

attendance at meetings is expected. Intercessional activities may be carried out electronically, and the panel may establish sub-panels composed of less than full membership to carry out panel duties.

**Nominations:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership on the panel. Nominated individuals should have extended expertise and experience in the field of ocean science. Nominations should be identified by name, occupation, position, address, telephone number, e-Mail address, and a brief paragraph describing their qualifications in the context of the ORAP Charter (<http://www.nopp.org/Dev2Go.web?id=221086>). It would be most helpful if a résumé or curriculum vitae is included.

**Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:** Submit nominations via e-Mail to [huyssoc@onr.navy.mil](mailto:huyssoc@onr.navy.mil) no later than February 25, 2005. Nominations will be acknowledged and nominators will be informed of the new panel members, which are ultimately selected and approved. From the nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice, the ORAP Nomination Committee will down select to a short-list of available candidates (150% of the available open positions for consideration). The selected candidates will be required to fill-out the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Report" OGE Form 450. This confidential form will allow Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between the person's public responsibilities and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The OGE Form 450 and additional guidance may be viewed from the following URL address: (<http://www.ethics.navy.mil/forms.asp#450>).

In accordance with section 7903 of title 10, United States Code, the short-list of candidates will then be submitted for approval by the Secretary of the Navy with concurrence by the Secretary of Defense. In order to have the collective breadth of experience in the panel and maintain full panel membership, six new candidates are expected to be selected with terms to begin in July 2005.

The selection of new panel members will be based on the nominee's qualifications to provide senior scientific advice to the NORLC; the availability of the potential panel member to fully participate in the panel meetings; absence of any conflict of interest or appearance of lack of

impartiality, and lack of bias; the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications; and achieving an overall balance of different scientific perspectives and expertise on the panel.

Dated: January 13, 2005.

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*Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Board of Advisors (BOA) to the President, U.S. Naval War College (NWC)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The BOA to the President, U.S. NWC, will meet to discuss educational, doctrinal, and research policies and programs at the NWC. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, March 18, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Conolly Hall, U.S. NWC, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard R. Menard, Office of the Provost, U.S. NWC, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI 02841-1207, telephone number (401) 841-3589.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The purpose of the Board of Advisors meeting is to elicit advice on educational, doctrinal, and research policies and programs. The agenda will consist of presentations and discussions on the curriculum, programs and plans of the College since the last meeting of the BOA in March 2004.

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**I.C. Le Moyne Jr.,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; SWORD Diagnostics

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to SWORD Diagnostics, a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license, to practice in the fields of rapid detection of pathogens for food safety; drinking water and process water; and human and veterinary diagnostic markets in the United States and certain foreign countries, the Government-Owned inventions described in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/113,643 entitled "Efficient Near-Neighbor Search (ENN-SEARCH) Method for High Dimensional Data Sets with Noise", Navy Case No. 82,296.

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than February 9, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jane Kuhl, Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-3083. Due to U.S. Postal delays, please fax (202) 404-7920, e-mail: [kuhl@utopia.nrl.navy.mil](mailto:kuhl@utopia.nrl.navy.mil) or use courier delivery to expedite response.

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

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**I.C. Le Moyne Jr.,**

*Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, as Amended by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting to seek comments and suggestions on regulatory issues under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as

amended by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces plans to hold the forth of a series of public meetings to seek comments and suggestions from the public prior to developing and publishing proposed regulations to implement programs under the recently revised Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

**DATE AND TIME OF PUBLIC MEETING:**

Friday, February 11, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** San Diego City Public Schools, Lindbergh Schweitzer Elementary School, Schweitzer Campus, 6991 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, CA 92111.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Troy R. Justesen. Telephone: (202) 245-7468.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On December 3, 2004, the President signed into law Pub L. 108-446, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, amending the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Copies of the new law may be obtained at the following Web site: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/index.html>.

Enactment of the new law provides an opportunity to consider improvements in the regulations implementing the IDEA (including both formula and discretionary grant programs) that would strengthen the Federal effort to ensure every child with a disability has available a free appropriate public education that (1) is of high quality, and (2) is designed to achieve the high standards reflected in the No Child Left Behind Act and regulations.

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services will be holding a series of public meetings during the first few months of calendar year 2005 to seek input and suggestions for developing regulations, as needed, based on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

This notice provides specific information about the forth of these meetings, scheduled for San Diego, CA (see **DATE AND TIME OF PUBLIC MEETING** earlier in this Notice).

Other informal meetings will be conducted in the following locations:

- Atlanta, GA;
- Laramie, WY; and
- Washington, DC.

In subsequent **Federal Register** notices, we will notify you of the

specific dates and locations of each of these meetings, as well as other relevant information.

Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and material in alternative format) should notify the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

**John H. Hager,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**National Board for Education Sciences; Inaugural Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Board for Education Sciences; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Partially Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the open portion of the meeting. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Mary Grace Lucier at (202) 219-2253 by January 28. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** February 8 and 9, 2005.

*Time:* On February 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Location:* Room 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Grace Lucier, Designated Federal Official, National Board for Education Sciences, Washington, DC 20208. Tel.: (202) 219-2353; fax: (202) 219-1466; e-mail: [Mary.Grace.Lucier@ed.gov](mailto:Mary.Grace.Lucier@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Board for Education Sciences is authorized by Section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002. The Board advises the Director of the

Institute of Education Sciences (IES) on the establishment of activities to be supported by the Institute, on the funding of applications for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for research after the completion of peer review, and reviews and evaluates the work of the Institute. After a swearing-in ceremony on February 8, the Board will introduce their members and hear briefings on government ethics issues, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the Board's legislative mandate. The meeting will close to the public from 3-4:30 p.m. under the authority of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) and under exemption (6) of Section 552b(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409; 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)). There will be a discussion of the qualifications and fitness of candidates for the position of chairman and executive director, which discussion will touch upon matters that would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in an open session. On February 9, the Board will review the agency budget, hear briefings on selected IES projects, and plan the schedule and agenda for future meetings. A final agenda will be available from Mary Grace Lucier on January 28.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within fourteen days of the meeting. Records will be kept of all Board proceedings and will be available for public inspection at the office of the National Board for Education Sciences, Suite 100, 80 F St. NW., Washington, DC 20208.

Dated: January 18, 2005.

**Grover J. Whitehurst,**

*Director, Institute of Education Sciences.*

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**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting for EAC Standards Board.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, February 2, 2005, 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 3, 2005, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.