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**Anna Snouffer,**

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License: Use of Pharmaceutical and Biological Compositions Comprising Gram-Negative Bacteria for the Topical Treatment of Dermatological Diseases and Dermatological Conditions

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, an institute of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an Exclusive Commercialization Patent License to practice the inventions embodied in the Patents and Patent Applications listed in the Summary Information section of this notice to Forte Biosciences, Inc. located in San Diego, California.

**DATES:** Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office on or before October 30, 2017 will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, and comments relating to the contemplated Exclusive Commercialization Patent License should be directed to: David Yang, Technology Transfer and Patenting Specialist, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Suite 6D, Rockville, MD 20852-9804; Email:

[yangp3@nih.gov](mailto:yangp3@nih.gov); Telephone: (240) 627-3413; Facsimile: (240) 627-3117.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Intellectual Property

U.S. Provisional Application 62/324,762, filed April 19, 2016, and PCT Patent Application PCT/US2017/028133, filed April 17, 2017, both entitled "Use of Gram Negative Species to Treat Atopic Dermatitis" [HHS Ref. E-099-2016/0], and U.S. and foreign patent applications claiming priority to the aforementioned applications.

The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the government of the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide and the field of use may be limited to the following field of use: "Use of pharmaceutical and biological compositions comprising Gram-negative bacteria for the topical treatment of dermatological diseases and dermatological conditions".

Atopic dermatitis (AD) is a common, recurrent, chronic inflammatory skin disease that is a cause of considerable economic and social burden. It is one of the most prevalent skin disorders, affecting ~25% of children in developed and developing countries and is expected to continue to escalate. This increased rate of incidence has changed the focus of research on AD toward epidemiology, prevention, and treatment.

The subject technology describes pharmaceutical and biological compositions comprising Gram-negative bacteria that can be developed into a topical treatment for atopic dermatitis (AD), as well as methods and kits using these compositions.

NIAID scientists have recently identified probiotic strains of *Roseomonas mucosa* bacteria that were shown to be beneficial in a pre-clinical mouse model of AD. With this promising data, NIAID launched a phase I/II clinical trial in March 2017 (link; <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03018275>) and preliminary results from this ongoing study show that the technology may be highly effective at treating and reducing the symptoms of atopic dermatitis. If successfully developed, this invention would be the first live biotherapeutic product approved by the FDA for the treatment of AD.

This notice is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing, and the prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, the National

Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

Complete applications for a license in the prospective field of use that are filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated Exclusive Commercialization Patent License Agreement. Comments and objections submitted to this notice will not be made available for public inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the *Freedom of Information Act*, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: October 4, 2017.

**Suzanne Frisbie,**

Deputy Director, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB) for DHS. The purpose of the PRB is to view and make recommendations concerning proposed performance appraisals, ratings, bonuses, pay adjustments, and other appropriate personnel actions for incumbents of SES, Senior Level and Senior Professional positions of the Department.

**DATES:** The PRB members' terms begin October 13, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Haefeli, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, [Elizabeth.Haefeli@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Haefeli@hq.dhs.gov), or by telephone (202) 357-8164.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each Federal agency is required to establish one or more performance review boards to make recommendations, as necessary, in regard to the performance of senior executives within the agency. 5 U.S.C. 4314(c). This notice announces the appointment of the members of the PRB for DHS. The purpose of the PRB is to review and make recommendations concerning proposed performance

appraisals, ratings, bonuses, pay adjustments, and other appropriate personnel actions for incumbents of SES positions within DHS.

The Board shall consist of at least three members. In the case of an appraisal of a career appointee, more than half of the members shall consist of career appointees. Composition of the specific PRBs will be determined on an ad hoc basis from among the individuals listed below:

Agarwal, Nimisha  
 Albence, Matthew T  
 Allen, Matthew C  
 Alles, Randolph D  
 Allison, Roderick J  
 Anderson, Sandra D  
 Annan, Niccomedo S  
 Archambeault, Gregory J  
 Asher, Nathalie R  
 Asseng Jr, George A  
 Awni, Muhammad H  
 Ayala, Janice  
 Bailey, Angela S  
 Barrera, Staci  
 Barrera, Staci A  
 Bench, Bradford A  
 Benner, Derek N  
 Berger, Katrina W  
 Bible, Daniel A  
 Borkowski, Mark S  
 Braccio, Dominick D  
 Bramell, Brittany M  
 Brown, A. Scott  
 Brown, Michael C  
 Brunjes, David  
 Bryan, William N  
 Bush, Thomas L  
 Buster, Robert P  
 Cahill, Donna L  
 Callahan, William J  
 Calvo, Karl H  
 Cappello, Elizabeth A  
 Carraway, Melvin  
 Carrick, Patrick G  
 Carver, Jonathan I  
 Castro, Raul  
 Chang, Hayley  
 Chavez, Richard M  
 Cheng, Wen Ting  
 Cissna, Tiffany A  
 Clark, Kenneth N  
 Cline, Richard K  
 Cogswell, Patricia F  
 Coleman, Corey  
 Colucci, Nicholas  
 Contreras, Patrick D  
 Davidson, Andrew  
 Davidson, Michael J  
 Davis, Michael P  
 Dawson, Mark B  
 Decker, Thomas R  
 DiFalco, Frank J  
 DiPietro, Joseph R  
 Dougherty, Thomas E  
 Dragani, Nancy J  
 Driggers, Richard J  
 Dunbar, Susan  
 Edge, Peter T  
 Edwards, Benjamin R  
 Emrich, Matthew  
 Erichs, Alysya D  
 Etre, Matthew J

