

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before April 12, 2006, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 3, 2006.

**Susan K. Brown,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[No. DoD-2006-OS-0043]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 12, 2006.

*Title and OMB Number:* TRIWEST/ TRICARE Provider Satisfaction Survey; OMB Number Control 0720-TBD.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 850.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 850.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 6 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 85.

*Needs and Uses:* This survey data will be used to improve services and relationship between providers and TriWest to ensure that TriWest is delivering upon the commitment to provide beneficiary satisfaction at the highest possible level.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Hillary Jaffe.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Jaffe at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer, for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/EDS/ Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: March 6, 2006.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Renewal of 16 Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Department of Defense gives notice that the following Federal Advisory Committees, which are determined to be in the public interest, are hereby renewed on the dates indicated:

February 28, 2006—

Board of Visitors National Defense University  
Defense Science Board

March 2, 2006—

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board  
Department of Defense Wage Committee  
Naval Research Advisory Committee  
U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

March 3, 2006—

Army Educational Advisory Committee  
Board of Advisors to the President, Naval Postgraduate School  
Board of Advisors to the President, Naval War College  
Scientific Advisory Board of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology  
U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory

Board

March 6, 2006—

Air University Board of Visitors  
Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board  
Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel  
Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing  
U.S. Army Science Board

These committees provide necessary and valuable independent advice to the Secretary of Defense and other senior Defense officials in their respective areas of expertise. They make important contributions to DoD efforts in research and development, education, and training, and various technical program areas. Some of them are authorized by statute.

It is a continuing DoD policy to make every effort to achieve a balanced membership on all DoD advisory committees. Each committee is evaluated in terms of the functional disciplines, levels of experience, professional diversity, public and private association, and similar characteristics required to ensure a high degree of balance is obtained.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank Wilson, DoD Committee Management Officer, 703-601-2554.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Missile Defense Advisory Committee (MDAC)

**AGENCY:** Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Department of Defense DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Missile Defense Advisory Committee will meet in closed session on April 4-5, 2006, in Washington, DC.

The mission of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee is to provide the Department of Defense advice on all matters relating to missile defense, including system development, technology, program maturity and readiness of configurations of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) to enter the acquisition process. At this meeting, the Committee will receive classified status reports on capability-based acquisition and international cooperation strategy.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Col. David R. Wolf, Designated Federal Official (DFO) at [david.wolf@mds.mil](mailto:david.wolf@mds.mil), phone/voice mail (703) 695-6438, or mail at 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-7100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Missile Defense Advisory Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on VTOL/STOL will meet in closed session on March 21-22, 2006; at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. This meeting continues the task force's work and will consist of classified and proprietary briefings on current technologies and programs.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: assess the features and capabilities VTOL/STOL aircraft should have in order to support the nation's defense needs through at least the first half of the 21st century.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

LCDR Clifton Phillips, USN, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C553, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at

[clifton.phillips@osd.mil](mailto:clifton.phillips@osd.mil), or via phone at (703) 571-0083.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Software Assurance will meet in closed session on March 22, 2006; at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. This meeting is to chart the direction of the study and begin assessing the current capabilities and vulnerabilities of DoD software.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Assess the risk that DoD runs as a result of foreign influence on its software and to suggest technology and other measures to mitigate the risk.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

LCDR Clifton Phillips, USN, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C553, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at [clifton.phillips@osd.mil](mailto:clifton.phillips@osd.mil), or via phone at (703) 571-0083.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Technology Vectors will meet in closed session on March 13 and 14, 2006; at Strategic Analysis, Inc. (SAI), 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 500, Arlington, VA. This meeting will be a plenary meeting used to map the study's direction and begin discussion on what will be the Technology Vectors DoD will need for the 21st century.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Review previous attempts by DoD to identify critical technologies in order to derive lessons that would help illuminate the current challenge; identify the National Security objectives for the 21st century and the operational missions that U.S. military will be called upon to support these objectives; identify new operational capabilities needed for the proposed missions; identify the critical science technology, and other related enablers of the desired capabilities; assess current S&T investment plans' relevance to the needed operational capabilities and enablers and recommend needed changes to the plans; identify mechanisms to accelerate and assure the transition into U.S. military capabilities; and review and recommend changes as needed, the current processes by which national security objectives and needed operational capabilities are used to develop and prioritize science, technology, and other related enablers, and how those enablers are then developed.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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