

Election Officials and Post-Election Survey of Overseas Citizens (UOCAVA); OMB Number 0704-0125.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 2,851.

Responses per Respondents: 1.

Annual Response: 2,851.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 475.

Needs and Uses: The federal responsibilities of 42 U.S.C. 1973ff, "The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986," (UOCAVA), and 42 U.S.C. 1973gg, "The National Voter Registration Act of 1993," (NVRA), is administered on behalf of the Secretary of Defense by the Federal Voting Assistance Program. UOCAVA requires a report to be submitted to the President and to Congress on the effectiveness of assistance under the Act, a statistical analysis of voter participation, and a description of State-Federal cooperation. The NVRA requires a biennial report to the Congress assessing the impact of the Act on the administration of elections for federal office, and recommendations for improvements in federal and state procedures, forms, and other matters affected by the Act. UOCAVA requires the states to allow uniformed services personnel, their family members, and overseas citizens to use absentee registration procedures and to vote by absentee ballot in general, special, primary, and runoff elections for federal office. The Act covers members of the Uniformed Services and the Merchant Marine to include the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service, and their eligible dependents, federal civilian employees overseas, and overseas U.S. citizens not affiliated with the federal government. The post-election survey is conducted on a statistically random basis to determine participation rates which are representative of all citizens covered by the Act, measure state-federal cooperation, and is designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the overall absentee voting program. The information collected is used for overall program evaluation, management and improvement, and to compile the congressionally mandated reports to the President and Congress. The NVRA designates Armed Forces Recruitment Offices as voter registration agencies to assist voters in applying for registration in elections for federal offices. The NVRA requires a biennial report to the Congress assessing the impact of the Act on the administration of elections for federal office, determine improvements

needed in federal and state procedures, and other effects of the Act.

The NVRA survey is necessary to assess the impact of Armed Forces Recruiting Office implementation of voter registration under NVRA and for program evaluation and assessment purposes.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Frequency: Biennially.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: July 15, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. § 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 3:00 p.m. on August 4, 1998.

PLACE: Federal Building Auditorium, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland Washington 99352.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Board members will review with the Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors the status of implementation of the Board's Recommendation 92-4. Recommendation 92-4 called for a systematic approach to addressing health and safety requirements during the design, construction, and operation of the Hanford Tank Waste Remediation system (TWRS).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Robert M. Andersen, General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board,

625 Indiana Avenue, NE, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: One of the major waste stabilization initiatives of the Department of Energy (DOE) has been the Hanford Site's TWRS. The TWRS will retrieve, process, and immobilize the more than 50 million gallons of high level radioactive waste currently stored in 177 underground storage tanks at the Hanford Site. In 1992, the Board noted deficiencies in the technical justification and planning for the Hanford TWRS Multi-function Waste Tank Facility (MWTF). As a result, in Recommendation 92-4, the board recommended to the Secretary of Energy that DOE adopt a systems engineering approach that ensures that health and safety requirements of the project are addressed in each phase of the project life cycle. The Secretary's Implementation Plan committed to adopting a systems engineering approach for the MWTF project and the entire TSRS. Additionally, DOE committed to taking systems approach for its site integration efforts.

Following the adoption of the privatization concept for a portion of the TWRS, DOE revised its Implementation Plan in October 1997. The DOE Implementation Plan committed to meeting the following objectives (1) institutionalizing systems engineering for the TWRS, (2) incorporating the privatization effort into the overall systems approach, and (3) coordinating the development of needed technology for the system. DOE's implementation is nearing completion.

A public meeting will be conducted by the Board to hear from staff members from DOE and its contractors responsible for the TWRS. These individuals will brief the Board on the status of activities under the Secretary's Implementation Plan for Recommendation 92-4.

A transcript of this proceeding will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Board's Washington, D.C. office and at the DOE's Public Reading Room, 2770 University Drive, CIC, Room 101L, P.O. Box 999, mail stop H2-53, Richland, Washington 99352. Recommendation 92-4 in its entirety is also on file at DOE's Public Reading Room in Richland and at the Board's Washington, D.C. office.

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its

authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. § 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 12:30 p.m. on August 5, 1998.