Falk, Scott  
 Fallon, William T  
 Fenton, Jennifer M  
 Filipponi, Karen B  
 Fitzmaurice, Stacey D  
 Flores, Simona L  
 Fluty, Larry D  
 Folden, Shane M  
 Fortner, Robert C  
 Fujimara, Paul  
 Fujimura, Paul N  
 Fulghum, Charles H  
 Gallagher, Sean W  
 Gallihugh II, Ronald B  
 Gammon, Carla  
 Gantt, Kenneth D  
 Gibbons, James M  
 Glawe, David J  
 Gowadia, Huban A  
 Griggs, Christine  
 Groom, Molly M  
 Guzman, Nicole G  
 Hall, Christopher J  
 Hammersley, Bonnie M  
 Hampton, Stephanie L  
 Harris, Melvin  
 Havranek, John  
 Heighberger, Eric B  
 Henderson, Latetia M  
 Hess, David  
 Hewitt, Ronald  
 Higgins, Jennifer  
 Higgins, Jennifer  
 Hill, Marcus L  
 Hochman, Kathleen T  
 Hoffman, Jonathan R  
 Howard, Jr., Percy L  
 Huang, Paul P  
 Hutchinson, Kimberly S  
 Jacksta, Linda L  
 Jenkins, Jr., Kenneth T  
 Jennings, David W  
 Jeronimo, Jose M  
 Johnson, Tae D  
 Jones, Keith  
 Jones, Keith A  
 Jones, Sophia D  
 Kair, Lee R  
 Karoly, Stephen J  
 Kelly, William G  
 Kerner, Francine  
 Kerns, Kevin  
 Khu, Jae A  
 King, Tatum S  
 Kirby, Lyn  
 Klein, Matthew  
 Kolasky, Robert P  
 Kolbe, Kathryn L  
 Koumans, Mark R  
 Kruger, Mary U  
 Lajoie, Darby R  
 Landfried, Phillip A  
 Lanum, Scott F  
 Lechleitner, Patrick J  
 Lenox, Mark R  
 Lewis, Donald R  
 Ley, Jennifer E  
 Lucero, Enrique M  
 Luck, Scott A  
 Lundgren, Karen E  
 Macias, Joseph  
 Maher, Joseph  
 Manaher, Colleen M  
 Manfra, Jeanette M  
 Marcott, Stacy A  
 Marin, David A

Mayenschein, Eddie D  
 McCane, Bobby  
 McElwain, Patrick J  
 McLane, Jo Ann  
 McNeill, Ha N  
 McNeill, Ha Nguyen  
 Melendez, Angel M  
 Melero, Mariela  
 Micone III, Vincent N  
 Mildrew, Sean M  
 Miles, Jere T  
 Miller, Marlon V  
 Miller, Philip T  
 Mocny, Robert A  
 Moman, C. Christopher  
 Monarez, Susan C  
 Moore, Joseph D  
 Moore, Mark J  
 Moskowitz, Brian M  
 Moynihan, Timothy M  
 Mulligan, George D  
 Mulligan, Scott E  
 Nally, Kevin  
 Neufeld, Donald  
 Neufeld, Donald W  
 Nevano, Gregory C  
 Newhouse, Victoria E  
 Newman, Jane E  
 Nuebel-Kovarik, Kathy  
 Nykamp, Nancy A  
 Opiola, Terence S  
 Owen, Todd C  
 Padilla, Kenneth  
 Palmer, David  
 Palmer, David J  
 Pane, Karen W  
 Paramore, Faron K  
 Parmer Jr, Raymond R  
 Patterson, Leonard E  
 Perez, Nelson  
 Perez, Robert E  
 Pineiro, Marlen  
 Price, Corey A  
 Provost, Carla L  
 Renaud, Daniel  
 Renaud, Tracy  
 Rittenberg, Scott R  
 Rivera, David D  
 Robbins, Timothy S  
 Roberts, Russell A  
 Rodriguez, Waldemar  
 Rogers, Debra A  
 Rose Jr, Pat A  
 Sahakian, Diane V  
 Salzgaber, Wayne H  
 Sammon, John P  
 Sarandrea, Eric  
 Saunders, Ian C  
 Scanlon, Julie A  
 Scott, Kika M  
 Seguin, Debbie  
 Selby, Mark R  
 Sellers, Frederick E  
 Settles, Clark E  
 Shah, Dimple  
 Shaw, David C  
 Shelton Waters, Karen R  
 Short, Victoria D  
 Smith, Brenda B  
 Solheim, Linda T  
 Spero, James  
 Spradlin, Ryan L  
 Stein, Frederick A  
 Swartz, Neal  
 Swartz, Neal J  
 Sykes, Gwendolyn

