

Address: The Board will meet at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis Hotel and Resort, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303; phone: 404-521-000, fax: 404-586-6299.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Leonard Dawson, Deputy Counselor, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 502-7889, fax: 202-502-7879.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities is established under Executive Order 13256, dated February 12, 2002, and Executive Order 13316 dated September 17, 2003. The Board is established (a) to report to the President annually on the results of the participation of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in Federal programs, including recommendations on how to increase the private sector role, including the role of private foundations, in strengthening these institutions, with particular emphasis on enhancing institutional planning and development, strengthening fiscal stability and financial management, and improving institutional infrastructure, including the use of technology, to ensure the long-term viability and enhancement of these institutions; (b) to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on the needs of HBCUs in the areas of infrastructure, academic programs, and faculty and institutional development; (c) to advise the Secretary in the preparation of an annual Federal plan for assistance to HBCUs in increasing their capacity to participate in Federal programs; (d) to provide the President with an annual progress report on enhancing the capacity to HBCUs to serve their students; and (e) to develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, a private sector strategy to assist HBCUs.

Agenda

The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve the Board's 2002-2003 Annual Report to the President and to discuss other items pertinent to the Board and the nation's HBCUs.

Additional Information

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify ReShone Moore at (202) 502-7893, no later than Wednesday,

December 1, 2004. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but, cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, between 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Those members of the public interested in submitting comments may do so at the address indicated above by Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rod Paige,

Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, December 2, 2004, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Beatty Community Center, 100 "A" Avenue, Beatty, NV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay Planamento, Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc., 2721 Losee Road, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, phone: 702-657-9088, fax: 702-295-5300, e-mail: NTSCAB@aol.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- Members of the Board's Underground Test Area Committee will provide a briefing to update stakeholders on their work related to groundwater issues at the Nevada Test Site.

- Board members will discuss technical committee work plans developed for FY 2005 and will provide and update related to national Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board activities.

Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Kelly Kozeliski, at the telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Kay Planamento at the address listed above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 1, 2004.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Berwanger, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant exclusive license.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given to an intent to grant to Berwanger, Inc., of Houston, TX, an exclusive or partially exclusive license to software entitled "Thermal Safety Software" (TSS), developed under ISTC project # 1498. The United States Government, as the exclusive licensee to distribute the software for commercial purposes in the United States, has the right to sublicense the software. A Notice to the effect that the computer software was available for license appeared in the **Federal Register**, October 5, 2004 (69 FR 59585).

DATES: Written comments or nonexclusive license applications are to be received at the address listed below no later than December 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John T. Lucas, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6F-067, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone (202) 586-2939.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 35 U.S.C. 209 provides federal agencies with authority to grant exclusive licenses in federally-owned inventions which are or may be patentable, if, among other things, the agency finds that the public will be served by the granting of the license. The statute requires that no exclusive license may be granted unless public notice of the intent to grant the license has been provided, and the agency has considered all comments received in response to that public notice, before the end of the comment period.

Berwanger, Inc., of Houston, TX has applied for an exclusive license to TSS and has plans for its commercialization. The exclusive license will be subject to a license and other rights retained by the U.S. Government, and other terms and conditions to be negotiated. DOE intends to negotiate to grant the license, unless, within 30 days of this notice, the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, receives in writing any of the following, together with supporting documents:

- (i) A statement from any person setting forth reasons why it would not be in the best interests of the United States to grant the proposed license; or
- (ii) An application for a nonexclusive license to the software in which applicant states that if already has brought the invention to practical application or is likely to bring the software to practical application expeditiously.

The Department will review all timely written responses to this notice, and will proceed with negotiating the license if, after consideration of written responses to this notice, a finding is made that the license is in the public interest.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 1, 2004.

Paul A. Gottlieb,

Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 02, 2003 (69 FR 17403).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-G65093-NM Rating LO, San Diego Range Allotment Project, Proposes to Revise Grazing Program, Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez Ranger District, Township 17-19 North, Range 1-3 East, Sandoval County, NM.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65422-MT Rating EC2, West Side Reservoir Post-Fire Project, Proposed Implementation of Timber Salvage and Access Management Treatments, Flathead National Forest, Hungry Horse and Spotted Bear Ranger Districts, Flathead County, MT.

Summary: EPA supports actions that promote watershed restoration. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns because all actions alternatives, including the preferred, have the potential to cause adverse impacts to riparian area, soils, water quality, and the threatened grizzly bear. The final EIS should maximize decommissioning of road, restrict ORV use from wetlands and other sensitive habitats, provide large snags and downed material to improve habitat quality and continue to minimize new road construction.

ERP No. D-BLM-K65275-00 Rating LO, California Coastal National Monument Resource Management Plan, To Protect Important Biological and Geological Values: Islands, Rocks,

Exposed Reefs, and Pinnacles above Mean High Tide, CA, OR and Mexico.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed Balanced Management Alternative.

ERP No. DS-GSA-G80000-TX Rating LO, Del Rio Port of Entry (POE), Increased Security Measures Associated with Phase II Expansion, Supplement to the 1992 Del Rio Border Patrol Station, Del Rio, Val Verde County, TX.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed alternative.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J70020-CO Upper Blue Stewardship Project, Vegetation Management, Travel Management, and Dispersed Camping Sites Designation, Implementation, U.S. Army COE 404 Permit, White River National Forest, Dillon Ranger District, Summit County, CO.

Summary: EPA's concerns were adequately addressed in the Final EIS; therefore, EPA has no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. F-FHW-H40176-MO US 40/61 Bridge Location Study Over the Missouri River, Improvement of the Transportation System, section 9 of the Rivers and Harbor Act Permit, and U.S. Army COE section 10 and 404 Permits, Missouri River, St. Charles and St. Louis Counties, MO.

Summary: The Final EIS adequately addresses issues raised by EPA in the review of the Draft EIS for this action; therefore, EPA has no additional comments related to the bridge construction as described in the Final EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-J40161-UT I-15, 31st Street in Ogden to 2700 North in Farr West, Reconstruction, Widening and Interchange Improvements, Funding and U.S. Army COE section 404 Permit, Weber County, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed concern about FHWA's responses to EPA's comments on the air quality analysis performed for the DEIS.

Amended Notice: ERP No. F-AFS-L65443-OR Biscuit Fire Recovery Project, Various Management Activities Alternatives, Implementation, The Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests, Josephine and Curry Counties, OR.

Summary: The modified preferred alternative was well crafted to balance the need to salvage valuable wood, provide economic opportunities to the local community, and protect and restore the burn area. In addition to reducing the overall salvage acreage by a third, the modified preferred alternative includes additional riparian protection and has reduced salvage from