

necessary to facilitate the investigations of the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses into the experiences of Gulf War veterans during the war that may be related to the illnesses experienced by some Gulf War veterans. The information collected will be used to determine which Gulf War veterans may have further information about potential exposure incidents, to discover if there are any other observed incidents of exposure, to contribute to a better understanding of the events during and after the Gulf War, and to encourage veterans to enroll in a Department of Defense or Veterans Affairs medical program.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,572.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,143.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 Minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Information on Each Collection Covered by This Notice**

##### *Chemical/Biological Incident Survey*

Respondents are Gulf War veterans whose units were in the vicinity of a positive chemical/biological detection, alarm, or other reported incident. The purpose of this survey is to develop investigational leads to assist investigators in their search for confirmation of the presence or use of chemical or biological agents during the Gulf War.

##### *Possible Weapons Sites*

Respondents are Gulf War veterans who served in units that reported possible storage sites for chemical or biological weapons agents. The purpose of this survey is to develop possible investigational leads that may assist investigators in their search for confirmation of the presence or use of chemical or biological agents during the Gulf War.

##### *Depleted Uranium*

Respondents are Gulf War veterans who served in units that may have placed them in contact with equipment potentially contaminated with depleted uranium (DU). Veterans will include personnel who were in or on U.S. combat vehicles at the time they were struck by DU munitions fired from U.S. tanks and personnel who were in contact with equipment either as a member of unit involved in retrograde operations, or as a member of a battle damage assessment team.

##### *Pesticide Exposure Survey*

Respondents are Gulf War veterans. Outreach letters will be mailed to Gulf War veterans based on their unit assignment during the Gulf War and their period of deployment. Calls will be made to respondents to ask information on experiences with pesticides during the Gulf War deployment.

##### *Pesticides Use/Application*

Gulf War veterans who served as physicians, environmental science officer, entomologists, preventive medicine specialists, field sanitation teams members, and veterans who served in logistics and supply positions will be contacted to determine which pesticides were used (including those purchased locally) and how they were employed in the Gulf during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

##### *Water Contamination*

Respondents will be preventive medicine specialists, field sanitation specialists, and transportation personnel involved with the maintenance of water transport vehicles who served in the Gulf War.

##### *Food Contamination*

Respondent will be preventive medicine specialists, field sanitation specialists, and food service personnel to determine what steps were taken to ensure the safety of the food provided to Gulf War troops.

##### *Oil Well Fires*

Respondents will be Gulf War veterans who reported contact with oil well fires in calls to the DoD Incident Reporting Line. Veterans will be contacted to get first hand accounts of their experience with oil well fire smoke, precautions they took, and the duration of their exposure under the oil well fire plume.

##### *Retrograde Equipment*

Respondents will be Gulf War veterans involved in vehicle cleaning operations prior to vehicles being shipped from the Gulf and personnel who accompanied vehicles during their retrograde shipment.

##### *Armed Services Medical Department Personnel*

Respondents will be medical personnel who served in the Gulf War. These personnel will be contacted to complete a survey of their experiences with medical surveillance, vaccine administration, and medical recordkeeping during the Gulf War deployment.

##### *Combat Stress Control*

Respondents will be military chaplains who served in the Gulf War. These chaplains will be surveyed to understand their experiences as participants in combat stress control.

##### *Enemy Prisoners of War*

Respondents will be Gulf War veterans who served in military police or medical units that were involved in the processing and treatment of enemy prisoners of war during the Gulf War deployment.

##### *Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants*

Respondents will be Gulf War veterans who served in units during the Gulf War deployment that were involved in the acquisition, distribution, and use of petroleum, oils, and lubricants.

##### *Personnel Deployed on Designated Deployments*

Respondents will be former members of the Armed Services (including active and reserve component) who served during designated deployments. Personnel will be surveyed about their perceptions and experiences with Medical Force Protection, Medical Surveillance, and health support during the designated deployment.

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**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Air Force**

#### **Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License**

Pursuant to the provisions of Part 404 of Title 37, code of Federal Regulations, which implements Public Law 96-517, the Department of the Air Force announces its intention to grant Beam Tech Corporation (hereafter Beam Tech), a Texas Corporation, an exclusive license under: United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/933,561 filed in the names of Jill E. Parker, John L. Alls, and Johnathan L. Kiel on September 19, 1997 for a "Diazodenitrification in Manufacture of Recombinant Bacterial Biosensors."

The license described above will be granted unless an objection thereto, together with a request for an opportunity to be heard, if desired, is received in writing by the addressee set forth below within sixty (60) days from

the date of publication of this Notice. Information concerning the application may be obtained, on request, from the same addressee.

All communications concerning this Notice should be sent to: Mr. Randy Heald, Senior Intellectual Property Counsel, Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the General Counsel, SAF/GCQ, 1501 Wilson Blvd., Suite 805, Arlington, VA 22209-2403, Telephone (703) 696-9037.

**Barbara A. Carmichael,**

*Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this

notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

**Hazel Fiers,**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Self-Study Instrument.

*Frequency:* Every 3 or 4 years per State, based on the monitoring schedule.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 12.

Burden Hours: 3,360.

*Abstract:* Under the Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), States are required to maintain and implement a Statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi disciplinary, interagency system that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. The State's lead agency for Part C is responsible for the monitoring of programs and activities within the State, and the Federal government must provide technical assistance to States to

carry out their Part C responsibilities. The self study instrument provides technical guidance to the State, and is also used for Federal and State monitoring of the Part C program.

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