

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Research Service****Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Roxide International, Inc., of New Rochelle, New York, an exclusive license to Serial No. 08/779,066 filed on January 7, 1997, entitled "Whitefly Trap." Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 1997.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by March 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Roxide International, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**Richard M. Parry, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Agricultural Research Service****Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent to Grant Exclusive License**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a Federally owned invention U.S. Serial No. 08/909,310, filed August 14, 1997, entitled, "A Technique to Reduce Chemical Usage and Concomitant Drift From Aerial Sprays" is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Spectrum Electrostatic Sprayers, Inc., of Houston, Texas, an exclusive license to Serial No. 08/909,310.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by April 22, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Spectrum Electrostatic Sprayers, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**Richard M. Parry, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service****California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC)**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on February 4 and 5, 1998, at Humboldt State University, Agate Room in the Jolly Giant Commons, in Arcata, CA. The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Humboldt State

University is located in 1 Harpst Street in Arcata. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Subcommittee meetings; (2) Work on the Ground Subcommittee report and recommendations; (3) Panel discussion and recommendations on old growth standards and guidelines in the Northwest Forest Plan; (4) Recreation/Tourism Subcommittee report; (5) Public/Private/Tribal Partnership Opportunities Subcommittee report and recommendations; (6) Presentation on air quality standards and impacts on fuels management; (7) Monitoring Subcommittee report and recommendations; (8) Presentation on Pacific Southwest Research fuels research proposal; (9) Report and recommendations from the PAC/SCERT coordinating committee; (10) Presentation on community based outreach; (11) PAC and agency updates; and (12) Open public forum. All California Coast Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions regarding this meeting to Daniel Chisholm, USDA, Forest Supervisor, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-3316 or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-3316.

Dated: January 15, 1998.

**Arthur Quintana,**

*Acting Forest Supervisor.*

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**ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY****Sunshine Act Meeting; Determination to Close Meetings of the Director's Advisory Committee**

January 9, 1998.

The Director's Advisory Committee (DirAC) will hold meetings in Washington, D.C. on January 26-27 and April 6-7, 1998, and in Los Alamos, New Mexico on March 2, 1998.

The entire agenda of these meetings will be devoted to specific national security policy and arms control issues. In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat 770 (1972) (codified at 5 U.S.C. App. 2510(a)(1)(1996)), it has been determined that discussions during the meetings are likely to disclose matters covered under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Materials to be discussed at the meetings have been properly classified and are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12958, 60 FR 19,825 (1995), to be kept secret in the interests of national defense and foreign policy.

Therefore, in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat 770 (1972) (codified at 5 U.S.C. App. 2 510(a)(1)(1996)), I have determined that, because of the need to protect the secrecy of such national security matters, the meetings should be closed to the public.

This notice is being published less than 15 days before the first meeting day, in order to enable more Committee members to attend.

**John D. Holum,**

*Acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs and Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 971231318-7318-01]

#### Establishing New Research Data Centers (RDCs)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of program and request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public about the process and selection criteria available for establishing a limited number of new Research Data Centers (RDCs) at nonprofit organizations around the United States. Such organizations could include universities, nongovernmental research centers, and certain government facilities. The Census Bureau's Center for Economic Studies has developed and put into practice the concept of RDCs. At RDCs, qualified researchers may have access to microdata from Census Bureau economic (business establishment and firm) and demographic (household and individual) surveys with appropriate safeguards to protect data confidentiality.

**DATES:** Proposals can be submitted for the National Science Foundation (NSF) winter 1998 proposal review cycle, with a proposal submission deadline of March 1, 1998. Thereafter, proposals will be accepted for the August 15 and

January 15 review cycles until further notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Written proposals to establish new RDCs should be submitted formally to the Division of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research (SBER) at the NSF. Detailed information on proposal guidelines and review procedures is available on the NSF web site <<http://www.nsf.gov>>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arnold Reznick at (301) 457-1856 ([areznick@census.gov](mailto:areznick@census.gov)), John Haltiwanger at (301) 457-1848 ([jhaltiwa@census.gov](mailto:jhaltiwa@census.gov)), Cheryl Eavey ([ceavey@nsf.gov](mailto:ceavey@nsf.gov)), or Daniel Newlon ([dnewlon@nsf.gov](mailto:dnewlon@nsf.gov)). Also see the Census Bureau's World Wide Web site (<http://www.census.gov/ces/ces.html>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of the Census is prepared to enter into partnerships with universities, nongovernmental research centers, and certain government facilities to establish a limited number of new RDCs around the United States. Written proposals to establish new RDCs will be reviewed and evaluated jointly by the Census Bureau and the NSF.

The RDC program now operates pilot RDCs in Boston (in partnership with the National Bureau of Economic Research) and in Pittsburgh (in partnership with Carnegie Mellon University). The Census Bureau and the National Center for Health Statistics also plan to establish a narrowly-focused RDC concerned with research using health data.

The RDC program has two major goals: (1) To use the results of the research carried out at the RDCs, and the contact between the Census Bureau and RDC researchers, to improve Census Bureau data programs, including data collection methodology and the underlying research microdatabases (benefit to the Census Bureau is required by the law authorizing the Census Bureau to enter into RDC arrangements, Title 15, United States Code, Section 1525); and (2) to promote academic research using microdata collected by the Census Bureau as part of its ongoing survey and census operations.

The Census Bureau data available at the RDCs would include both economic (business establishment and firm) data and demographic (household and individual) data collected in the Census Bureau's surveys and censuses. In particular cases, it may be possible to supplement these data with similar data from other governmental agencies.

A successful proposal from a research organization or a consortium of such

organizations would have to demonstrate (1) the ability to work along with the Census Bureau to provide fair and objective access to researchers while protecting the confidentiality of the underlying microdata, (2) the existence of a regional research community of sufficient size and quality to yield high-quality research output, and (3) a sound plan for long-term funding that provides access to data users on a low-cost basis. The NSF's evaluation of the potential research output of proposed RDCs will be a key element in selection decisions.

The Census Bureau will enter into joint project Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with those organizations chosen by the evaluation process. The authority for the Census Bureau to enter into these MOUs is found in Title 15, United States Code, Section 1525.

Any MOU entered into under the authority of Title 15, United States Code, Section 1525 will include information relating to the mutual interest of the Census Bureau and its MOU partner(s) in establishing an RDC; the equitable apportionment of costs by the Census Bureau and its partner(s); the nonprofit status of the partner(s); and the mutuality of the benefit to be derived from the joint project.

RDC operations will emphasize the following elements: (1) A secure research computer laboratory (as certified by the Census Bureau) in which to store and use the data, (2) a research project selection and approval process carried out jointly with the Census Bureau, (3) at least one Census Bureau employee on-site to provide support and to help instill the Census Bureau's "culture of confidentiality" into the researchers at the RDC, (4) an executive director (or senior "faculty advisor") to act as a liaison between the local research community and the Census Bureau, and (5) an RDC review and oversight board to ensure efficient operation of the RDC, as well as fair and objective choice of projects at the RDC.

An overriding consideration in providing researchers with access to these data will be the need to protect the confidentiality of the underlying data pursuant to Title 13, United States Code, Section 9. In particular, prospective researchers will be required to submit detailed project descriptions that must be approved by both the RDC board and the Census Bureau. It is important to remember that RDCs are reserved for projects that involve statistical or econometric modeling using economic and demographic microdata. RDCs are neither equipped nor designed to supplement the Census