

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

*NIST Docket Number:* 96-012US.

*Title:* A Device for Spatially-Resolved, High-Sensitivity Measurement of Optical Absorption Based on Intra-Cavity Total Reflection.

*Abstract:* This device permits the sensitive measurement of the optical absorption of matter in any state with diffraction-limited spatial resolution using total internal reflection within a high-Q (high-quality, low-loss) optical cavity. Its use provides qualitative and quantitative analysis of material composition and rates of chemical reactions. The device is especially well suited for thin film diagnostics.

*NIST Docket Number:* 96-025CIP.

*Title:* Intra-Cavity Total Reflection For High Sensitivity Measurement Of Optical Properties.

*Abstract:* An optical cavity resonator device is provided for conducting sensitive measurement of optical absorption by matter in any state with diffraction-limited spatial resolution through utilization of total internal reflection within a high-Q (high quality, low loss) optical cavity. Intracavity total reflection generates an evanescent wave that decays exponentially in space at a point external to the cavity, thereby providing a localized region where absorbing materials can be sensitively probed through alteration of the Q-factor of the otherwise isolated cavity. When a laser pulse is injected into the cavity and passes through the evanescent state, an amplitude loss resulting from absorption is incurred that reduces the lifetime of the pulse in the cavity. By monitoring the decay of the injected pulse, the absorption coefficient of manner within the evanescent wave region is accurately obtained from the decay time measurement.

*NIST Docket Number:* 97-040US.

*Title:* Superconducting Transition-Edge Sensor with Weak Links.

*Abstract:* The invention comprises the use of one or more localized weak-link structures, and damping on the electrical bias circuit, to improve the performance of superconducting transition-edge sensors (TES). The weak links generally comprise an area or areas having a reduction in cross-sectional geometry in an otherwise uniform bilayer TES applied to a substrate. The weak links control the dissipation of power in the sensor, making it quieter and making its electrical response

smoother and less hysteretic. The TES response is also made smoother by implementing a damping circuit on the electrical output of the TES.

**Raymond G. Kammer,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Announcing a Meeting of the Computer System Security and Privacy Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Computer System Security and Privacy Advisory Board (CSSPAB) will meet Tuesday, June 8, 1999, Wednesday, June 9, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 10, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Advisory Board was established by the Computer Security Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-235) to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of NIST on security and privacy issues pertaining to federal computer systems. All sessions will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on June 8-9, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on June 10, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, NIST North building, 820 West Diamond Avenue, Room 618.

#### Agenda

- Welcome and Overview
- Issues Update and Briefings
- National Plan for Protecting the Infrastructure
- Online Privacy and Privacy Preferences Project (P3P)
- OMB/OIRA Brief
- CIO Security Committee Brief
- NIST Computer Security Updates
- GITS Security Committee Brief
- Pending Business/Discussion
- Public Participation
- Agenda Development for September 1999 Meeting
- Wrap-Up

#### Public Participation

The Board agenda will include a period of time, not to exceed thirty minutes, for oral comments and

questions from the public. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes.

Members of the public who are interested in speaking are asked to contact the Board Secretariat at the telephone number indicated below. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the Board at any time. Written statements should be directed to the CSSPAB Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930. It would be appreciated if 35 copies of written material were submitted for distribution to the Board and attendees no later than June 7, 1999. Approximately 15 seats will be available for the public and media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Edward Roback, Board Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, telephone: (301) 975-3696.

Dated: May 17, 1999.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Optimized Surface Ship Manning will meet in an Executive Session to review and assess the impact of previous studies to optimize surface ship manning, personnel effectiveness, life quality, and review the status of current Department of the Navy (DON) programs and plans; and identify technology opportunities and policy implications for increasing the effectiveness of ship's personnel without sacrificing readiness or mission capability. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, May 28, 1999, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Jorge Scientific Corporation, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, 6th Floor, Suite 600, Crystal Gateway Two, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone number: (703) 696-6769.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

**Dated:** May 11, 1999.

**Saundra K. Melancon,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by June 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov](mailto:Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov), or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, 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 Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

**Dated:** May 20, 1999.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Type of Review:** New.

**Title:** Safe and Drug-free Schools and Communities—Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition.

**Abstract:** This program identifies and disseminates information about innovative and effective alcohol and other drug prevention programs at institutions of higher education.

**Additional Information:** The expedited collection of this information is essential to the mission of the Department to support the identification and dissemination of effective approaches to creating safe and drug-free learning environments at institutions of higher education. The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA), Section 120(f) establishes a national recognition awards program to identify ten innovative and effective alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 1,600.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 25, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV). Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov](mailto:Pat.Sherrill@ed.gov), or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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