

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: [dfars@acq.osd.mil](mailto:dfars@acq.osd.mil).

Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0187 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite OMB Control Number 0704-0187 in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Williams, at (703) 602-0131. A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp.dars/dfars.html>

Paper copies may be obtained from Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Information Collection in Support of the DoD Acquisition Process (Solicitation Phase), OMB Control Number 0704-0187.

*Needs And Uses:* This information collection requirement pertains to information that an offeror must submit to DoD in response to a request for proposals or an invitation for bids. DoD uses this information to (1) evaluate offers, (2) determine which offeror to select for contract award, and (3) determine whether the offered price is fair and reasonable. DoD also uses this information in determining whether to furnish precious metals as Government-furnished material; whether to accept alternate preservation, packaging, or packing; and whether to trade in existing personal property towards the purchase of new items.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 23,986,320.

*Number of Respondents:* 192,173.

*Responses Per Respondent:*

Approximately 12.

*Number of Responses:* 2,333,667.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10.28 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**Summary of Information Collection**

This information collection pertains to information, not separately covered by another OMB clearance, that an offeror must submit to DoD in response to a request for proposals or an

invitation for bids. In particular, the information collection covers the following DFARS requirements:

- 217.70, Exchange of Personal Property. Section 217.7004, paragraph (a), of this subpart requires that solicitations which contemplate exchange (trade-in) of personal property, and application of the exchange allowance to the acquisition of similar property, shall include a request for offerors to state prices for the new items being acquired both with and without any exchange allowance.

- 217.72, Bakery and Dairy Products. Section 217.7201, paragraph (b)(2), of this subpart requires a contractor's list of cabinet equipment in the schedule of the contract, when the contractor is required to furnish its own cabinets for dispensing milk from bulk containers.

- 217.74, Unfinitized Contract Actions. Unless an exception in 217.7404-5 of this subpart applies, paragraph (b) of 217.7404-3 requires the contractor to submit a qualifying proposal in accordance with the definitization schedule of the unfinitized contract action. A "qualifying proposal" is defined in paragraph (c) of 217.7401 as a proposal containing sufficient information for DoD to do complete and meaningful analyses and audits of the information in the proposal and any other information that the contracting officer has determined that DoD needs to review in connection with the contract.

- 217.75, Acquisition of Replenishment Parts. Paragraph (d) of 217.7504 of this subpart permits contracting officers to include, in sole-source solicitations for replenishment parts, a provision requiring an offeror to supply, with its proposal, price and quantity data on any Government orders for the replenishment part issued within the most recent 12 months.

- 252.208-7000, Intent to Furnish Precious Metals as Government-Furnished Material. Paragraph (b) of this clause requires an offeror to cite the type and quantity of precious metals required in the performance of the contract. Paragraph (c) requires the offeror to submit two prices for each deliverable item that contains precious metals: one based on the Government furnishing the precious metals, and the other based on the contractor furnishing the precious metals.

- 252.209-7001, Disclosure of Ownership or Control by the Government of a Terrorist Country. Paragraph (c) of this provision requires an offeror to provide a disclosure with its offer if the government of a terrorist country has a significant interest in the offeror, in a subsidiary of the offeror, or

in a parent company of which the offeror is a subsidiary.

- 252.211-7004, Alternate Preservation, Packaging, and Packing. Paragraph (b) of this provision requires an offeror to submit information sufficient to allow evaluation of any alternate preservation, packaging, or packing proposed by the offeror.

- 252.226-7000, Notice of Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Set-Aside. Paragraph (c)(2) of this clause requires that, upon request of the contracting officer, the offeror will provide evidence prior to award that the Secretary of Education has determined the offeror to be a historically black college or university or minority institution.

- 252.226-7001, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Status. Paragraph (b) of this provision requires an offeror that is a historically black college or university or minority institution to check the appropriate block to indicate its status as such.

- 252.237-7000, Notice of Special Standards of Responsibility. Paragraph (c) of this provision requires the apparently successful offeror, under a solicitation for audit services, to give the contracting officer evidence that it is licensed by the cognizant licensing authority in the state or other political jurisdiction where the offeror operates its professional practice.

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## 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.

This patent covers a wide variety of technical arts including: A ceramic part to a semi-conductor substrate.

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:** Bonding for Silicon Carbide Directly to a Semiconductor Substrate by Using Silicon to Silicon Bonding.  
**Inventors:** Timothy Mermagen, Judith McCullen, Robert Reams and Bohdam Dobriansky.

**Patent Number:** 5,877,516.

**Issued Date:** March 2, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Rausa, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5055, tel: (410) 278-5028; fax: (410) 278-5820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

**Title:** Scannerless Ladar Architecture Employing Focal Plane Detector Arrays and FM-CW Ranging Theory.

**Inventors:** Barry Stann, William C. Ruff and Zoltan G. Sztankay.

**Patent Number:** 5,877,851.

**Issued Date:** March 2, 1999.

**Title:** Bacterial Spore Detection and Quantification Methods

**Inventor:** David L. Rosen.

**Patent Number:** 5,876,960.

**Issued Date:** March 2, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Norma Cammaratta, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, 2800 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783-1197, tel: (301) 394-2952; fax: (301) 394-5818.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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applied for or received funds under the PCSP for planning or implementation, if the charter school has been in operation for at least 3 consecutive years and has demonstrated overall success, including—

(i) Substantial progress in improving student achievement;

(ii) High levels of parent satisfaction; and

(iii) The management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school.

(b) Under certain circumstances, an authorized public chartering agency participating in a partnership with a charter school developer. Such a partnership is eligible to receive funding directly from the U.S. Department of Education if—

(i) The SEA in its State elects not to participate in this program; or

(ii) The SEA in its State does not have an application approved under this program.

If an SEA's application is approved in this competition, applications received from non-SEA eligible applicants in that State will be returned to the applicants. In such a case, the eligible applicant should contact the SEA for information related to its subgrant competition.

**Note:** The following States currently have approved applications under this program: California, Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas. In these States, only the SEA is eligible to receive an award under this competition. Eligible applicants in these States should contact their respective SEAs for information about participation in the State's charter school subgrant program.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** June 1, 1999.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** June 30, 1999.

**Applications Available:** April 16, 1999.

**Available Funds:** \$50,000,000.

**Estimated Range of Awards:**

State educational agencies: \$500,000–\$5,000,000 per year

Other eligible applicants: \$25,000–\$150,000 per year

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:**

State educational agencies: \$3,000,000 per year

Other eligible applicants: \$100,000 per year

**Estimated Number of Awards:**

State educational agencies: 10–15

Other eligible applicants: 20–30

**Note:** These estimates are projections for the guidance of potential applicants. The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Public Charter Schools Program (PCSP)

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1999.

**Purpose of Program:** The major purpose of the PCSP is to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the Nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of public charter schools; evaluation of the effects of charter schools; and the dissemination of information about charter schools and successful practices in charter schools.

**Who May Apply:** (a) State educational agencies (SEAs) in States with a specific State statute authorizing the establishment of charter schools. The Secretary awards grants to SEAs to enable them to conduct charter school programs in their States. SEAs use their PCSP funds to award subgrants to "eligible applicants," as defined in this notice, for planning, program design, and initial implementation of a charter school; and to support the dissemination of information about, and successful practices in, charter schools. A charter school may apply for funds to carry out dissemination activities, whether or not the charter school has