

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Scientific Advisory Board**

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The 2002 Spring General Board Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet at Hickam Air Force Base and the Hale Koa Hotel in Hawaii. The purpose of this meeting is to hear PACAF and PACOM-specific briefings and to complement the "data gathering" phase of ongoing study efforts. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (10) and (4) thereof.

DATES: 15–19 April, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Hickam AFB, HI; and the Hale Koa Hotel, HI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, (703) 697–8404.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of the general availability of exclusive or partially exclusive licenses under the following pending patent. Any license granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. Applications will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria: (1) Ability to manufacture and market the technology; (2) manufacturing and marketing ability; (3) time required to bring technology to market and production rate; (4) royalties; (5) technical capabilities; and (6) small business status.

Patent application Serial Number 10/060605 entitled "Rapid and Non-Invasive Method to Evaluate Immunization Status of a Patient" filed January 30, 2002. The present invention relates to an assay method and kit for detecting the presence of a pre-designated, target IgG antibody in a

sample selected from one or more patient bodily fluids. The method comprises the following steps: (a) Contacting the sample of one or more patient bodily fluids with a membrane-bound recombinant protective antigen to bind to the target IgG antibody in the sample; (b) previously, simultaneously or subsequently to step a., binding the protective antigen (PA) with a conjugated label producing a detectable signal; and (c) detecting the signal whereby the presence of the target IgG antibody is determined in the sample by the intensity of the signal. The method can further comprise the step of evaluating immunization status of the patient from whom the sample came by comparing the signal or lack thereof with immunizations previously received by the patient. In a preferred embodiment, the recombinant protective antigen (PA) specifically binds to anthrax protective antigen-specific IgG antibodies. Preferably, the immunoassay of the present invention comprises a lateral-flow assay comprising a membrane, a conjugated label pad, and a recombinant protective antigen (PA) bound to the membrane.

DATES: Applications for an exclusive or partially exclusive license may be submitted at any time from the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications to the Office of Technology Transfer, Naval Medical Research Center, 503 Robert Grant Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910–7500, telephone (301) 319–7428.

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 or e-mail at schlagelc@nmrc.navy.mil.

Dated: March 6, 2002.

T.J. Welsh,

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

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Patent application Serial Number 10/061036 entitled "Rapid Lateral Flow Assay for Determining Exposure to Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and Other Mycobacteria" filed January 30, 2002. The present invention relates to an assay method and kit for detecting the presence of at least one pre-designated, target antibody to a mycobacterium in a sample selected from one or more patient bodily fluids. The method comprises the following steps: (a) Contacting the sample of one or more patient bodily fluids with at least one mycobacterium antigen on a lateral-flow assay membrane to bind to the target antibody in the sample; (b) previously, simultaneously or subsequently to step a., binding at least one mycobacterium antigen with a conjugated label producing a detectable signal; and (c) detecting the signal whereby the presence of the target antibody is determined in the sample by the intensity or presence of the signal. The method can further comprise the step of evaluating immunization status of the patient from whom the sample came by comparing the signal or lack thereof with immunizations previously received by the patient and in comparison to a known standard control. In a preferred embodiment, the mycobacterium antigen specifically binds to Mycobacterium tuberculosis specific antibodies. Preferably, the immunoassay of the present invention comprises a lateral-flow assay comprising a membrane, a conjugated label pad, and at least one mycobacterium antigen bound to the membrane. In a preferred embodiment, at least one mycobacterium antigen is selected from the group consisting of 38kDa and 16kDa antigens.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 13, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner;

(3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), Minimum Data Set (MDS).

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 9,924. Burden Hours: 2,232.

Abstract: IPEDS is a system of surveys designed to collect basic data from postsecondary institutions in the United States. To date, the main focus of IPEDS has been Title IV institutions, but institutions that do not participate in these federal student financial aid programs are becoming an increasingly important source of educational opportunity in the country. However, the scope and nature of this group of non-Title IV institutions is not well known. In order to arrive at a statistical estimate of the number of non-Title IV institutions nationwide, IPEDS proposes to conduct an area search to identify these institutions, and to collect a Minimum Data Set of items from them. These data will be made publicly available through a prototype Web-based data access system.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian.reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at (540) 776-7742 or via her internet address Kathy.Axt@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal

Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Impact Aid

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice extending the application deadline date for Impact Aid fiscal year 2003 section 8002 and 8003 grants.

SUMMARY: The Secretary extends the deadline date for the submission of applications for Impact Aid fiscal year 2003 section 8002 and 8003 grants to April 12, 2002. Impact Aid regulations at 34 CFR 222.3 specify that the annual application deadline is January 31. Due to changes in the applications that were necessitated by legislative amendments in the fiscal year 2001 reauthorization of the program and the subsequent revision, production, and distribution of the application packages, the Secretary extends the deadline for the potential applicants under sections 8002 and 8003 for Impact Aid assistance for fiscal year 2003. Section 8003 applicants must still use a survey date for their student counts that is at least three days after the start of the 2001-2002 school year and before the extended deadline of April 12, 2002.

DATES: Effective Date: This notice extending the application deadline date to April 12, 2002, for Impact Aid fiscal year 2003 section 8002 and 8003 grants is effective March 13, 2002. The deadline date for the transmittal of comments on those applications by State Educational Agencies is April 26, 2002. The Secretary will also accept and approve for payment any otherwise approvable application that is received on or before the 60th calendar day after April 12, 2002, which is June 11, 2002, or the 60th day after the Secretary provides written notice to a local educational agency. However, any applicant meeting the conditions of the preceding sentence will have its payment reduced by 10 percent of the amount it would have received had its application been filed by April 12, 2002.

For Applications or Information Contact: Impact Aid Program, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-6244. Telephone: (202) 260-3858.

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