

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Office of the General Counsel; Laws or Regulations Posing Barriers to Electronic Commerce**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice, 30-day re-opening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, on behalf of the Subgroup on Legal Barriers to Electronic Commerce ("Legal Barriers Subgroup") of the U.S. Government Working Group on Electronic Commerce, re-opens for an additional 30 days the response period for our request for public comments and suggestions concerning policies, laws or regulations that need to be adapted in order to eliminate barriers to and promote electronic commerce, electronic services, and electronic transactions. The original notice was published on February 1, 2000, with comments to be provided by March 17, 2000 (65 FR 4801).

**DATES:** Comments are requested by April 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted via the Web at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/respond>. Alternatively, electronic submissions may be sent as documents attached to E-mail messages addressed to [ebarriers@ita.doc.gov](mailto:ebarriers@ita.doc.gov). Submissions made as E-mail attachments or submitted on floppy disks should be in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word or ASCII format. Diskettes should be labeled with the name of the party and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. Paper submissions may be mailed to the Subgroup on Legal Barriers to Electronic Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2815, Washington DC 20230. If possible, paper submissions should include floppy disks in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word or ASCII format. Except for floppy disks with paper submissions, duplicate copies should not be submitted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Clark, phone: 202-482-3843; E-mail [kclark@doc.gov](mailto:kclark@doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The Department of Commerce has determined that it is appropriate to re-open the record for comments concerning the above-described request for public comments for an additional 30-day period in order: (1) To officially accommodate the significant number of comments being filed somewhat beyond the original comment deadline; and (2)

to allow a reasonable, but limited, time for interested parties to augment their previous comments, or to file original comments, in light of the comments of other parties, which have been routinely posted on our Web site at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/review> as soon as practicable after their receipt. Comments filed after April 24, 2000, will not be considered by the Subgroup. Detailed background information concerning the original request for comments is contained in the above-cited **Federal Register** notice, a copy of which is also posted at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/fedreg1>. A copy of this notice can be found at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/fedreg2>.

**Publication:**

Comments will be published online at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/review>. Respondents should not submit materials that they do not desire to be made public.

**Authority:**

Presidential Memorandum, "Facilitating the Growth of Electronic Commerce," dated November 29, 1999.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

**Andrew J. Pincus,**

*General Counsel, Department of Commerce.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Advisory Committee on Africa; Notice of Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration/Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Africa was established to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Deputy Secretary of Commerce on commercial policy issues in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**TIME AND PLACE:** March 30, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting will take place at the Main Department of Commerce Building, Room 4830, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**AGENDA:**

1. Review of recent trends in U.S. trade with Africa.
2. Discuss proposals for a Workshop for African Trade Ministers on the World Trade Organization.
3. Discuss commercial implications of the coup d'etat in Cote d'Ivoire.
4. Discuss actions U.S. firms are taking to combat HIV/AIDS in Africa.

5. Discuss Commercial Law Development Programs in Africa.

6. Review status and prospects for passage of the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation. Seating will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Members of the public who plan to attend are requested to advise Ms. Alicia Robinson, Office of Africa, tel: 202-482-5148, fax: 202-482-5198, e-mail: [alicia\\_robinson@ita.doc.gov](mailto:alicia_robinson@ita.doc.gov) by March 28, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Alicia Robinson, Office of Africa, Room 2037, U.S. Department of Commerce; tel: 202-482-5148, fax: 202-482-5198, e-mail: [alicia\\_robinson@ita.doc.gov](mailto:alicia_robinson@ita.doc.gov).

Dated: March 20, 2000.

**Sally Miller,**

*Director, Office of Africa.*

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF**

**PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 65 FR 11988.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2000.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has cancelled the meeting on proposed regulation 1.41(z).

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****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.

Serial No. 94/39011 entitled "A Recombinant Polypeptide For Use in the Manufacture of Vaccines Against Campylobacter-induced Diarrhea and to Reduce Colonization" by Lee, Guerry, Berg and Trust filed 15 July 1997. This technology represents an effective vaccine and treatment against Campylobacter diarrhea and comprises a recombinant fusion protein of the maltose binding protein (MBP) of E.coli fused to amino acids 5–337 of the FlaA flagellin of Campylobacter coli VC167. This fusion protein has provided evidence of immunogenicity and protective efficacy against challenge by a heterologous strain of Campylobacter jejuni 81–176 in mammals. The technology avoids the technical problem of inducing the autoimmune Guillain Barre Syndrome (GBS), a post-infection polyneuropathy caused by Campylobacter molecular mimicry of human gangliosides. The technology includes a recombinant DNA construct encoding the immunodominant region of flagellin conserved across the Campylobacter species; expression—systems; methods for inducing an immune response through injectable, intranasal, and oral formulations; and a method for reducing Campylobacter intestinal colonization.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Navy Medical Research Center (NMRC), 503 Robert Grant Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910–7500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CDR Charles J. Schlagel, Office of Technology Transfer, NMRC, phone (301) 319–7427, fax (301) 319–7432, e-mail schlagelc@nmripo.nmri.nmcc.navy.mil.

Dated: March 10, 2000.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The CNO Executive Panel is to conduct the final briefing of the Navy and Alliance Structures II Short Study to the Chief of Naval Operations. This meeting will consist of discussions relating to national security issues associated with coalition and alliance relationships.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 17, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350–2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MEETING CONTACT:** Commander Christopher Agan, CNO Executive Panel, 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 601, Alexandria, Virginia 22302–0268, (703) 681–6205.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), these matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: March 13, 2000.

**J.L. Roth,**  
*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Partially Exclusive License; Ford Motor Company

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant

Ford Motor Company, a revocable, non-assignable, partially exclusive license in the field of use of all automotive applications for cars and trucks under 30,000 pounds gross vehicle weight in the United States to practice the Government-owned inventions described in U.S. Patent No. 5,705,863 entitled "High Speed Magnetostrictive Linear Motor."

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the granting of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than May 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Carderock Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Code 004, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, Maryland 20817–5700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dick Bloomquist, Director Technology Transfer, Carderock Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Code 0117, 9500 MacArthur Blvd, West Bethesda, Maryland 20817–5700, telephone (301) 227–4299.

**Authority:** 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE–PS26–00NT40779 entitled "Hybrid Power Systems." The goal of this procurement is to aid the development of systems that will produce affordable, safe, environmentally-friendly electrical power with a goal of eventually being 70+ percent efficient (lower heating value) from fossil fuels. The work will focus on proof-of-concept systems of suppliers' market entry product. The system shall contain any combination of existing or "near-term" power industry fuel-to-electricity conversion equipment. One of these components must be a high-temperature fuel cell.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at