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Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0113, Acquisition of Helium, in all correspondence.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

Sharon A. Kiser,

FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0096]

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request entitled Patents**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0096).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Patents. This OMB clearance currently expires on July 31, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack O'Neill, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-3856.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* June 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0096 in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

The patent coverage in FAR subpart 27.2 requires the contractor to report each notice of a claim of patent or copyright infringement that came to the contractor's attention in connection with performing a Government contract above a dollar value of \$25,000 (sections 27.202-1 and 52.227-2). The contractor is also required to report all royalties anticipated or paid in excess of \$250 for the use of patented inventions by furnishing the name and address of licensor, date of license agreement, patent number, brief description of item or component, percentage or dollar rate of royalty per unit, unit price of contract item, and number of units (sections 27.204-1, 52.227-6, and 52.227-9). The information collected is to protect the rights of the patent holder and the interest of the Government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: *Respondents:* 30; *responses per respondent:* 1; *total annual responses:* 30; *preparation hours per response:* .5; and *total response burden hours:*, 15.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0114]

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request Entitled Right of First Refusal
of Employment**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0114).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Right of First Refusal of Employment. This OMB clearance currently expires on July 31, 1997.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* June 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0114 in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack O'Neill, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-3856.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

Right of First Refusal of Employment is a regulation which establishes policy regarding adversely affected or separated Government employees resulting from the conversion from in-house performance to performance by contract. The policy will enable these employees to have an opportunity to work for the contractor who is awarded the contract.

The information gathered will be used by the Government to gain knowledge of which employees, adversely affected or separated as a result of the contract award, have gained employment with

the contractor within 90 days after contract performance begins.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: *Respondents*: 130; *responses per respondent*: 1; *total annual responses*: 130; *preparation hours per response*: 3; and *total response burden hours*: 390.

C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: *Recordkeepers*: 100; *hours per recordkeeper*: .5; and *total recordkeeping burden hours*: 50.

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Dated: April 14, 1997.

Sharon A. Kiser,

FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Recombinant F1-V Plague Vaccine

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 38 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of U.S. Patent Application SN 08/699,716 entitled "Recombinant F1-V Plague Vaccine," filed December 18, 1996. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Command Judge Advocate, ATTN: MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John F. Moran, Patent Attorney, 301-619-7807, Fax 301-619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A recombinant plague vaccine (F1-V) based on a fusion protein composed of the entire capsule protein (F1) and V protein of *Yersinia pestis* has been developed. Initial preclinical studies in mice have shown this fusion protein when combined with an adjuvant to be efficacious against fully virulent wild-type and F-1 strains of *Yersinia pestis*. The vaccine has been tested against both subcutaneous and aerosol challenges, which should mimic the bubonic and pneumonic form of plague. This F1-V vaccine has been shown to be superior to the licensed, whole cell, Plague Vaccine USP in a mouse model. It also offers the advantage of being a defined product which may be less reactogenic than the poorly defined whole cell vaccine. The use of fusion protein offers advantages of producing and purifying a single protein, instead of two separate components, which may result in lower manufacturing costs.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by April 30, 1997. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New

Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Director of the Information Resources Management Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper