

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04-101]

Return to Flight Task Group; Meeting**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting by teleconference of the Return to Flight Task Group (RTF TG).**DATES:** Thursday, August 26, 2004, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time.**ADDRESSES:** The teleconference will be originated from the Apollo Annex, Suite 101, 1740 NASA Parkway, Houston, TX 77598.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Vincent D. Watkins at (281) 792-7523.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public may monitor the teleconference audio from the Apollo Annex Room 175 up to the seating capacity of the facility. Attendees will be requested to sign a register. The public may also listen to the meeting on the internet at <http://returntoflight.org>.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Welcome remarks from Co-Chair
- Discussion of status of NASA's implementation of selected Columbia Accident Investigation Board return to flight recommendations
- Action item summary from Executive Secretary
- Closing remarks from Co-Chair.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

R. Andrew Falcon,*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04-099]

Notice of Prospective Patent License**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of Prospective Patent License.**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that Bigelow Development Aerospace

Division, LLC, having offices in Las Vegas, NV, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention described and claimed in Patent No. 6,354,540 entitled "Androgynous, Reconfigurable Closed Loop Feedback Controlled Low Impact Docking System With Load Sensing Electromagnetic Capture Ring," Case No. MSC-22931-1.

The patent is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to the Johnson Space Center. NASA has not yet made a determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by August 31, 2004.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Cate, Patent Attorney, NASA Johnson Space Center, Mail Stop HA, Houston, TX 77058-8452; telephone (281) 483-1001.

Dated: August 5, 2004.

Keith T. Sefton,*Deputy General Counsel, Administration and Management.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04-097]

Notice of Prospective Patent License**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of Prospective Patent License.**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that Luna Innovations, Incorporated, of 2851 Commerce Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions disclosed in NASA Case Numbers LAR 16406-1 entitled "Ultrasonic Apparatus and Method to Assess Compartment Syndrome" and NASA Case No. LAR 16854-1 entitled "Method and apparatus to Assess Compartment Syndrome," both of which U.S. Patent Applications were filed and are assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to NASA Langley Research Center. NASA has not yet made a determination to grant the requested

license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by August 31, 2004.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Galus, Patent Attorney, Mail Stop 212, NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681-2199, (757) 864-3227; Fax (757) 864-9190.

Dated: August 9, 2004.

Keith T. Sefton,*Deputy General Counsel, Administration and Management.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04-100]

Notice of Prospective Patent Application License**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of Prospective Patent Application License.**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that NanoConduction Inc., of Los Gatos, CA has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions disclosed in a filed U.S. Patent Application No. 10/825,795, NASA Case No. ARC-15173-1, entitled "Nanoengineered Thermal Materials Using Carbon Nanotube Array Composites," which is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Ames Research Center.**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by August 31, 2004.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Padilla, Chief Patent Counsel, NASA Ames Research Center, M/S 202A-4, Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000, (650) 604-5104.

Dated: July 27, 2004.

Keith T. Sefton,*Deputy General Counsel, Administration and Management.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04-098]

Notice of Prospective Patent License**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Prospective Patent License.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Face International Corporation, 427 West 35th Street, Norfolk, VA 23502, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention described in NASA Case Numbers LAR 15348-1-CA, LAR 15348-1-DE, LAR 15348-1-FR, LAR 15348-1-GB, LAR 15348-1-JP, LAR 15348-2-GB, LAR 15348-2-IT, LAR 15348-2-FR, and LAR 15348-2-DE all of which are entitled "Thin Layer Composite Unimorph Ferroelectric Driver and Sensor," which are assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to NASA Langley Research Center. NASA has not yet made a determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by August 31, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry V. Gibbens, Patent Attorney, Mail Stop 212, NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681-2199, (757) 864-7141; Fax (757) 864-9190.

Dated: August 6, 2004.

Keith T. Sefton,

Deputy General Counsel, Administration and Management.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Fellowships Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Fellowships Advisory Panel, Literature section (Poetry Fellowships category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on from September 21-23, 2004 in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

A portion of this meeting, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on September 23rd, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on September 21st, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 22nd, and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on September 23rd, will be closed.

The closed portions of this meeting are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 14, 2004, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call (202) 682-5691.

Dated: August 9, 2004.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 7, 2004, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on August 10, 2004 to: Mahlon C. Kennicutt, II, Permit No. 2005-008; John C. Priscu, Permit No. 2005-009; and W. Berry Lyons, Permit No. 2005-010.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board ("RRB") will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection:

Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0138.

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act ("RRA") provides for payment of annuities to qualified employees and their spouses. In order to receive an age and service annuity, Section 2(e)(3) states that an applicant must stop all railroad work and give up any rights to return to such work. A disability applicant must give up all railroad work, but does not have to relinquish rights to return to railroad work until he or she attains full retirement age, or, if earlier, a spouse annuity or supplemental annuity becomes payable. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, an applicant is no longer required to stop work for a "Last Pre-Retirement Nonrailroad Employer" ("LPE"). LPE is defined as any non-railroad individual, company, or institution for whom an annuitant is working on the annuity beginning date, or for whom they stopped working in order to receive an annuity. Section 2(f)(6) of the RRA requires that a portion of the employee's Tier II benefit and supplemental annuity be deducted for earnings from an "LPE" employer.

The RRB currently utilizes Form AA-4, *Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire*, when an applicant claims to be self-employed to obtain information needed to determine if the applicant's work is LPE, railroad service, or self-employment. If the work is self-employment, the questionnaire identifies any months in which the