

**Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on March 26, 2009 (74 FR 13228).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Joint Venture To Perform Project Entitled Next Generation SCADA for Prevention and Mitigation of Water System Infrastructure Disaster

Notice is hereby given that, on April 22, 2009, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), Joint Venture to Perform Project Entitled Next Generation SCAIJA for Prevention and Mitigation of Water System Infrastructure Disaster ("Next Generation SCADA") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties to the venture are: Earth Mechanics, Inc., Fountain Valley, CA; Irvine Ranch Water District, Irvine, CA; Orange County Sanitation District, Fountain Valley, CA; Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Riverside, CA and The Regents of the University of California, Irvine, CA.

The general area of Next Generation SCADA's planned activity is to develop a novel monitoring and inspection system for large water pipe networks with the ability not only to detect a fracture or failure in a pipeline but also to evaluate in real time the remaining useful life at the original design capacity in the damaged system. This system will enable more effective and strategic planning of repair operations and maintenance. The project success will aid in extending the useful life and reliability of the water system infrastructure.

The activities of this joint venture project will be partially funded by award 70NANB9H9013 from the

Technology Innovation Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—ASTM International

Notice is hereby given that, on May 18, 2009, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), ASTM International ("ASTM") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, ASTM has provided an updated list of current, ongoing ASTM standards activities originating between February 2009 and May 2009 designated as Work Items. A complete listing of ASTM Work Items, along with a brief description of each, is available at <http://www.astm.org>.

On September 15, 2004, ASTM filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65226).

The last notification was filed with the Department on February 17, 2009. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 13, 2009 (74 FR 10966).

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Request to the Department of Labor for Expedited Review of Denial of COBRA Premium Reduction

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. Currently, the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is soliciting comments on the *Application to the Department of Labor for Expedited Review of Denial of COBRA Premium Reduction* (the "Application") and the *Plan Administrator Information Sheet* (the "Letter"). A copy of the information collection request (ICR) may be obtained by contacting the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the **ADDRESSES** section on or before August 14, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct all written comments regarding the information collection request and burden estimates to G. Christopher Cosby, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-8410; Fax: (202) 219-4745. These are not toll-free numbers. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the following Internet e-mail address: [ebbsa.opr@dol.gov](mailto:ebbsa.opr@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The continuation coverage provisions of section 601 through 608 of ERISA (and parallel provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (Code)) generally require group health plans to offer qualified beneficiaries' the opportunity to elect