

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,000 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

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

Dated: January 5, 2004.

**David A. Reingold,**

*Director, Office of Research and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0094]

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Debarment and Suspension

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning debarment and suspension. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 63073 on November 7, 2003. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0094, Debarment and Suspension, in all correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Craig Goral, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3856.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The FAR requires contracts to be awarded to only those contractors determined to be responsible. Instances where a firm or its principals have been indicted, convicted, suspended, proposed for debarment, debarred, or had a contract terminated for default are critical factors to be considered by the contracting officer in making a responsibility determination. This certification requires the disclosure of this information.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 89,995.

*Responses per respondent:* 12.223.

*Total Responses:* 1,100,000.

*Hours Per Response:* 0.0833 hrs.

*Total Burden Hours:* 91,667.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0094, Debarment and Suspension, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 15, 2003.

**Laura Auletta,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Armed Forces Epidemiological Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army; DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of the following meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB).

*Dates:* February 17 and 18, 2004.

*Times:* 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (February 17, 2004). 1:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (February 18, 2004).

*Location:* Four Points Sheraton (<http://www.sheraton4pts.com/>), located at 1325 Miracle Strip Parkway, Highway 98 East Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

*Agenda:* The purpose of the meeting is to address pending and new Board issues, provide briefings for Board

members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, conduct subcommittee meetings, and conduct an executive working session.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel James R. Riddle, Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258, (703) 681-8014/5.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. The meeting will be open to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof and Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Invaplex From Gram Negative Bacteria, Method of Purification and Methods of Use

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. 6,245,892 entitled "Invaplex From Gram Negative Bacteria, Method of Purification and Methods of Use," filed June 12, 2001. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US99/22771). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.