

Confidentiality Agreement will be required to review copies of the patent application.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The present inventions generally relate to the field of artificial neural networks. More specifically, these patents and patent application describe a dynamically stable associative learning neural network. Included in their basic architectural units are, at least one each of a conditioned signal input, an unconditioned signal input, and an output. Interposed between input and output elements are "patches," or storage areas of the dynamic interaction between conditioned and unconditioned signals. These signals process information to achieve associative learning locally under rules designed for application-related goals of the system. Patches may be fixed or variable in size. The neural network is taught by successive application of training sets of input signals to the input terminals until dynamic equilibriums are reached. This technology is useful in pattern classification and completion, robotics, and control applications.

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 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within 60 days from the date of this published Notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response 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: December 18, 1997.

Barbara M. McGarey,
Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the teleconference meeting of the Substance Abuse and

Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council in January 1998.

The meeting will include the review, discussion and evaluation of individual contract proposals. Therefore, the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4), and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d).

A summary of the meeting and a roster of Council members may be obtained from: Ms. Le Vonne Key, Committee Management Specialist, SAMHSA National Advisory Council, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 12C-15, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-9912.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

Committee Name: SAMHSA National Advisory Council.

Meeting Date: January 21, 1998.

PLACE: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Conference Room 12-94, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

CLOSED: January 21, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CONTACT: Toian Vaughn, Executive Secretary, Room 12C-15, Parklawn Building, Telephone: (301) 443-4640 and Fax: (301) 443-1450.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

Jeri Lipov,
Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4200-N-24]

Announcement of OMB Approval Number; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection for public comment; announcement of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to announce the OMB approval number for the collection and analysis of data on the housing conditions of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ndeye Jackson, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8154, Washington, D.C. 20410, (202) 708-5537. A telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TTY) is available at (202) 708-3259. (These are not toll free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 13, 1997 (62 FR 6792), the Department published in the **Federal Register**, a notice of proposed data collection on the housing conditions of migrant and seasonal farmworkers. The document—titled, "Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment"—indicated that information collection requirements contained in the notice had been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval under section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C., chapter 35 as amended) The notice also listed the title of the proposal, and description of the need for the information and proposed use.

This present document provides notice of the OMB approval number. Accordingly, the control number approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) for the Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment is 2528-0190. This approval number expires on November 30, 2000. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

Paul A. Leonard,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Performance Review Board Appointments

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Performance Review Board appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the names of individuals who have been appointed to serve as members of the Department of the Interior Performance Review Board. The publication of these appointments is required by Section 405(a) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-454, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4)).

DATES: These appointments are effective January 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Cohen, Director of Personnel, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone Number: (202) 208-6761.

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Dolores Chacon, Chair, Office of Personnel (Career Appointee)
R. Schuyler Leshner, Jr., Office of Financial Management (Career Appointee)
Ruth B. Mertins, Office of Policy, Management and Budget (Career Appointee)
Margaret J. Carpenter, Chair, Office of Water and Science (Career Appointee)
Robert E. Brown, Alternate Chair, Minerals Management Service (Career Appointee)
J. Lynn Smith, National Park Service (Career Appointee)

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Robert E. Skinner,
Executive Resources Coordinator, Office of Personnel Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and environmental documents pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations, for Blackwater, Susquehanna, and Martin National Wildlife Refuges: Caroline, Hartford, Dorchester, Wicomico, and Somerset Counties, Maryland; Sussex County, Delaware; and Accomack County, Virginia. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCO policy:

- (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and
- (2) To obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to the following: Refuge Manager, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, 2145 Key

Wallace Drive, Cambridge, Maryland 21613-9536 (410) 228-2692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals; long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public use, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process is essential. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service will solicit information from the public via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements will inform people in the general area near each refuge of the time and place of such opportunities for public input to the CCP.

Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, including the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available in late August, 1998.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

Ronald E. Lamberston,
Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-915-5700-00; N-62098]

Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States of America, pursuant to the provisions of Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.

1745), proposes to disclaim all interest in the following described land to Myron Lake, nunc pro tunc, the owner of record: a tract of land which is located within 200 feet of each side of the centerline of the Central Pacific Railroad Company track as it was established over and across; T. 19 N., R. 19 E., M.D.M., Nevada, sec.11, Lots 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and SW¼NE¼.

DATES: Comments or objections should be received on or before April 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments or objections should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 850 Harvard Way, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William K. Stowers, BLM Nevada State Office, 702-785-6478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 2 of the Act of July 1, 1862, 12 Statute 489, as amended (the Act), the Central Pacific Railroad Company, as succeeded in interest by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, received a grant of a right-of-way 400 feet in width over and across public lands for construction of a transcontinental railroad. By the terms of the Act, the right-of-way attached to the land upon notification to the General Land Office at the time the line of the railroad was definitely fixed on the ground. Title to the subject lands was conveyed by the United States to Mr. Myron Lake in 1865 prior to notification by the Central Pacific Railroad Company that the line of the railroad was definitely fixed on the ground. There is a recorded chain of title to convey the subject lands in fee to Central Pacific Railroad Company which originates from the United States patent to Mr. Lake. Therefore, the 400-foot right-of-way granted to Central Pacific Railroad Company by the Act did not become an encumbrance on the title to the subject lands. Southern Pacific Transportation Company, successor to Central Pacific Railroad Company, subsequently issued deeds to private parties for a portion of the subject lands.

However, a cloud was placed on the title to the subject land by a court decision which held that since the Act predated the patent to Mr. Lake, the United States holds a reversionary interest in the subject lands should the railroad right-of-way be abandoned. The court held that the reversionary interest was created even though the General Land Office failed to include in its patent to Mr. Lake an express reservation of the railroad easement (*Southern Pacific Company et al v. City of Reno*, 257 F. 450, April 4, 1919). However, the subject land was in