

888), "Reference SGA/DFA PY 05-05" is amended to read, "Reference SGA/DFA PY 07-04."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective January 17, 2008.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of January, 2008.

James W. Stockton,
Grant Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each day as indicated below:

February 20-21, 2008—Hamilton
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC.

February 28-29, 2008—Westin
Washington, DC City Center Hotel,
Washington, DC.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications for scientific and technical merit and to make recommendations to the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, regarding their funding.

The meetings will be open to the public for the February 20 and February 28, sessions from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the discussion of administrative matters, the general status of the program and the administrative details of the review process. The meetings will be closed as follows for the Board's review of research and development applications: February 20—from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. February 21—from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. February 28—from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. February 29—from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The reviews involves oral comments, discussion of site visits, staff and consultant critiques of proposed research protocols, and similar analytical documents that necessitate the consideration of the personal qualifications, performance would

constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Disclosure would also reveal research proposals and research underway which could lead to the loss of these projects to third parties and thereby frustrate future agency research efforts. Thus, the closing is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and (c)(9)(B) and the determination of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs under sections 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 as amended by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409.

Those who plan to attend the open sessions should contact Terrilynn Carlton, Federal Designated Officer, Portfolio Manager, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (122P), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 254-0265.

Dated: January 10, 2008.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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