

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive Licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

These patents cover a wide variety of technical arts including: A long-range nonlethal bullet, a device to detect muzzle flash from a gun.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

Title: Long-Range Nonlethal Bullet.

Inventor: Raine M. Gilbert.

Patent Number: 5,691,501.

Issued Date: November 25, 1997.

Title: Infrared Sniper Detection Enhancement.

Inventor: David B. Hillis.

Patent Number: 5,686,889.

Issue Date: November 11, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Norma Vaught, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland 20832-1197, tel: (301) 394-2952; fax: (301) 394-5815 e-mail: nvaught@arl.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Mary V. Yonts,

Alternate Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Title: Detecting Target Imaged on a Large Screen Via Non-Visible Light.

Inventor: Gordon L. Herald.

Patent Number: 5,690,492.

Issue Date: November 25, 1997.

Title: Eyetracker Control of Heads-Up Displays.

Inventor: Christopher C. Smyth.

Patent Number: 5,689,619.

Issue Date: November 18, 1997.

Title: Method and Apparatus for Estimating a Cognitive Decision Made in Response to a Known Stimulus from the Corresponding Single-Event Evoked Cerebral Potential.

Inventor: Christopher C. Smyth.

Patent Number: 5,687,291.

Issue Date: November 11, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Rausa, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg 434, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, tel: (410) 278-5028; fax: (410) 278-5820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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Alternate Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for comments on agencies applying to the Secretary for Initial or Renewed Recognition.

DATES: Commenters should submit their written comments by February 12, 1998 to the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and Eligibility Determination Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Submission of Third-Party Comments

The Secretary of Education recognizes, as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope, accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. The purpose of this notice is to invite interested third parties to present written comments on the agencies listed in this notice that have applied for initial or continued recognition. A subsequent **Federal Register** notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests for oral presentation before the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (the "Advisory Committee") on the agencies being reviewed. That notice, however, does not constitute another call for written comment. This notice is the only call for written comment.

All comments received in response to this notice will be reviewed by Department staff as part of its evaluation of the agencies' compliance with the

Secretary's Criteria for Recognition. In order for Department staff to give full consideration to the comments received and to address them in the staff analyses that will be presented to the Advisory Committee at its June 1998 meeting, the comments must arrive at the address listed above not later than February 12, 1998. Comments received after the deadline will be reviewed by Department staff, which will take action, as appropriate, either before or after the meeting, should the comments suggest that an accrediting agency is not acting in accordance with the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition.

All comments must relate to the Secretary's Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies. Comments pertaining to agencies whose interim reports will be reviewed must be restricted to the concerns raised in the Secretary's letter for which the report is requested.

The Advisory Committee advises the Secretary of Education on the recognition of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies. The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet June 8-10, 1998 in Washington, D.C. All written comments in response to this notice that are received by the Department by the deadline will be considered by both the Advisory Committee and the Secretary. Comments received after the deadline, as indicated previously, will be reviewed by Department staff, which will take follow-up action, as appropriate, either before or after the meeting. Commenters whose comments are received after the deadline will be notified by staff of the disposition of those comments.

The following agencies will be reviewed during the June 1998 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

Petitions for Initial Recognition—

1. Council on Integrative Medical Education (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of colleges and programs leading to the Doctor of Integrative Medicine (IMD) degree and Doctor of Physiatric Medicine (PMD))
2. Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Schools (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of public vocational/technical schools offering non-degree postsecondary education in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington)

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition—

1. Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy for Accredited Membership") of clinical pastoral education centers, as well as clinical pastoral education and supervisory clinical pastoral education programs.)
2. Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Council on Accreditation and Recognition (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate status") of educational programs for the allied health occupations of cytotechnologist, diagnostic medical sonographer, electroneurodiagnostic technologist, emergency medical technician-paramedic, perfusionist, physician assistant, and surgical technologist)
3. Commission on Optician Accreditation (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of two-year programs for the ophthalmic dispenser and one-year programs for the ophthalmic laboratory technician)
4. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Secondary Schools (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of public vocational/technical schools offering non-degrees, postsecondary education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands)
5. National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of women's health nurse practitioner programs)
6. New York State Board of Regents (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation (registration) of collegiate degree-granting programs or curricula offered by institutions of higher education in the state of New York and of credit-bearing certificate and diploma programs offered by degree-granting institutions of higher education in the state of New York)
7. North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Schools (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of schools offering non-degree, postsecondary education in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota,

Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming)

Interim Reports

(An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted initial or renewed recognition to the agency)—

1. Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, Commission on Accrediting
2. American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
3. American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
4. Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
5. Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Accrediting Committee
6. American Dietetic Association, Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetics Education
7. American Osteopathic Association, Bureau of Professional Education
8. American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
9. Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission
10. Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
11. National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science
12. National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
13. National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission
14. Transitional Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accrediting Commission

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition—

1. Kansas Board of Education
2. New York State Board of Regents, Vocational Education

Interim Report—

1. Oklahoma State Board of Vocational and Technical Education

State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

Petition for Renewal of Recognition—

1. New York State Board of Regents, Nursing Education Unit

Federal Agency Seeking Degree-Granting Authority

In accordance with the Federal policy governing the granting of academic degrees by Federal agencies (approved by a letter from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare, dated December 23, 1954), the Secretary is required to establish a review committee to advise the Secretary concerning any legislation that may be proposed that would authorize the granting of degrees by a Federal agency. The review committee forwards its recommendation concerning a Federal agency's proposed degree-granting authority to the Secretary, who then forwards the committee's recommendation and the Secretary's recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget for review and transmittal to the Congress. The Secretary uses the Advisory Committee as the review committee required for this purpose. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will review the following institution at this meeting:

Proposed Master's Degree-Granting Authority

1. U.S. Army War, Carlisle, PA (request to award the master's degree in Strategic Studies to students who complete its non-resident track)

Public Inspection of Petitions and Third-Party Comments

All petitions and interim reports, and those third-party comments received in advance of the meeting, will be available for public inspection and copying at the U.S. Department of Education, ROB-3, Room 3915, 7th and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone (202) 708-7417 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until May 18, 1998. They will be available again after the June 8-10 Advisory Committee meeting. It is preferred that an appointment be made in advance of such inspection or copying.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee.

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 20, 1998, 3:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

Place: Nashville Convention Center, Room 204, 601 Commerce Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee is to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the role of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in a restructured competitive electric industry. The Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee will prepare a report for submission to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, January 20, 1998

3:00—5:30 PM Opening Remarks—The Honorable Butler Derrick, Chairman
Presentations
Working Session
5:30—6:30 PM Dinner Break
6:30—9:00 PM Working Session
Public Comment Period
9:00 PM Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way which will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Minutes: Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30

days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee may also be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on December 18, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-02-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 19, 1997.

Take notice that on December 17, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to be effective February 1, 1998:

Third Revised Sheet No. 137
First Revised Sheet No. 137A
Second Revised Sheet No. 138
Second Revised Sheet No. 139
First Revised Sheet No. 139A
Second Revised Sheet No. 140
First Revised Sheet No. 141
Second Revised Sheet No. 142
First Revised Sheet No. 143
Third Revised Sheet No. 144

ANR states that it is revising the cashout mechanism set forth in its tariff to: (1) Revise the methodology by which prices are determined for the purchase and sale of imbalance volumes that are cashed-out on its system; and (2) provide for a two-way flow-through of gains and losses from the purchase and sale of cashout volumes.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motion or protests must be