

- a. Staff report.
- b. Public comment.
4. Staff report on history and implementation of LSC restrictions:
  - a. Staff report.
  - b. Public comment.
5. Consider and act on adoption of a regulatory agenda for Operations & Regulations Committee for 2007:
  - a. OIG report.
  - b. Staff report.
  - c. Public comment.
6. Consider and act on adoption of Personnel Manual:
  - a. Staff report.
  - b. Public comment.
7. Consider and act on response to OIG Fiscal Practices Report recommendation regarding locality pay for LSC President:
  - a. Staff report.
  - b. Public comment.
8. Public comment.
9. Consider and act on other business.
10. Consider and act on adjournment of meeting.

Saturday, January 20, 2007

#### Finance Committee

##### Agenda

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Committee's meeting of October 28, 2006.
3. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Financial Audit:
  - Kirt West, Inspector General.
  - Nancy Davis, M.D. Oppenheim.
4. Presentation on LSC's Financial Reports for the first two months of FY 2007:
  - Presentation by David Richardson, Treasurer/Comptroller.
  - Comments by Charles Jeffress, Chief Administrative Officer.
5. Consider and act on adoption of Revised Temporary Operating Budget for FY 2007:
  - David Richardson.
6. Staff report on revisions to LSC travel regulations:
  - Charles Jeffress.
7. Staff report on progress of comparison of other federal spending practices (in addition to travel) to LSC spending practices:
  - Charles Jeffress.
8. Consider and act on adoption of budget guidelines:
  - Victor M. Fortuno, General Counsel.
  - Laurie Tarantowicz, OIG.
9. Public comment.
10. Consider and act on other business.
11. Consider and act on adjournment of meeting.

#### Board of Directors

##### Agenda

##### Open Session

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of the Board's meeting of October 28, 2006.
3. Approval of minutes of the Executive Session of the Board's meeting of October 28, 2006.
4. Approval of minutes of the Board's Open Session Telephonic meeting of November 27, 2006.
5. Approval of minutes of the Board's Open Session Telephonic meeting of December 18, 2006.
6. Consider and act on nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
7. Consider and act on nominations for the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.
8. Consider and act on delegation to Chairman of authority to make Committee assignments.
9. Chairman's Report.
10. Members' Reports.
11. President's Report.
12. Inspector General's Report.
13. Consider and act on the report of the Provision for the Delivery of Legal Services Committee.
14. Consider and act on the report of the Finance Committee.
15. Consider and act on the report of the Operations & Regulations Committee.
16. Staff presentation on LSC's Technology Initiative Grants.
17. Staff presentation on LSC's Competitive Grants Process.
18. Status Report on Performance Measures for Strategic Directions.
19. Consider and act on the selection of locations for LSC Board meetings in calendar year 2008.
20. Consider and act on Director Fuentes' suggestion that Board meet more frequently.
21. Public comment.
22. Consider and act on other business.
23. Consider and act on whether to authorize an executive session of the Board to address items listed below under Closed Session.

##### Closed Session

24. Consider and act on the report of the Performance Reviews Committee.
25. Consider and act on General Counsel's report on potential and pending litigation involving LSC.
26. IG briefing of the Board.
27. Consider and act on motion to adjourn meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:** Patricia D. Batie, Manager of Board Operations, at (202) 295-1500.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Patricia D. Batie, at (202) 295-1500.

January 11, 2007.

**Victor M. Fortuno,**

*Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary.*

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#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 07-002]

##### No FEAR Act Notice

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice to NASA employees, former NASA employees, and applicants for NASA employment regarding rights and protections available under Federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.

**SUMMARY:** This notice fulfills NASA's "No FEAR Act Notice" **Federal Register** publication obligations, as required by the Act and by the Office of Personnel Management implementing regulations at 5 CFR 724.202.

**DATES:** This notice is effective the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda R. Manuel, Assistant Administrator for Diversity and Equal Opportunity, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Suite 4W39, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546. *Telephone:* (202) 358-2167.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002" which is now known as the No FEAR Act. One purpose of the Act is to "require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws." Public Law 107-174. In support of this purpose, Congress found that "agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination." Public Law 107-174, Title I, General Provisions, section 101(1).

The Act also requires Federal agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), to provide this notice to

Federal employees, former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to inform you of the rights and protections available to you under Federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.

#### Antidiscrimination Laws

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration cannot discriminate against an employee or applicant for Federal employment with respect to the terms, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status or political affiliation. Discrimination on these bases is prohibited by one or more of the following statutes: 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(1), 29 U.S.C. 206(d), 29 U.S.C. 631, 29 U.S.C. 633a, 29 U.S.C. 791 and 42 U.S.C. 2000e-16. If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability, you must contact an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action, or, in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action, before you can file a formal complaint of discrimination with your agency. See, e.g., 29 CFR part 1614. If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, you must either contact an EEO counselor, as noted above, or give notice of intent to sue to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action. If you are alleging discrimination based on marital status or political affiliation, you may file a written complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) (see contact information below). In the alternative (or in some cases, in addition), you may pursue a discrimination complaint by filing a grievance through NASA's administrative or negotiated grievance procedures, if such procedures apply and are available.

#### Whistleblower Protection Laws

A NASA employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public

health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law and such information is specifically required by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs. Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-11) with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or online through the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

#### Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity

NASA cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant for employment because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

#### Disciplinary Actions

Under the existing laws, NASA retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline an employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, NASA is required under 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), to obtain approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits NASA to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

#### Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724. You may also contact NASA's Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity at (202) 358-2167, or access NASA's Office of the Inspector General Web site at <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/oig/hq/>. Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation

laws can be found at the EEOC Web site—<http://www.eeoc.gov> and the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

#### Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

**Brenda R. Manuel,**

*Assistant Administrator for Diversity and Equal Opportunity.*

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### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (07-001)]

#### Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to grant exclusive license.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive license in the United States to practice the inventions described and claimed in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,164,060 B1 entitled Combustion Chamber/Nozzle Assembly and Fabrication Process Therefrom, 6,308,408 B1 entitled Combustion Chamber/Nozzle Assembly and Fabrication Process Therefrom, 6,195,984 B1 entitled Rocket Engine Thrust Chamber Assembly, 6,330,792 B1 entitled Method of Making a Rocket Engine Thrust Chamber Assembly, 6,116,020 B1 entitled Injector for Liquid Fueled Rocket Engine, 6,189,315 B1 entitled Low-Cost Gas Generator and Ignitor, 6,497,091 B1 entitled Hypergolic Ignitor Assembly, 6,845,605 B1 entitled Hypergolic Ignitor and 6,860,099 B1 entitled Liquid Propellant Tracing Impingement Injector to Spacelines, LLC, having its principal place of business in Rocklin, California. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective exclusive license will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**DATES:** The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within