

Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC, 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to 202-395-7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed 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 proposed 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:*

Proposed new collection

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:*

Applications for Attorney Student Loan Repayment Program.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: none. Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management, Justice Management Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. Other: None. The Department of Justice Attorney Student Loan Repayment Program (ASLRP) is an agency recruitment and retention incentive program based on 5 U.S.C. 5379, as amended, and 5 CFR part 537. The Department selects participants during an annual open season each spring. Anyone currently employed as an attorney or hired to serve in an attorney position within the Department may request consideration for the ASLRP. The Department selects new attorneys each year for participation on a competitive basis and renews current beneficiaries who remain qualified for

these benefits, subject to availability of funds. There are two types of application forms: One is for new requests, and the other for renewal requests. There are also two service agreement forms: An initial three-year service agreement form, and a one-year service extension form.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply: The Department anticipates that on a yearly basis, about 175 respondents will complete the application for a new request. In addition, each year the Department expects to receive approximately 300 applications from attorneys and law clerks requesting renewal of the benefits they received in previous years. It is estimated that each new application will take one (1) hour to complete, and each renewal application approximately 30 minutes to complete.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total estimated annual public burden associated with this collection is 325 hours.

If additional information is required, contact Lynn Bryant, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20530.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Advanced Energy Consortium

Notice is hereby given that, on March 30, 2007, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Advanced Energy Consortium ("AEC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to the venture and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust

plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties to the venture are: The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX; BP America Inc., Houston, TX; ConocoPhillips Company, Houston, TX; Marathon Oil Company, Houston, TX; Occidental Oil & Gas Corporation, Houston, TX; Shell International E & P Inc., Houston, TX; Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Sugar Land, TX; and Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Houston, TX. The AEC was formed by a written agreement effective as of January 1, 2007, to engage in research concerning subsurface microensors, nanosensors and nonomaterials to benefit the exploration and production function of the petroleum industry. The AEC will not engage in production or sales activities. Participation in the venture is open to other companies (subject to the numerical limit on participants as set from time to time by the Board of Management of the venture) who meet the qualifications and receive the approvals specified in the written agreement.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Notice is hereby given that, on April 10, 2007, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), American Society of Mechanical Engineers ("ASME") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damage under specified circumstances. Specifically, since December 5, 2006, ASME has published several new standards and initiated several new standards activities within the general nature and scope of ASME's standards development activities, as specified in its original notification. More details