

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)****AGENCY:** Department of Defense.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to provide further briefings on various topics to Committee members. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

**DATES:** 8-9 May 2003.**ADDRESSES:** Double Tree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lieutenant Commander Shannon Thaeler, USN DACOWITS, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 3D769, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Telephone (703) 679-2122.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested persons may submit a written statement of consideration by the Committee and make an oral presentation of such. Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed above no later than noon, May 9, 2003, from 4:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. before the full Committee. Presentations will be limited to two minutes. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public. Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the point of contact listed above with one (1) copy of the presentation by noon, May 2, 2003 and bring 50 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the meeting. Persons submitting a written statement only must submit one (1) copy of the statement to the DACOWITS staff by the close of the meeting on May 9, 2003.

**Meeting Agenda***Thursday, May 8, 2003*

Welcome Administrative Remarks

Women's Work Issues Panel

Dr. Bonnie Moore/RADM (Sel) Deborah Lower

Break

Work/Family Conflict Issues for Soldier and Families

TriCare 101

Lunch (by invitation only)

Special Guests: Service Senior Enlisted Advisors

Air Force Quality of Life Programs

National Guard Quality of Life Programs

Marine Corps Quality of Life Programs

Break

Mr. Abell, PDUSD (P&amp;R)

Dr. Wolfowiz, Deputy Secretary of

Defense

*Friday, May 9, 2003*

Reserve Panel: Comprehensive Review of the Guard and Reserve

Break

Best Practices, Civilian OB/GYN

Hospital and Clinics

DOD Women's Health Research

Program: LTC Karl Friedl

Lunch

Navy Family Summit: RADM (Sel) Marc Purcell

Caliber Associates Current Research

Review Briefing

Committee Time

Public Forum

Dated: April 10, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,***Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison**Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**BILLING CODE 5001-08-M****DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Ebola Virion Proteins Expressed From Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE) Virus Replicons****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/337,946 entitled "Ebola Virion Proteins Expressed from Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE) Virus Replicons," filed June 22, 1999. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US99/14311). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of

Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Using the Ebola GP, NP, VP24, VP30, VP35 and VP40 virion proteins, a method and composition for use in inducing an immune response which is protective against infection with Ebola virus is described.

**Luz D. Ortiz,***Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**BILLING CODE 3710-08-M****DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Monoclonal Antibody Against Ricin A Chain****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. 5,626,844 entitled "Monoclonal Antibody Against Ricin A Chain," issued May 6, 1997. The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Monoclonal antibodies against the A chain of ricin have been found to be effective in protecting mammals from morbidity arising from exposure to ricin toxin. The neutralizing action of the antibodies does not appear to be mediated by complement or by immunoprecipitation. The antibodies of the invention are characterized as of isotype IgG1 having the binding characteristics which include: (a) binding specifically to the neutralizing epitope of the ricin A chain and (b) providing in vitro protection of at least 95% of EL-4 cells from 100 µg/mL ricin challenge when said antibody is present