

# **Meeting of the Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet**

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet, and describes the functions of the Committee. The meeting will be open to the public. Notice of this meeting is required under the federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 92-463). Notice of this meeting is less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to an administrative delay.

**DATES:** February 27-28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Room 1235 NSF Board Room, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet was established on February 11, 1997, by Executive Order 13035 and will expire two years from that date. The purpose of the Committee is to provide the National Science and Technology Council, through the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, with advice and information on high performance computing and communications. The Committee members are a well-balanced group of distinguished individuals appointed by the president from various non-Federal sectors.

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA:** The Advisory Committee will meet in open session from approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 1997, and from approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon on February 28, 1997. This first meeting will focus discussions on necessary historical perspectives; Federal computing, information, and communications R&D investments including the Next Generation Internet Initiative; identifying Government roles in High End Computing and Computation; and formulating approaches for partnering with academia and industry.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Please call the National Coordination Office for Computing, Information, and Communications at (703) 306-4722. Public seating for this meeting is

limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

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## **Department of the Air Force**

### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program**

The Department of the Air Force, through Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC/MV), is considering development and deployment of an Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) to meet the U.S. Government's requirements for unmanned space launches. The EELV Program Office at Los Angeles Air Force Base (AFB), California, is managing program activities and intends to study the environmental issues associated with the EELV program. To this end, the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence (AFCEE) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for use in the decision-making process.

The EELV would be an unmanned, expendable space launch vehicle evolved from existing systems capable of launching Department of Defense (DOD), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), other government, and civil satellites, including payloads up to 45,000 pounds. It is intended to meet the requirements of the National Mission Model, both medium and heavy lift, at a lower cost than the present expendable systems. EELV would be DOD's sole source of expendable medium and heavy spacelift transportation to orbit through 2020. EELV would replace current Titan II, Titan IV, Atlas II, and Delta II launch vehicles.

EELV launch activities would occur at Cape Canaveral Air Station (AS), Florida, and Vandenberg AFB, California, from existing space launch complexes that would be modified to meet program requirements.

The EELV program decision to be made is whether EELV should proceed into the Engineering and Manufacturing Development Phase on through Production and Launch Operations. The EIS will examine continuing use of existing launch systems and facilities as alternatives to the continued development of EELV and its associated facilities.

Scoping will be conducted to identify environmental concerns and issues that need to be addressed in the EIS. Two public scoping meetings will be held as part of the process (one each in Cape Canaveral, Florida and Lompoc, California) to determine the environmental issues and concerns that should be addressed. The schedule for the scoping meetings is as follows:

1. Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral, Florida, March 11, 1997, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

2. Lompoc City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, California, March 13, 1997, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Public input and comments are solicited concerning the environmental aspects of the proposed program. To assure the Air Force will have sufficient time to fully consider public inputs on issues, written comments should be mailed to ensure receipt no later than April 11, 1997.

Comments concerning the proposed project or the EIS should be addressed to: Jonathan D. Farthing, Chief, Environmental Analysis Division, HQ AFCEE/ECA, 3207 North Road, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas 78235-5363, (210) 536-3668.

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## **AFIT Subcommittee of the Air University Board of Visitors; Notice of Meeting**

The Air Force Institute of Technology Subcommittee of the Air University Board of Visitors will hold an open meeting on March 2-4, 1997, with the first business session beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Commandant's Conference Room, Building 125, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The purpose of the meeting is to give the Board an opportunity to review Air Force Institute of Technology's educational programs and to present to the Commandant a report of their findings and recommendations concerning these programs. There are five (5) seats at the meeting available for the public.

For further information on this meeting, contact Ms. Beverly Houtz in the Directorate of Plans and Operations, Air Force Institute of Technology, (513) 255-5760.

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