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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Development of Oncolytic Viral Cancer Therapies

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR Part 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive patent license to practice the inventions embodied in the following U.S. Patents to Jennerex Biotherapeutics ("Jennerex") located in San Francisco, CA, USA.

Intellectual Property:

1. U.S. Patent No. 7,045,313 issued May 16, 2006 entitled, "Recombinant Vaccinia Virus Containing a Chimeric Gene Having Foreign DNA Flanked by Vaccinia Regulatory DNA" [HHS Ref. No. E-552-1982/2-US-03];

2. U.S. Patent No. 7,015,024 issued March 21, 2006 entitled, "Compositions Containing Recombinant Poxviruses Having Foreign DNA Expressed under the Control of Poxvirus Regulatory Sequence" [HHS Ref. No. E-552-1982/2-US-04];

3. U.S. Patent No. 7,045,136 issued May 16, 2006 entitled, "Methods of Immunization Using Recombinant Poxviruses Having Foreign DNA Expressed under the Control of Poxvirus Regulatory Sequence" [HHS Ref. No. E-552-1982/2-US-05]; and

4. U.S. Patent No. 6,998,252 issued February 14, 2006 entitled, "Recombinant Poxviruses Having Foreign DNA Expressed under the Control of Poxvirus Regulatory Sequence" [HHS Ref. No. E-552-1982/2-US-06].

The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be the U.S. and the field

of use may be the "development and use of Licensed Patent Rights in combination with Licensee's proprietary or in-licensed technologies for the treatment of human cancers".

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before May 14, 2012 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated exclusive license should be directed to: Jennifer Wong, Senior Licensing and Patenting Manager, Cancer Branch, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-4633; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; Email: wongje@mail.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The instant technology relates to recombinant poxviruses, and in particular the vaccinia virus, as a backbone that carries a foreign DNA. The virus has been modified by inserting a chimeric gene containing foreign DNA adjacent to poxvirus transcriptional regulatory sequence. The recombinant virus is subsequently transfected into a host and the foreign gene is expressed. For example, the foreign DNA can be related to a viral pathogen, tumor-associated antigen, or therapeutic transgenes. Upon administration of the recombinant virus to a human or animal subject, the foreign gene is expressed *in vivo* to elicit an immune response or express the therapeutic genes. The technology takes advantage of the unique properties of poxviruses as a delivering vehicle and of the ease of preparation of such constructs.

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 Part 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within thirty (30) days from the date of this published notice, the 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 Part 404.7.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license. Comments and objections submitted 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.

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Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: USCIS Case Status Online, Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day notice of information collection under review: USCIS case status online.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2012, at 77 FR 4574, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments for this information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 14, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCIS Desk Officer. Comments may be submitted to: Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, USCIS, DHS, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Suite 5012, Washington, DC 20529-2210. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via email at USCISFRComment@dhs.gov, and to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via facsimile at 202-395-6974 or via email at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Note: The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning this information collection. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check "My Case Status" online at: <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

When submitting comments by email please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615-0080 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* USCIS Case Status Online.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* No Agency Form Number (File No. OMB-33); U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households, for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit organizations. This system allows individuals and their representatives to request case status of pending applications through USCIS' Web site.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 20,000,000 responses at 0.075 hours (4½ minutes) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the*

collection: 1,500,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Suite 5012, Washington, DC 20529-2210, (202) 272-8377.

Dated: April 10, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5629-N-01]

Authority To Accept Unsolicited Research Proposals

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice: Authority to accept unsolicited proposals for research partnerships.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research has the authority to accept unsolicited research proposals that address one of the following research priorities: (1) HUD demonstrations, (2) using housing as a platform for improving quality of life, (3) the American Housing Survey data, or (4) housing technology. In accordance with statutory requirements, the research projects must be funded at least 50 percent by philanthropic entities and/or federal, state or local government agencies.

DATES: Proposals may be submitted at any time and will be evaluated as they are received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions should be directed by email to ResearchPartnerships@hud.gov, by telephone to Sarah Schaefer, Office of Policy Development at (202) 402-6846 (this number is not toll-free), or by mail to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 8114, Washington, DC 20410, ATTENTION: Research Partnerships. Persons with

speech or hearing impairments may call the Federal Relay Service TTY at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112-55, approved November 18, 2011) (2012 Appropriations Act) authorizes the Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) to enter into non-competitive cooperative agreements for projects that are aligned with PD&R's research priorities and where HUD can gain value by having substantial involvement in the research activity.

Research Priorities

HUD may enter into noncompetitive cooperative agreements for research proposals that inform important policy and program objectives of HUD that are not otherwise being addressed and that focus on one of HUD's research priorities. For 2012, HUD's four research priorities all focus on projects in the United States. The research priorities are:

(1) *HUD demonstrations.* HUD values demonstrations as a method for evaluating new policy and program initiatives. HUD is interested in research opportunities that take advantage of its demonstrations, including completed, current, and future demonstrations. For example, the Moving to Opportunity demonstration was completed in 2011, but additional policy questions remain that could be answered using the existing data. In addition, the Choice Neighborhoods demonstration is currently under way and the Rental Assistance Demonstration and Small Area FMR Demonstration will both begin in 2012, all of which provide further opportunities for research.

(2) *Using housing as a platform to improve quality of life.* For the first time, HUD identified using housing as a platform for improving quality of life as a goal in its Strategic Plan. Specifically, HUD is interested in how HUD assistance can be used to improve educational outcomes and early learning and development; improve health outcomes; increase economic security and self sufficiency; improve housing stability through supportive services for vulnerable populations, including the elderly, people with disabilities, homeless people, and those individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and improve public safety. To evaluate the ability of housing assistance to positively affect these various outcomes requires reaching beyond the sphere of housing to health, education, and other areas.

(3) *Use of American Housing Survey data.* One of HUD's largest research