

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 980901228-8228-01]

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Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Opportunity Committee (MBOC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; extension of closing date.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency is extending the closing date for responses to its announcement to solicit competitive applications under its Minority Business Opportunity Committee program which was announced in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1998. All other information in the prior notice remains the same.

DATES: Complete applications for the MBOC program must be mailed (USPS postmark) or received by MBDA at the address below no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two copies of the application, including all information required by the Competitive Application Package. Complete application packages must be submitted to: Minority Business Opportunity Committee Program Manager, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5073, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

If the application is hand-delivered by the applicant or its representative, it must be delivered to Room 1874, which is located at Entrance #10, 15th Street NW, between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues. Unsigned applications will be considered non-responsive and will be returned to the applicant. Failure to submit other required information may result in points being deducted from an applicant's score.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and a Competitive Application Package

contact Stephen Boykin, the MBOC Program Manager, at (202) 482-1712.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 8, 1998, (63 FR 47480) the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) published a notice soliciting competitive applications from organizations seeking to operate Minority Business Opportunity Committees (MBOCs). All information required to submit a cooperative agreement application by eligible applicants is contained in that announcement and in the Competitive Application Package. By this notice, the MBDA is extending the date to receive applications from October 8, 1998, to October 16, 1998.

Authority: Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Juanita E. Berry,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Participation in the Special Access Program

September 21, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending participation in the Special Access Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that H.F. Manufacturing has violated the requirements for participation in the Special Access Program, and has suspended H.F. Manufacturing from participation in the Program for the period September 15, 1998 through September 14, 2001.

Through the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published below, CITA directs the Commissioner

to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of H.F. Manufacturing during the period September 15, 1998 through September 14, 2001, and to prohibit entry by or on behalf of H.F. Manufacturing under the Program of products manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during that period.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are available in **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474, published on April 3, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 21, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: The purpose of this directive is to notify you that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has suspended H.F. Manufacturing from participation in the Special Access Program for the period September 15, 1998 through September 14, 2001. You are therefore directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of H.F. Manufacturing during the period September 15, 1998 through September 14, 2001. You are further directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of H.F. Manufacturing manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during the period September 15, 1998 through September 14, 2001.

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE Formerly Known as the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Fiscal Year 1999 Mental Health Rate Updates

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of updated mental health per diem rates.

SUMMARY: This notice provides for the updating of hospital-specific per diem rates for high volume providers and regional per diem rates for low volume providers; the updated cap per diem for high volume providers; the beneficiary per diem cost-share amount for low volume providers for FY 1999 under the

TRICARE Mental Health Per Diem Payment System; and the updated per diem rates for both full-day and half-day TRICARE Partial Hospitalization Programs for fiscal year 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The rates contained in this notice are effective for services occurring on or after October 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Regensberg, Office of Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TRICARE Management Activity, telephone (303) 676-3742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 1988, (53 FR 34285) set forth reimbursement changes that were effective for all inpatient hospital admissions in psychiatric hospitals and exempt psychiatric units occurring on or after January 1, 1989. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1993, (58 FR 35-400) set forth

maximum per diem rates for all partial hospitalization admissions on or after September 29, 1993. Included in these final rules were provisions for updating reimbursement rates for each federal fiscal year.

As stated in the final rules, each per diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** March 7, 1995, (60 FR 12419) set forth retaining all per diems in effect at the end of fiscal year 1995 with no additional updates for fiscal years 1996 and 1997. Medicare recommended a rate of increase of 0 percent for federal fiscal year 1998 for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment system. For fiscal year 1999, Medicare has recommended a rate of increase of 2.4 percent for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment

system. TRICARE will adopt this update factor for FY 1999 as the final update factor. Hospitals and units with hospital-specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for FY 1998 updated by 2.4 percent for FY 1999. Partial hospitalization rates for full day and half day programs will also be updated by 2.4 percent for FY 1999. The cap amount for high volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 2.4 percent for FY 1999. The beneficiary cost-share of low volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 2.4 percent for FY 1999. Consistent with Medicare, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment will remain at 71.1 percent for FY 1999.

The following reflect an update of 2.4 percent.

REGIONAL SPECIFIC RATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND UNITS WITH LOW CHAMPUS VOLUME

United States census region	Rate ¹
Northeast:	
New England	\$527
Mid-Atlantic	504
Midwest:	
East North Central	436
West North Central	412
South:	
South Atlantic	521
East South Central	563
West South Central	474
West:	
Mountain	473
Pacific	558

¹ Wage portion of the rate, subject to the area wage adjustment—71.1 percent.

Beneficiary Cost-Share: Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of active duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$140 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 1998.

Cap Amount: Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high CHAMPUS volume is \$660 per day for FY 1999.

The following reflect an update of 2.4 percent.

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3-5 hours)
Northeast:		
New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT)	\$216	\$163
Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA)	236	177
Midwest:		
East North Central (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI)	210	158
West North Central (MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS)	207	156
South:		
South Atlantic (DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL)	223	168
East South Central (KY, TN, AL, MS)	243	182
West South Central (AR, LA, TX, OK)	240	180
West:		
Mountain (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV)	249	187
Pacific (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI)	245	184

Dated: September 21, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at the Pentagon on October 6, 1998.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: Tuesday, October 6, 1998 (9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3E869, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Randall Lovdahl, USN, 703-697-4557.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Senior Advisory Board on National Security

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Policy).

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Senior Advisory Board on National Security will meet in closed session on October 6, 1998. The Board

was recently established to conduct a comprehensive review of the early twenty-first century global security environment; develop appropriate national security objectives and a strategy to attain these objectives; and recommend concomitant changes to the national security apparatus as necessary.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended by 5 U.S.C., Appendix II, it has been determined that matters affecting national security, as covered by 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) (1988), will be presented throughout the meeting, and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: Tuesday, October 6, 1998 (10:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: 3E928, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Dr. Keith A. Dunn, National Security Study Group, Suite 532, Crystal Mall 3, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22203-3805. Telephone 703-602-4175.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Coalition Warfare; Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Coalition Warfare will meet in closed session on September 22 and 28, 1998 at Strategic Analysis, Inc., 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. In order for the Task Force to obtain time sensitive classified briefings, critical to the understanding of the issues, these meetings are scheduled on short notice.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on Scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings the Task Force will address how best to make future U.S. military capabilities, embodied by JV2010, coalition compatible.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act,

Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that these DSB Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) (1994), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: September 21, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive Licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC.

These patents covering a wide variety of technical arts including: A device to enhance the signature of a target and a method for multisensor multitarget tracking.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502) and section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a non-exclusive, exclusive, or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

Title: Active/Passive Signature Enhancer (APSE).

Inventors: Marcos C. Sola.

Patent Number: 5,784,196.

Issued Date: July 21, 1998.

Title: Method and Apparatus for Multi-Sensor Multi-Target Tracking Using Intelligent Search Techniques.

Inventors: David Hillis.

Patent Number: 5,793,931.

Issued Date: Aug. 11, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.: Ms. Norma Cammarata, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, 2800 Powder Mill