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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inventions available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The U.S. Government's ownership interest in the inventions are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR Part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Attn: Mary Clague, Building 222, Room A155, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Information is also available via telephone: 301-975-4188, fax 301-869-2751, or e-mail: mary.clague@nist.gov. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket number and title for the invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the licensee to perform further research

on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

[NIST Docket Number: 04-014]

Title: Ultra-Wideband Moisture Detector for Building Assemblies.

Abstract: This invention is jointly owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce, and Intelligent Automation, Inc. The invention consists of an antenna array, ultra-wideband radios, signal processing chips, and software. The resulting device allows a user to scan a wall assembly to determine areas of potential moisture accumulation. The software uses the signals received at the antenna array to generate real-time images of the moisture state of the wall. Additional applications for this invention include location of pipes, wires, and studs in walls.

[NIST Docket Number: 05-013]

Title: Iris Digester-Evaporator Interface.

Abstract: The domestic rights within the United States to this invention are owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The IRIS Digester-Evaporator interface was invented to overcome problems encountered when an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) was coupled directly to the continuous flow from reversed phase liquid chromatography. The main problems encountered were: high background signal, first increasing and then decreasing in magnitude during the course of a chromatographic gradient of organic solvent, analyte transport difficulties, and carbon build up on the ICP-MS sampling cones from organic solvents. This device produces partial digestion of the sample using nitric acid, aiding analyte transport and detection. After evaporating the organic solvent and nitric acid, the device allows the sample to be sent to ICP-MS in a highly aqueous effluent, the preferred solvent. Through this process, a continuous flow from reverse phase liquid chromatography systems with gradient elution can be easily handled by existing ICP-MS instruments.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Proposed Voluntary Product Standard PS 1-06, Structural Plywood

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is distributing a proposed revision of Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 1-95, Construction and Industrial Plywood. This standard, prepared by the Standing Committee for PS 1, establishes requirements, for those who choose to adhere to the standard, for the principal types and grades of structural plywood and provides a basis for common understanding among producers, distributors, and users of the product. Interested parties are invited to review the proposed standard and submit comments to NIST.

DATES: Written comments regarding the proposed revision, PS 1-06, should be submitted to the Standards Services Division, NIST, no later than February 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: An electronic copy (an Adobe Acrobat File) of the proposed standard, PS 1-06, can be obtained at the following Web site ts.nist.gov/docvps. This site also includes an electronic copy of PS 1-95 (the existing standard), a summary of significant changes, and a form for submitting comments. Written comments on the proposed revision should be submitted to Ms. JoAnne Overman, Standards Services Division, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2100. Electronic comments may be submitted to joanne.overman@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. JoAnne Overman, Standards Services Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, telephone: (301) 975-4037; fax: 301-975-4715, e-mail: joanne.overman@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed Voluntary Product Standard PS 1-06 establishes requirements, for those who choose to adhere to the standard, for the principal types and grades of structural plywood. This standard covers the wood species, veneer grading, adhesive bonds, panel construction and workmanship, dimensions and tolerances, marking, moisture content,