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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License of the United States Patent No. 7,495,767 Issued February 24, 2009 Entitled: Digital Optical Method (DOM™) and System for Determining Opacity

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of a prospective exclusive license of the following U.S. Patent Application 11/407,216 Filed April 20, 2006 to Byung J. Kim for use of the Digital Optical Method (DOM™) to quantify the opacity of fluids from digital photos.

DATES: Written objections must be filed not later than 15 days following publication of this announcement.

ADDRESSES: United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center, ATTN: CEERD-ZBT-O (Dr. Phoebe Lenear), 2902 Newmark Drive, Champaign, IL 61822-1076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Phoebe Lenear, (217) 373-7234, FAX (217) 373-6740, email Phoebe.E.Lenear@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This patent claims a method for obtaining an accurate quantitative measure of the opacity of a fluid, comprising: Providing at least one image receiving device incorporating at least one light sensitive device; calibrating said image receiving devices, wherein said calibrating yields at least one response curve for each said image receiving devices, said response curve empirically based on a ratio of received radiances; employing at least one said image receiving device for taking images of said fluid, said images to include at least one background associated with said fluid; providing at least one algorithm based on a ratio of received radiances, said algorithm implemented in software on a computer readable medium; providing at least one processor for at least running said software; receiving and processing said image on at least one said processor; and analyzing said image using said

algorithm and said software to obtain said measure of opacity, wherein said opacity may be measured under various ambient conditions, including measurement at night, and wherein said opacity may be measured under various ambient conditions without operator interpretation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Advisory Panel will meet to review the findings and recommendations from the Panel's Report on ways to establish a culture of innovation in the Department of the Navy.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2016, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pentagon, in room 4B746, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-1000.

Building Access: Public access is limited due to the Pentagon Security requirements. Any individual wishing to attend this meeting should contact Ms. Cassandra Dean at 703-697-2386 no later than March 3, 2016. Members of the public who do not have Pentagon access will be required to provide Name, Date of Birth and Social Security Number by March 3, 2016, in order to obtain visitor's clearance. Public transportation is recommended as public parking is not available. Members of the public wishing to attend this meeting must enter through the Pentagon's Metro Entrance with sufficient time to complete security screening between 11:45 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., where they will need two forms of identification in order to receive a visitor badge and meet their escort. Members will then be escorted to Room 4B746 to attend the meeting of the Advisory Panel. Members of the public must remain with the designated escort at all times while in the Pentagon. After the meeting is adjourned, members of the public will be escorted back to the Pentagon Metro Entrance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Randall Biggs, SECNAV Advisory Panel, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-1000, 703-695-3042.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Agenda

12:40 p.m.–1:00 p.m.—Panel Report
1:00 p.m.–1:10 p.m.—Public Comment (if time permits; written public comments are encouraged)
1:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.—Panel Deliberations

Individuals or interested groups may submit written statements for consideration by the SECNAV Advisory Panel at any time or in response to the agenda of a schedule meeting. If the written statement is in response to the agenda mentioned in this meeting notice, it must be received at least 5 business days prior to the meeting in question. All written comments should be submitted via email to SNAP@Navy.mil. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the SECNAV Advisory Panel before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. All requests can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the address detailed below.

To contact the DFO write to: Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy, (Policy), Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel, Captain Christopher Rodeman, Designated Federal Officer, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-1000.

Dated: February 17, 2016.

N.A. Hagerty-Ford,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2015-ICCD-0137]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Evaluation of Effectiveness of the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Program

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2015–ICCD–0137. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E–103, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Meredith Bachman, 202–219–2014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Evaluation of Effectiveness of the Scholarships for

Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Program.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0800.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Individuals and Households; Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,131.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 866.

Abstract: The foundation of this evaluation is a randomized control trial (RCT) comparing outcomes of eligible applicants (students and their parents) assigned by lottery to receive or not receive a scholarship. This design is consistent with the requirement for a rigorous evaluation as well as the need to fairly allocate the scholarships if the program is oversubscribed. Because the law also specified other kinds of comparisons and analyses, the planned evaluation study includes both quantitative and qualitative components.

In order for the evaluation to have sufficient statistical power to detect policy relevant impacts, the sample consists of 1,771 eligible program applicants in spring 2012 (cohort 1; n = 536), spring 2013 (cohort 2; n = 718), and in spring 2014 (cohort 3, n = 517) (see Part B of this submission). OMB approval was already obtained for this evaluation and this ICR covers follow up data collection for cohorts 2 and 3.

Data Collection: Evaluation data will be collected for the three cohorts of program applicants from a variety of sources listed below. Each cohort will have baseline data as well as three years of follow up (post-lottery) data collection; 2013–2015 for cohort 1, 2014–2016 for cohort 2, and 2015–2017 for cohort 3. In addition to estimating program impact, we will use this experimental study to conducted research about interim outcomes.

Data sources include:

—Student assessments: The Terra Nova assessment will be administered each spring following the lotteries for 3 years (spring 2013–2015 for the 2012 cohort, spring 2014–2016 for the 2013 cohort, and spring 2015–2017 for the 2014 cohort). The follow up assessments will be administered in students' school and will provide the primary outcome measure for the impact evaluation.

School records Administrative records will be collected from DCPS, the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board and participating private schools in the fall of each year to obtain

data on prior year attendance, persistence, disciplinary actions, and grades for members of the treatment and control groups.

—Parent surveys: Annual surveys of evaluation sample members' parents in each follow up year. These surveys will examine such issues as reasons for continued participation or withdrawal, involvement in school, satisfaction with school choices, and perceptions of school safety, leadership, and offerings. The survey will be mixed mode. (Web with phone or paper follow up).

Student surveys The surveys will be administered to each evaluation sample student in grades four and above in each of the follow up years at the same time (and place) as the student assessments.

—Principal surveys: Surveys to be administered to principals in the DC traditional public school, charter school, and private school systems in 2013–2017. Data from principals of students in the treatment and control groups will provide information about school organization and offerings for descriptive analyses of students' school environments and for use as mediators in the impact analysis. The web-based principal surveys will also be used to examine how aware public and private schools are of the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program and whether they are making any changes in response to it. whether they are making any changes in response to it.

Dated: February 26, 2016.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information:
Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI) Program.
Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2016.
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.382C.

DATES:

Applications Available: March 2, 2016.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 2, 2016.