PLACE: Federal Building Auditorium, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland, Washington 99352.

STATUS: Open.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Robert M. Andersen, General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Board members will review with the Department of Energy (DOE) and its contractors the status of implementation of the Board's Recommendation 93-5. Recommendation 93-5 called for the accelerated characterization of the tank wastes at Hanford. This characterization information is needed to support resolution of safety issues and to support design of processing and disposal systems.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board has repeatedly expressed the view that the Department of Energy needs to accelerate characterization of high-level radioactive waste in underground tanks at the Hanford Site. On July 19, 1993, the Board formally recommended to the Secretary of Energy (Recommendation 93-5) that DOE accelerate its actions to sample and characterize the Hanford tank wastes. The Secretary accepted the Board's recommendation, and characterization of the Hanford waste tanks is proceeding in accordance with the Secretary's Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan has two major objectives: (1) characterize the tank waste sufficiently to support resolution of tank safety issues, and (2) characterize the tank waste safety sufficiently to support design of processing and disposal systems.

A public meeting will be conducted by the Board to hear from DOE and its

contractors responsible for the Tank Waste Remediation System. Those individuals will brief the Board on the status of activities under the Secretary's Implementation Plan for Recommendation 93-5.

A transcript of this proceeding will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Board's Washington, D.C. office and at the DOE's Public Reading Room, 2770 University Drive, CIC, Room 101L, Box 999, mail stop H2-53, Richland, Washington 99352. Recommendation 93-5 in its entirety is also on file at DOE's Public Reading Room in Richland and at the Board's Washington, D.C. office.

The Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

John T. Conway,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Chicago Operations Office, Office of Transportation Technologies (OTT); Notice of Solicitation for Research and Development on Automotive Integrated Power Modules (AIPM)

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation
Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Transportation Technologies (OTT) plans to issue a financial assistance solicitation (FAS) for Research and Development on Automotive Integrated Power Modules (AIPM). This solicitation, which is due to be released on or about July 15, 1998, supports the Government/automotive industry Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV).

The Partnership is developing light-duty vehicles that achieve up to three times the fuel economy of comparable conventional vehicles, meet emission standards, and offer the same level of performance and cost as today's vehicles. Additional information on the Partnership can be obtained at the USCAR web site <http://uscar.org>. Hybrid electric propulsion, integrated power electronics, along with direct injection engines, fuel cells, and light-weight materials have been selected for

development due to their potential for attaining the goal of 80-mpg fuel economy in a six-passenger sedan. The AIPM is a cross-cutting system development technology that supports DOE's automotive fuel cell and direct injection engine programs and their introduction into pre-production automobiles. Applicants shall develop and demonstrate their AIPM innovation by using open architecture concepts that permit scalable low-cost manufacturing to meet automotive goals and requirements. Further, the Applicant shall participate with DOE and its automotive industry partners to demonstrate the system development capabilities of the proposed AIPM. DOE plans to do a vehicle system validation of this technology. Those prototypes that are successful may be used to develop automotive engineering solutions for operation under extreme conditions.

The AIPM specification was coordinated with the Navy's Power Electronic Building Block (PEBB) program and the IEEE. Additional information can be found on the PEBB web site <http://pebb.onr.navy.mil> and the IEEE web site <http://stdsbbs.ieee.org/groups/1461>. System integration issues for the AIPM include delivery of complete scale modules incorporating the principles of design for manufacturing and means to update DOE existing cost analyses. Proposals are sought for light-duty transportation applications; however, a scale up to medium and heavy duty transportation application may also be considered.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on or about July 15, 1998, on the DOE Chicago Internet Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "Current Acquisition Activities," Solicitation No. DE-SC02-09EE50525, with applications due on or about August 17, 1998. Any amendments to this solicitation will be posted on the Internet. Please note that users will not be alerted when the solicitation is issued on the Internet or when amendments are posted on the Internet. Prospective applicants are, therefore, advised to check the above Internet address on a daily basis. The cooperative agreements are anticipated to be awarded on or about January 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications referencing Solicitation Notice DE-FC02-98EE50525 must be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Earlette Robinson, Bldg. 201, Room 3E-10, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899