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but, cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, between 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Those members of the public interested in submitting comments may do so at the address indicated above by Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Rod Paige,**

*Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, December 2, 2004, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Beatty Community Center, 100 "A" Avenue, Beatty, NV.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kay Planamento, Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc., 2721 Losee Road, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, phone: 702-657-9088, fax: 702-295-5300, e-mail: [NTSCAB@aol.com](mailto:NTSCAB@aol.com).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

- Members of the Board's Underground Test Area Committee will provide a briefing to update stakeholders on their work related to groundwater issues at the Nevada Test Site.

- Board members will discuss technical committee work plans developed for FY 2005 and will provide and update related to national Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board activities.

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Kelly Kozeliski, at the telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Kay Planamento at the address listed above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 1, 2004.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Berwanger, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant exclusive license.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given to an intent to grant to Berwanger, Inc., of Houston, TX, an exclusive or partially exclusive license to software entitled "Thermal Safety Software" (TSS), developed under ISTC project # 1498. The United States Government, as the exclusive licensee to distribute the software for commercial purposes in the United States, has the right to sublicense the software. A Notice to the effect that the computer software was available for license appeared in the **Federal Register**, October 5, 2004 (69 FR 59585).