

electronic data interchange (EDI) formats; and (3) Other electronic form as specified by the contract administration office and the designated agency office.

**VA Acquisition Regulation Solicitation Provision and Contract Clause (October 2008)**

*Subpart 832.10—Electronic Invoicing Requirements*

**832.1001 Contract Clause for Electronic Submission of Payment Requests**

In all solicitations and contracts in which the VA Financial Services Center (FSC) in Austin, Texas is the financial office administering the invoicing and payments, the contracting officer shall insert the clause found at 852.273–76, Electronic Invoice Submission.

**852.273–76 Electronic Invoice Submission (Interim—October 2008)**

As prescribed in 832.1001, insert the following clause:

(a) To improve the timeliness of payments and lower overall administrative costs, VA strongly encourages contractors to submit invoices using its electronic invoicing system. At present, electronic submission is voluntary and any nominal registration fees will be the responsibility of the contractor. VA intends to mandate electronic invoice submission, subject to completion of the federal rulemaking process. At present, VA is using a 3rd party agent to contact contractors regarding this service. During the voluntary period, contractors interested in registering

for the electronic system should contact the VA's Financial Services Center at <http://www.fsc.va.gov/einvoice.asp>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board Subcommittee for Eligibility; Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Subcommittee for Eligibility of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet on Monday, July 20, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the St. Gregory Luxury Hotel and Suites, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration.

Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The subcommittee meeting will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of the meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, examination, reference to staff, consultant critiques and evaluation, of non-clinician credentials and research proposals to be performed for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended, closing portions of a subcommittee meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B). Anyone who might plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meeting and roster of the members of the subcommittees should contact LeRoy G. Frey, PhD, Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 at (202) 461–1664.

Dated: July 1, 2009.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**E. Philip Riggan,**

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