Trotta, Nicholas  
 Ulrich II, Dennis A  
 Valerio, Tracey A  
 Valverde, Michael  
 Veatch, John E  
 Vente, Robert P  
 Venture, Veronica A  
 Villanueva, Raymond  
 Vitiello, Ronald D  
 Wagner, John P  
 Walton, Kimberly H  
 Weinberg, Joseph W  
 Whittenburg, Cynthia F  
 Windham, Nicole  
 Wofford, Cynthia R  
 Wong, Ricardo A  
 Wulf, David M  
 Yarwood, Susan A  
 Young, Edward E

Dated: October 4, 2017.

**Greg Ruocco,**

*Manager, Executive Resources Policy, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Readiness Support Officer, Office of Management, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of administrative corrections to directive and instruction.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to provide information on administrative revisions to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS or Department) Categorical Exclusions found in DHS Instruction 023-01-001-01, Rev. 01, Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (herein after referred to as Instruction). The Instruction was finalized October 31, 2014 and became effective on March 26, 2015; however, unintended administrative errors have since been identified. These errors are limited to Categorical Exclusions found in Appendix A, Table 1 of the Instruction. The administrative revisions covered under this notice either resolve ambiguity to ensure application which is consistent with the administrative record or resolve typographical errors that had the potential to result in inappropriate application. These revisions are effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** The list of Categorical Exclusions, found in Appendix A, Table 1, of the Instruction is revised as of October 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Relevant documents are posted at [www.dhs.gov/nepa](http://www.dhs.gov/nepa). These

documents include: This notice, the Instruction with the revised list of Categorical Exclusions, the Administrative Record supporting the establishment of the Categorical Exclusions, a summary of revisions, the U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG's) Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, and the **Federal Register** notice entitled National Environmental Policy Act: Coast Guard Procedures for Categorical Exclusions which appeared on July 23, 2002 (67 FR 48243).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jennifer Hass, Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Program Manager, DHS, [SEP-EPHP@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:SEP-EPHP@hq.dhs.gov) or at 202-834-4346.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DHS Directive 023-01 Rev. 01 (hereinafter Directive) and the Instruction establish the Department's policy and procedures for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508). Together, the Directive and Instruction apply to all of the Components of DHS and help ensure the integration of environmental stewardship into DHS decision making as required by NEPA. The Instruction serves as the DHS implementing procedures for NEPA (as required by 40 CFR 1505.1 and 1507.3) and includes the Department's list of Categorical Exclusions, found in Appendix A, Table 1. Notice of the Directive and Instruction were published in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 2014 (79 FR 70538) and became effective on March 26, 2015.

During a recent review of the Instruction, a number of administrative errors were identified which have the potential to substantively alter the correct and intended application of several Categorical Exclusions. Based on our internal review, we have determined these errors occurred during the transcription process as Categorical Exclusions unique to the USCG and the Federal Emergency Management Agency were merged with the other DHS Component Categorical Exclusions to create a single, unified list of Categorical Exclusions for application within the Department. There was no intent to substantively alter the language or application of these Categorical Exclusions.

For the Categorical Exclusions unique to the USCG, the impacted Categorical Exclusions appear correctly in the USCG's Commandant Instruction M16475.1D which has been in effect since November 29, 2000 and the

**Federal Register** notice entitled National Environmental Policy Act: Coast Guard Procedures for Categorical Exclusions which was published on July 23, 2002 (67 FR 48243).

In general, the administrative revisions include omission of an asterisk (\*) designating the requirement to prepare a Record of Environmental Consideration (REC); inclusion of an asterisk (\*) designating the requirement to prepare a REC where that was not intended; administrative revision to more clearly delineate when a REC is required; clarification to resolve ambiguity to ensure application which consistent with the administrative record, and resolution of a typographical error. A copy of this **Federal Register** publication, DHS Instruction 023-01-001-01 Rev. 01 with the revised list of Categorical Exclusions, the Administrative Record supporting the establishment of the Categorical Exclusions, a summary of revisions, the USCG's Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, and the **Federal Register** notice entitled National Environmental Policy Act: Coast Guard Procedures for Categorical Exclusions which appeared on July 23, 2002 (67 FR 48243) are available on the internet at [www.dhs.gov/nepa](http://www.dhs.gov/nepa).

Dated: October 5, 2017.

**Teresa R. Pohlman,**

*Executive Director Sustainability and Environmental Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0040]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection; Application for Employment Authorization

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of