

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive worldwide license to practice the invention embodied in: E-181-2002; U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/413,773 entitled "Methods and Devices for Intramuscular Stimulation of Upper Airway and Swallowing Muscle Groups," to Medtronic, Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Minnesota and having a place of business at 710 Medtronic Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55432 and its wholly owned affiliate Medtronic Xomed, Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware and having a place of business at 6743 Southpoint Drive North, Jacksonville, FL 32216. The United States of America is an assignee to the patent rights of these inventions.

The contemplated exclusive license may be limited to the treatment of dysphagia using the Medtronic Implantable Pulse Generator (IPG) System but excluding the use of devices and systems described and claimed in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,185,452; 5,193,540; 5,193,539; 5,324,316; 5,358,514.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before January 26, 2004, will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the patent application, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Michael A. Shmilovich, J.D., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-5019; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: shmilovichm@od.nih.gov. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent application.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The patent application covers devices and methods for intramuscular stimulation (stimulation of the geniohyoid, mylohyoid, and thyrohyoid muscles) in patients with neuromuscular disorders. The invention provides autonomous control of both hyolaryngeal elevations, anterior hyoid motion and opening of the upper esophageal sphincter for swallowing, vocalization and speech. Primarily, the technology allows self-stimulation of swallowing and can return oral feeding to dysphagia patients. Electrodes are attached to the

appropriate musculature of the neck and an electrode stimulator or subcutaneous signal generator modulates electrostatic pulses through the electrodes that cause the attached muscles to contract thus simulating natural swallowing or vocalization depending on placement.

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 60 days from the date of this published Notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that 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.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

Steven M. Ferguson,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the Renewal of a Public Collection of Information; Aircraft Operator Security

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: TSA invites public comment on the information collection requirement abstracted below that will be submitted to OMB for renewal in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Send your comments by January 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Conrad Huygen, Privacy Act Officer, Information Management Programs, TSA Headquarters, West Tower 412-S, TSA-17, 601 S. 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220; telephone (571) 227-1954; facsimile (571) 227-2912.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See **ADDRESSES**, above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Therefore, in preparation for submission of clearance of the following information collection, TSA solicits comments in order to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

TSA is seeking to renew information collection request number 1652-0003, which was originally obtained by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure compliance with the standards that were developed and implemented at 14 CFR part 108. The Aviation and Transportation Security Act of 2001 (ATSA), Pub. L. 107-71, transferred the responsibility for civil aviation security from the FAA to TSA. In February 2002, TSA implemented aircraft operator security standards at 49 CFR part 1544, while 14 CFR part 108 was repealed. This regulation requires aircraft operators to maintain and update their security programs for inspection by TSA to ensure security, safety, and regulatory compliance. TSA estimates the 83 respondent air carriers will carry a burden of 43,160 hours per year and encourages all interested parties to comment on this burden estimate.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on November 21, 2003.

Susan T. Tracey,

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Statement of Findings: Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior