

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive Patent License; Market Central, Inc.**

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

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Market Central, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license in the United States and certain foreign countries, to practice the Government owned inventions described in U. S. Patent No. 5,777,400 entitled "Shielded Computer Network Switch" issued July 7, 1998; U.S. Patent Applications Nos. 08/919,181 entitled "Physical Security Access Control System to Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN)" filed August 15, 1997; U.S. Patent Application No. 08/919,180 entitled "Secured Network System" (title will be changed to "Data Relay Switch") filed August 15, 1997; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/035,409 entitled "Secured Network System" filed February 10, 1998.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than October 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R. J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research, ONR 00CC, Ballston Tower One, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

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

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Michael I. Quinn,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

Hazel Fiers,

Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Secretary's Awards for Outstanding Adult Education and Literacy Programs.

Frequency: Every other year.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 40.

Burden Hours: 1,600.

Abstract: The Secretary's Awards identifies programs featuring promising practices in family literacy, welfare to further education or work, services to out-of-school youth, or corrections.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation; Notice of Meeting**

Date and Time: Thursday, October 8, 1998, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Friday, October 9, 1998, 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Place: The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3388. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an accommodation to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested accommodations may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange them.

Status: Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. Parts of this meeting will be closed to the public.

Matters to be Considered: The standards of accreditation applied to medical schools by a number of foreign countries and the comparability of those standards to the standards of accreditation applied to United States medical schools. Discussions of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions that focus on specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public in order that each country may be properly notified of the decision.

Supplementary Information: Pursuant to section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1992 (20 U.S.C. § 1088), the Secretary established within the Department of Education the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation. The Committee's

responsibilities are to (1) evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to applicant foreign medical schools; and (2) determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools.

For Further Information Contact: Bonnie LeBold, Executive Director, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 3082, ROB #3, Washington, D.C. 20202-7563. Telephone: (202) 260-3636. Beginning September 28, 1998, you may call to obtain the identity of the countries whose standards are to be evaluated during this meeting.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of an amended Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) prepared a final programmatic environmental impact statement, Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials (Storage and Disposition PEIS) (DOE/EIS-0229, December 1996) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations, and DOE implementing procedures. The Storage and Disposition PEIS, among other things, assesses the potential environmental impacts of alternatives and locations for storing weapons-usable fissile materials (plutonium and highly enriched uranium).

On January 14, 1997, DOE issued a Record of Decision (Storage and Disposition ROD), 62 FR 3014, (January 21, 1997), selecting weapons-usable fissile materials storage and surplus plutonium disposition strategies. For plutonium storage, DOE decided to consolidate part of its weapons-usable plutonium storage by upgrading and expanding existing and planned facilities at the Pantex Plant (Pantex) near Amarillo, Texas and the Savannah River Site (SRS) near Aiken, South Carolina. For plutonium currently stored at the Hanford Site (Hanford) near Richland, Washington, and other DOE sites, DOE decided that surplus weapons-usable plutonium would remain at these sites until disposition

(or move to lag storage at a disposition facility). The weapons-usable plutonium stored at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS), near Golden, Colorado, would be moved to Pantex and the SRS. However, the plutonium destined for the SRS, i.e., non-pit, weapons-usable surplus plutonium, would be moved only if: (1) the plutonium had been stabilized under corrective actions in response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 94-1 and packaged to meet the DOE storage Standard 3013-96, Criteria for Safe Storage of Plutonium Metals and Oxides, (2) the construction and expansion of the Actinide Packaging and Storage Facility (APSF) at the SRS had been completed, and (3) the SRS had been selected in the upcoming Record of Decision for the Surplus Plutonium Disposition Environmental Impact Statement as the immobilization disposition site for surplus weapons-usable plutonium.

In order to support the early closure of the RFETS and the early deactivation of plutonium storage facilities at the Hanford site, DOE is modifying, contingent upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, some of the decisions made in its Storage and Disposition ROD associated with surplus plutonium storage pending disposition. Namely, DOE will take steps that allow: (1) the accelerated shipment of all non-pit surplus weapons-usable plutonium from the RFETS (about 7 metric tons) to the SRS beginning in about 2000, in advance of completion of the APSF in 2001, and (2) the relocation of all Hanford surplus weapons-usable plutonium (about 4.6 metric tons) to the SRS, between about 2002 and 2005, pending disposition. However, consistent with the Storage and Disposition PEIS ROD, DOE will only implement the movement of RFETS and Hanford non-pit, surplus weapons-usable plutonium inventories to the SRS if the SRS is selected as the immobilization disposition site. DOE is preparing the Surplus Plutonium Disposition Environmental Impact Statement (SPD EIS), draft issued July 1998, as part of the decision making process for determining an immobilization site.¹

To accommodate the storage of Hanford surplus weapons-usable plutonium, DOE will expand the APSF as planned in the Storage and Disposition ROD. In addition, to accommodate the early receipt and storage of the RFETS surplus

plutonium, the Department will prepare additional suitable storage space in Building 105-K (i.e., K-Reactor) in the K-Area at the SRS. Portions of Building 105-K will be modified to provide safe and secure plutonium storage. Safeguards and security features will be upgraded, criticality monitoring devices will be installed, structural features will be inspected and repaired, roof vents will be added, and doors will be modified. Several areas in the facility will be decontaminated and excess equipment will be removed to provide additional floor space.

Modifications will also include dismantling and removing unused process equipment in four building areas: Stack Area, Crane Maintenance Area, Crane Wash Area, and Process Room.

Security systems in the four building areas will be reactivated and upgraded to support using them for plutonium storage. Existing systems including the K-Area security perimeter, security control system and building water/power ventilation support systems will be used. Building modifications will provide for truck loading and unloading, material conformation, shipping accountability measurements, and storage. The Department will also declassify (process the metal to produce unclassified "buttons") some of the RFETS plutonium materials using SRS's FB-Line (in the F-Area) and after declassification, package this material in the APSF to meet the DOE storage Standard 3013-96, Criteria for Safe Storage of Plutonium Metals and Oxides.

All plutonium materials shipped to SRS will be stable and, except for classified metal and/or parts, will be packaged to meet the requirements of the DOE Standard 3013-96, Criteria for Safe Storage of Plutonium Metals and Oxides, before shipment. All shipments of plutonium to SRS will be by Safe Secure Transport (SST) in accordance with applicable DOE, U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements and regulations. Some of the RFETS plutonium material packaged and shipped will be less than 50% plutonium by weight; as a result, there will be approximately 3% more total weight of material and a corresponding increase in the number of shipments than considered in the Storage and Disposition PEIS, although the total amount of plutonium in the material will remain about the same.

Under the previous ROD, a maximum of 10 metric tons of surplus plutonium, including plutonium from RFETS and existing onsite plutonium, would be

¹ SRS has been identified by DOE as the preferred site for the immobilization disposition facility.