

includes design modifications and agreements to include Russia as a partner, and incorporates Russian hardware and capabilities into the program.

The proposed action considered in this Tier 2 EIS is to continue the implementation of the U.S. contribution to the overall effort to assemble and operate the ISS. The remaining alternative involves the "No Action" alternative (*i.e.*, cancellation of U.S. participation in the ISS). Significant design changes that have occurred since the Tier 1 EIS include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: The number of research laboratories on the space station has been increased from three to six; the number of logistics modules has been increased from one to two; the pressurized volume has been almost doubled; the crew size has been increased from four to six; and the orbital inclination has been changed from 28.5 degrees to 51.6 degrees, permitting space station access by Russian launch vehicles and additional mission control capabilities from Russia's mission control center. The ISS contemplates 15 Russian launches, increasing the total number of launches through completion of assembly from 32 to 44, and reducing the number of U.S. launches from 29 to 27, one European launch, and one launch yet to be determined. Accordingly, resupply flights to the completed ISS will now include Russian as well as U.S. flights; whereas Space Station Freedom was to be resupplied exclusively by U.S. Space Shuttle flights. The planned U.S. launches will not include any expendable launch vehicles; only the Space Shuttle will be used. However, the U.S. may use expendable launch vehicles in a contingency or backup role.

The design of the ISS has progressed to the point where it is now possible to conduct a quantitative analysis of the probability and consequences of accidental or uncontrolled reentry into the Earth's atmosphere. The Tier 2 EIS will assess the probabilities and potential impacts associated with accidental or uncontrolled reentry. The Tier 2 EIS also will address decommissioning alternatives, including the plan presented in the Tier 1 EIS.

Other issues to be addressed in the Tier 2 EIS include, but will not necessarily be limited to, the following: the cumulative effects of the U.S. launches associated with the assembly and operation of the ISS; the change to a Unsymmetrical Dimethylhydrazine/Nitrogen Tetroxide propulsion system; and the venting and outgassing of

nontoxic gases from the ISS. The Tier 2 EIS will address environmental effects on the United States and the integrated ISS impacts on the global commons.

Written public input and comments on the range of alternatives being considered and the potential environmental issues related to the assembly and the operation of the International Space Station are hereby solicited.

Dated: May 12, 1995.

Benita A. Cooper,

Associate Administrator for Management Systems and Facilities.

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[Notice 95-032]

Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant a patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice of intent to grant MERCO Incorporated, 1667 Cole Boulevard, Suite 400, Golden, Colorado 80401, a partially exclusive license to practice the invention protected by U.S. Patent No. 5,128,797, "NON-MECHANICAL OPTICAL PATH SWITCHING AND ITS APPLICATION TO DUAL BEAM SPECTROSCOPY INCLUDING GAS FILTER CORRELATION RADIOMETRY," which was issued on July 7, 1992, by the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The partially exclusive license will contain appropriate terms and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with the Department of Commerce patent licensing regulations (37 CFR 404). NASA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the license unless, within 60 days of the date of this notice, the Director of Patent Licensing receives written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The Director of Licensing will review all written responses to the notice and then recommend to the Associate General Counsel (Intellectual Property) whether to grant the license.

DATES: Comments to the notice must be received by July 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Code GP, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Harry Lupuloff, NASA, Director of Patent Licensing, (202) 358-2041.

Dated: May 16, 1995.

Edward A. Frankle,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, National Institute for Literacy.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This Notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board (Board). This notice also describes the function of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: June 15, 1995, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: World Education, 210 Lincoln Street, 6th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharyn M. Abbott, Acting Executive Officer, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone (202) 632-1503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is established under Section 384 of the Adult Education Act, as amended by Title I of Public Law 102-73, the National Literacy Act of 1991. The Board consists of ten individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board is established to advise and make recommendations to the Interagency Group, composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, which administers the National Institute for Literacy (Institute). The Interagency Group considers the Board's recommendations in planning the goals of the Institute and in the implementation of any programs to achieve the goals of the Institute. Specifically, the Board performs the following functions: (a) Makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the Institute; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the Institute; and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and the Director of the Institute. In addition, the Institute consults with the Board on the award of