

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; ADA Technologies, Inc.****AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to ADA Technologies, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive, license to practice worldwide the Government-Owned inventions described in U.S. Patent No. 5,885,076 entitled "Method and System for Removing Mercury From Dental Waste Water," issued 23 March 1999, in the field of removal of mercury from dental waste water.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Technology Transfer, Naval Medical Research Center, 503 Robert Grant Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910-7500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Charles Schlagel, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, Naval Medical Research Center, 503 Robert Grant Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910-7500, telephone (301) 319-7428.

J.T. Baltimore,

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

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BILLING CODE 3810-FF-P**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Meeting**

AGENCY: Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming public meeting of the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics (the Commission). The meeting will take place in Washington, DC.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meetings should notify the Commission office no later than January 22, 2003. 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.

Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: January 29-30, 2003.

Location: Hilton Washington and Towers Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

Times: January 29: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m. January 30: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Meeting Format: This meeting will be held according to the following schedule:

1. Date: January 29, 2003, Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m. January 30, 2003, Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Attendees: If you would like to attend any or all of the above listed meetings, we ask that you register with the Commission office by email or fax to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please provide us with your name contact information.

Participants: The meeting scheduled for January 29-30, 2003 will consist of review and discussion by the Commissioners of the information from the previous public meetings in preparation for the Commission's forthcoming report to the Secretary of Education. The public is invited to observe this meeting; however there will not be opportunity for public comment.

In addition to making reservations, individuals attending the public meetings, for security purposes, must be prepared to show photo identification in order to enter the meeting location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

1. *Internet.* We encourage you to send your questions through the Internet to the following address:

OpportunityinAthletics@ed.gov

2. *Mail.* You may submit your comments to The Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., ROB-3 Room 3060, Washington, DC 20202. Due to delays in mail delivery caused by heightened security, please allow adequate time for the mail to be received.

3. *Facsimile.* You may submit comments by facsimile at (202) 260-4560.

View the Commission's Web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/inits/commissionsboards/athletics>. The Commission office number is 202-708-7417.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The nation is commemorating the 30th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, the landmark legislation prohibiting recipients of Federal funds from

discriminating on the basis of sex. Since this legislation was enacted, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of women participating in athletics at the high school and college level. The Secretary of Education has determined that this anniversary provides an appropriate time to review the application of Title IX to educational institutions; efforts to provide equal opportunity in athletics to women and men. In order to do so, the Secretary established the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. The Commission will produce a report no later than February 28, 2003, outlining its findings relative to the opportunities for men and women in athletics in order to improve the effectiveness of Title IX.

The Commission will discuss the following priority areas:

1. Are Title IX standards for assessing equal opportunity in athletics working to promote opportunities for male and female athletes?

2. Is there adequate Title IX guidance that enables colleges and school districts to know what is expected of them and to plan for an athletic program that effectively meets the needs and interests of their students?

3. Is further guidance or are other steps needed at the junior and senior high school levels where the availability or absence of opportunities will critically affect the prospective interests and abilities of student athletes when they reach college age?

4. How should activities such as cheerleading or bowling factor into the analysis of equitable opportunities?

5. How do revenue producing and large-roster teams affect the provision of equal athletic opportunities? The Department has heard from some parties that whereas some men athletes will "walk-on" to intercollegiate teams—without athletic financial aid and without having been recruited—women rarely do this. Is this accurate and, if so, what are its implications for Title IX analysis?

6. In what ways do opportunities in other sports venues, such as the Olympics, professional leagues, and community recreation programs, interact with the obligations of colleges and school districts to provide equal athletic opportunity? What are the implications for Title IX?

7. Apart from Title IX enforcement, are there other efforts to promote athletic opportunities for male and female students that the Department might support, such as public-private partnerships to support the efforts of schools and colleges in this area?

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Dated: January 6, 2003.

Rod Paige,

Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Retrieval, Treatment, and Disposal of Tank Waste and Closure of Single-Shell Tanks at the Hanford Site, Richland, WA

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed retrieval, treatment, and disposal of the waste being managed in the high-level waste (HLW) tank farms at the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington, and closure of the 149 single-shell tanks (SSTs) and associated facilities in the HLW tank farms. The HLW tanks contain both hazardous and radioactive waste (mixed waste).

This EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508 and 10 CFR part 1021). DOE's proposed action is to remove waste from the tanks to the extent that retrieval is technically and economically feasible, treat the waste through vitrification in the planned Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) and/or one of several other treatment processes such as bulk vitrification, grout, steam reforming and sulfate removal, depending on waste type and waste

characteristics. DOE proposes to package the waste for offsite shipment and disposal or onsite disposal. The tanks would be filled with materials to immobilize the residual waste and prevent long-term degradation of the tanks and discourage intruder access.

The 149 underground SSTs and 28 underground double-shell tanks (DSTs) are grouped in 18 tank farms that are regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) as treatment, storage, and disposal units that, for closure purposes, include tanks, associated ancillary equipment, and contaminated soils.

DOE proposes to close the tanks in accordance with the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (also known as the Tri-Party Agreement or TPA). DOE invites public comments on the proposed scope of this EIS.

DATES: The public scoping period begins with the publication of this Notice and concludes March 10, 2003. DOE invites Federal agencies, Native American tribes, State and local governments, and members of the public to comment on the scope of this EIS. DOE will consider fully all comments received by the close of the scoping period and will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

Public meetings will be held during the scoping period. Meetings will be held in Seattle and Richland, Washington and in Portland and Hood River, Oregon on the following dates.

Richland: February 5, 2003.

Hood River: February 18, 2003.

Portland: February 19, 2003.

Seattle: February 20, 2003.

At least 15 days prior to the meetings, DOE will notify the public of the meeting locations and times and will provide additional information about each meeting through press releases, advertisements, mailings and other methods of encouraging public participation in the NEPA process. At these scoping meetings, DOE will provide information about the tank waste program and alternatives for retrieving, treating, and disposing of the waste, along with alternatives for closing the SSTs. The meetings will provide opportunities to comment orally or in writing on the EIS scope, including the alternatives and issues that DOE should consider in the EIS.

ADDRESSES: DOE invites public comment on the proposed scope of this EIS. Comments may be submitted by mail, electronic mail, fax, or voice mail and addressed as follows: Mary Beth Burandt, Document Manager, DOE Office of River Protection, U.S. Department of Energy, Post Office Box

450, Mail Stop H6-60, Richland, Washington, 99352, Attention: Tank Retrieval and Closure EIS, Electronic mail: Mary_E_Burandt@rl.gov, Fax: (509) 376-2002, Telephone and voice mail: (509) 373-9160.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request information about this EIS and the public scoping workshops or to be placed on the EIS distribution list, use any of the methods identified in **ADDRESSES** above. For general information about the DOE NEPA process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20585-0119, Fax: (202) 586-7031, Telephone: (202) 586-4600, Voice mail: (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

The Hanford Site defense activities related to nuclear weapons production created a wide variety of waste. Over 50 million gallons of waste are presently stored in the HLW tank farms, which are located in the 200 Area of the Site. The waste is stored in 149 underground SSTs (ranging in capacity from approximately 55,000 to 1 million gallons) and 28 underground DSTs (ranging in capacity from approximately one to 1.16 million gallons) grouped in 18 tank farms, and approximately 60 smaller miscellaneous underground storage tanks. This waste has been processed and transferred between tanks, and as a result, the chemical, physical (*i.e.*, liquid, solid and sludge) and radiological characteristics of the waste vary greatly among and within individual tanks. In addition, the tank waste contains chemicals or has characteristics classified as hazardous waste under RCRA regulations (40 CFR Parts 260-268 and Parts 270-272) and as dangerous waste under the Washington Administrative Code "Dangerous Waste Regulations" (WAC 173-303).

In 1996, DOE issued the Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) EIS (DOE/EIS-0189), which included analyses of alternatives for retrieving and treating (*e.g.*, immobilizing) the waste stored in the tank farms. Because sufficient data were not available to evaluate a range of closure actions, tank system closure alternatives were not evaluated in the TWRS EIS. Among the uncertainties were data regarding past leak losses from the SSTs and how retrieval technology would perform to meet retrieval objectives.

In 1997, DOE issued its Record of Decision (ROD, 62 FR 8693, February