

California, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,027,954 entitled "Gas Sensing Diode and Method of Manufacturing," (NASA Case No. 16,519-1); and U.S. Patent No. 6,291,838 entitled "Gas Sensing Diode Comprising SiC" (NASA Case No. LEW 16,519-2), both of which are assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to NASA Glenn Research Center.

NASA has not yet made a determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by July 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent N. Stone, Patent Attorney, NASA Glenn Research Center, Mail Stop 500-118, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44135, telephone: (216) 433-8855.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

Robert M. Stephens,
Deputy General Counsel.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (02-055)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Tietronix Software, Inc., having offices in Houston, Texas, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the inventions described and claimed in pending U.S. Patent Application entitled "System and Method for Dynamic Optical Filtration (DOFS)," NASA Case No. MSC23037-1, and any continuations, divisional applications, and foreign applications corresponding to the above-listed cases. The above-identified patent application is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to the Johnson Space Center.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by May 24, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Cate, Patent Attorney, NASA Johnson Space Center, Mail Stop HA, Houston, TX 77058-8452; telephone (281) 483-1001.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

Robert M. Stephens,
Deputy General Counsel.

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NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: National Mediation Board.

SUMMARY: The Chief Information Officer, Finance and Administration Department, 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 July 8, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 Chief Information Officer, Finance and Administration Department, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection 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 Record keeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Currently, the National Mediation Board is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Application for Mediation Services, and the Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute and is interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the

agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

June D.W. King,
Chief Information Officer, Finance and Administration Department, National Mediation Board.

A. Application for Mediation Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for Mediation Services, OMB Number: 3140-0002.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Carrier and Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 70 annually.

Burden Hours: 17.50.

Abstract: Section 5, First of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 155, First, provides that both, or either, of the parties to the labor-management dispute may invoke the mediation services of the National Mediation Board. Congress has determined that it is in the nation's best interest to provide for governmental mediation as the primary dispute resolution mechanism to resolve labor-management disputes in the railroad and airline industries. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of mediation is to be accomplished and the Board has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.1 provides that applications for mediation services be made on printed forms which may be secured from the National Mediation Board. This section of the regulations provides that applications should be submitted in duplicate, show the exact nature of the dispute, the number of employees involved, name of the carrier and name of the labor organization, date of agreement between the parties, date and copy of notice served by the invoking party to the other and date of final conference between the parties. The application should be signed by the highest officer of the carrier who has been designated to handle disputes under the Railway Labor Act or by the chief executive of the labor organization, whichever party files the application.

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information

provided by the parties is used by the Board to structure a mediation process that will be productive to the parties and result in a settlement without resort to strike or lockout. The Board has been very successful in resolving labor disputes in the railroad and airline industries. Historically, some 97 percent of all NMB mediation cases have been successfully resolved without interruptions to public service. Since 1980, only slightly more than 1 percent of cases have involved a disruption of service. This success ratio would possibly be reduced if the Board was unable to collect the brief information that it does in the application for mediation services.

B. Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute, OMB Number: 3140-0001.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Union Officials, and employees of railroads and airlines.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 68 annually.

Burden Hours: 17.

Abstract: Section 2, Fourth of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. 152, Fourth provides that railroad and airline employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively, through representatives of their own choosing. When a dispute arises among the employees as to who will be their bargaining representative, the National Mediation Board is required by Section 2, Ninth to investigate the dispute, to determine who is the authorized representative, if any, and to certify such representative to the employer. The Board's duties do not arise until its services have been invoked by a party to the dispute. The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of a representation dispute is to be accomplished and the Board has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.2 provides that requests to investigate representation disputes may be made on printed forms. The application shows the name of description of the craft or class involved, the name of the invoking organization, the name of the organization currently representing the employees, if any, and the estimated number of employees in the craft or class involved. This basic information is essential to the Board in that it provides a short description of the particulars of dispute and the Board can begin

determining what resources will be required to conduct an investigation.

The extension of this form is necessary considering the information is used by the Board in determining such matters as how many staff will be required to conduct an investigation and what other resources must be mobilized to complete our statutory responsibilities. Without this information, the Board would have to delay the commencement of the investigation, which is contrary to the intent of the Railway Labor Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from www.nmb.gov or should be addressed to Grace Ann Leach, NMB, 1301 K Street NW., Suite 250 E, Washington, DC 20572 or addressed to the e-mail address leach@nmb.gov or faxed to 202-692-5081. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to June D.W. King at 202-692-5010 or via internet address king@nmb.gov Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD/TDY) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. This is the second notice; the first notice was published at 67 FR 8562 and no comments were received. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: National Science Foundation Applicant Survey.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0096.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend with revision an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: The current National Science Foundation Applicant survey has been in use for several years. Data are collected from applicant pools to examine the racial/sexual/disability composition and to determine the source of information about NSF vacancies.

Use of the Information: Analysis of the applicant pools is necessary to determine if NSF's targeted recruitment efforts are reaching groups that are underrepresented in the Agency's workforce and/or to defend the Foundation's practices in discrimination cases.

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates about 5,000 responses annually at 3 minutes per response; this computes to approximately 250 hours annually.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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