

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-6974, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Cathrine Sasek, Coordinator, Science Education Program, Office of Science Policy and Communications, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 6001 Executive Blvd, Room 5237, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 443-6071; fax (301) 443-6277; or by e-mail to csasek@nida.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: April 25, 2008.

Mary Affeldt,

Associate Director for Management, National Institute for Drug Abuse.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of an Exclusive License: Therapeutics for the Treatment of Spinal Cord Injury, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Leukemia

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR Part 404.7(a)(1)(i), announces that the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license to practice the inventions embodied in 1. E-073-1999/0-US-02, patent 6,737,511, issued May 15, 2004, entitled Receptor-Mediated Uptake of an Extracellular BCL-XL Fusion Protein Inhibits Apoptosis and 2. E-073-1999/0-US-05, patent application number 11/692,112 filed March 27, 2007, entitled Receptor-Mediated Uptake of an Extracellular BCL-XL Fusion Protein Inhibits Apoptosis, to Protox Therapeutics Incorporated (Protox), having a place of business in Vancouver and Victoria, Canada. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide, and the field of use may be limited to therapeutics for the treatment of spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury and leukemia.

DATES: Only written comments and/or license applications which are received by the National Institutes of Health on or before June 30, 2008 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent and/or patent applications, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated exclusive license should be directed to: John Stansberry, PhD, Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-5236; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: stansbej@mail.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This technology could be used to minimize or prevent apoptotic damage that can be caused by neurodegenerative disorders or conditions like Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, spinal-muscular atrophy, stroke episodes, transient ischemic neuronal injury or spinal cord injuries. Additionally, apoptotic-

enhancing fusion proteins of the current invention could be used to inhibit cell growth and inhibit uncontrolled cellular proliferation.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR Part 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within sixty (60) days from the date of this published notice, the NIH receives written evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license. Comments and objections submitted to this notice will not be made available for public inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: April 23, 2008.

David Sadowski,

Deputy Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2008-0041]

National Protection and Programs Directorate; the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) Quarterly Update

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Update of CIPAC council membership.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the establishment of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) by notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 2006. See 71 FR 14930. That notice identified the purpose of CIPAC as well as its membership. This notice provides (i) a brief description of the CIPAC purpose, composition, and structure; (ii) notice of the Secretary's renewal of the CIPAC Charter; and (iii) instructions for obtaining the CIPAC membership roster and other information on the Council and its activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carlos Kizzee, Deputy Director,

Partnership Programs and Information Sharing Office, Partnership and Outreach Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone (703) 235-3635 or via e-mail at carlos.kizzee@dhs.gov.

Responsible DHS Official: Nancy J. Wong, Director Partnership Programs and Information Sharing Office, Partnership and Outreach Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone (703) 235-3667 or via e-mail at nancy.wong@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Activities: CIPAC facilitates interaction between government officials and representatives of the community of owners and/or operators for each of the critical infrastructure or key resource (CIKR) sectors defined by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7) and identified in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). The scope of activities covered by CIPAC includes planning; coordinating among government and CIKR owner/operator security partners; implementing security program initiatives; conducting operational activities related to critical infrastructure protection security measures, incident response, recovery, infrastructure resilience, reconstituting CIKR assets and systems for both man-made as well as naturally occurring events; and sharing threat, vulnerability, risk mitigation, and infrastructure continuity information and best practices.

Organizational Structure: CIPAC members are organized into the seventeen HSPD-7 critical infrastructure and/or key resource sectors. Additionally, on March 3, 2008, pursuant to authority defined by HSPD-7 which directs DHS to "evaluate the need for and coordinate the coverage of additional critical infrastructure and key resources categories over time, as appropriate," and, section 201(d)(5) of the Homeland Security Act [6 U.S.C 121(d)(5)], which directs the Secretary of Homeland Security "to develop a comprehensive national plan for securing the key resources and critical infrastructure of the United States," the Secretary of Homeland Security recognized an additional sector; the Critical Manufacturing sector.

Within all of the sectors containing private sector CIKR owners/operators there generally exists a Sector

Coordinating Council (SCC) that includes CIKR owners and/or operators or their representative trade associations. Each of the sectors also has a Government Coordinating Council (GCC) whose membership includes a lead Federal agency that is defined as the Sector Specific Agency (SSA), and all of the relevant Federal, State, local, Tribal, and/or Territorial government agencies (or their representative bodies) whose mission interests also involve the scope of the CIPAC activities for that particular sector.

Membership: CIPAC Membership includes (i) CIKR owner and/or operator members of an SCC; (ii) trade association members representing the interests of CIKR owners and/or operators that own and invest in infrastructure assets or in the systems and processes to secure them, or representing CIKR owners and/or operators whom are held responsible by the public for CIKR operations and the response and recovery when their CIKR assets and systems are disrupted who are members of an SCC; (iii) each sector's Government Coordinating Council (GCC); and, based upon DHS' recent establishment of this council; (iv) State, local, Tribal, and Territorial governmental officials comprising the DHS State, Local, Tribal, Territorial GCC.

Notice of CIPAC Renewal: On March 20, 2008 the Secretary of Homeland Security extended CIPAC for a period of two years. The current CIPAC Charter reflecting the Secretary's action is available on the CIPAC Web site. The CIPAC Charter also reflects the Secretary's designation of the Critical Manufacturing Sector as the newest addition to the CIKR Sector Partnership in the NIPP partnership framework.

CIPAC Membership Roster and Council Information: The current roster of CIPAC membership is published on the CIPAC Web site (<http://www.dhs.gov/cipac>). That Web site is updated as the CIPAC membership changes. Members of the public may visit the CIPAC Web site at any time to obtain information on CIPAC membership as well as a record of CIPAC meetings and events.

Dated: April 11, 2008.

Nancy Wong,

Designated Federal Officer for the CIPAC.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2008-0038]

Designation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan Critical Manufacturing Sector

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has designated Critical Manufacturing as an additional critical infrastructure sector under the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and, as part of a comprehensive national review process, solicits public comment on the actions necessary to incorporate this sector into the NIPP framework.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified by docket number DHS-2008-0038 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* Nipp@dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
- *Facsimile:* 703-235-3057.
- *Mail:* R. James Caverly, NPPD/IP/POD; Mail Stop 8530, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Washington, DC 20528-8530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. James Caverly, Director, Partnership and Outreach Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, 703-235-3634 or NIPP@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

DHS invites interested persons to participate in the issues presented in this notice by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Comments that will provide the most assistance to DHS in developing these procedures will reference specific aspects of this notice, explain the reason for any recommended changes necessary to implement the Critical Manufacturing Sector, and include data, information, or authority that supports such recommended change. DHS invites comment on the proposed amendments to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP), the organization of the Government Coordinating Council