comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 74 FR 65535, on December 10, 2009. No public comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest Woodson, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501–3775 or e-mail *ernest.woodson@gsa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The patent coverage in FAR subpart 27.2 requires the contractor to report each notice of a claim of patent or copyright infringement that came to the contractor's attention in connection with performing a Government contract (sections 27.202–1 and 52.227–2). The contractor is also required to report all royalties anticipated or paid in excess of $250 for the use of patented inventions by furnishing the name and address of licensor; date of license agreement; patent application serial number, or other basis on which the royalty is payable; brief description of item or component, percentage or dollar rate of royalty per unit, unit price of contract item, and number of units (sections 27.204–1, 52.227–6, and 52.227–9). The information collected is to protect the rights of the patent holder and the interest of the Government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Number of Respondents: 30.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Responses: 30.

Average Burden Hours per Response: .5.

Total Burden Hours: 15.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0096, Patents, in all correspondence.

Dated: February 18, 2010.

Al Matera,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the National Biodefense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) will be holding a public meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The NBSB will hold a public meeting on March 26, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET. The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

ADDRESSES: Washington, DC Metro Area. The venue details will be posted on the NBSB Web page at *http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/omsph/nbsb/index.html* as they become available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *E-mail: NBSB@HHS.GOV*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 319M of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7f) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), the Department of Health and Human Services established the National Biodefense Science Board. The Board shall provide expert advice and guidance to the Secretary on scientific, technical, and other matters of special interest to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate. The Board may also provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on other matters related to public health emergency preparedness and response.

Background: The Board will discuss and consider recommendations from the National Biodefense Science Board's Medical Countermeasure Enterprise Working Group report regarding the issues and challenges facing the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasure Enterprise (PHEMCE).

Availability of Materials: The meeting agenda and other materials will be posted on the NBSB Web site at *http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/omsph/nbsb/index.html* prior to the meeting.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Any member of the public providing oral comments at the meeting must sign-in at the registration desk and provide his/her name, address, and affiliation. All written comments must be received prior to March 25, 2010, and should be sent by e-mail to *NBSB@HHS.GOV* with "NBSB Public Comment" as the subject line. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should e-mail *NBSB@HHS.GOV*.

Dated: February 18, 2010.

Nicole Lurie,

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office for Civil Rights; Workshop on the HIPAA Privacy Rule's De-Identification Standard; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

This notice announces a forthcoming workshop organized by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The meeting will be open to the public.

General Purpose of the Meeting: Section 13424 (c) of the Health Information Technology for Clinical and Economic Health (HITECH) Act, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA),[1] requires HHS to issue guidance on methods for de-identification of protected health information as designated in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. In response to this mandate, OCR is soliciting stakeholder input from experts with practical technical and policy experience to inform the creation of guidance materials. OCR is collecting views regarding de-identification approaches, best practices for

[1] Public Law 111–5.

implementation and management of the current de-identification standard and potential changes to address policy concerns.

To facilitate timely collection of information, OCR is organizing an in-person two (2)-day workshop that will consist of multiple panels. Each panel will address a specific topic related to the Privacy Rule's de-identification methodologies and policies. The workshop will be open to the public and each panel presentation will be followed by a question-answer period. At the present time, this is the only workshop planned.

DATE AND TIME: The meeting will be held on March 8, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m./Eastern Time and March 9, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Washington Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street NW., Washington, District of Columbia 20005. The hotel telephone number is 202–737–2200.

CONTACT PERSON: Andra Wicks, Office for Civil Rights, HHS, 200 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20201, 202–205–2292, Fax: 202–205–4786, e-mail: *andra.wicks@hhs.gov.* Please call the contact person for information on this meeting, view workshop updates on our Web site at *http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy*, or register for the workshop at *https://www.fedmeetings.net/common/registration.cfm?mid=2852.*

Agenda: The two (2)-day workshop will explore the following topics related to the de-identification of protected health information standard [2]:

—Methodological Issues Associated with HIPAA Privacy Rule De-Identification.
—Statistical Disclosure Control and HIPAA Privacy Rule Protections.
—Anonymization and the HIPAA Privacy Rule.
—Policy Interpretations of HIPAA Privacy Rule De-Identification Requirements.
—De-Identification and Legal Contracts.

Each ninety (90) minute panel will include presentations by industry experts followed by a discussion period. The discussion will include questions posed by workshop participants and the general public attending the meeting in-person and via Web cast.

OCR intends to make background material available to the public no later than two (2) business days prior to the meeting. If OCR is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, it will be made publicly available at the location of the workshop, and the background material will be posted on OCR's Web site after the meeting, at *http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy.*

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the workshop. Written submissions may be made to *OCRPrivacy@hhs.gov*, with the workshop title "Workshop on the HIPAA Privacy Rule's De-Identification Standard" in the subject line on or before Friday, March 5, 2010.

Oral comments from the public will be permitted after each panel. Time allotted for each presentation is limited to three minutes. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, OCR will take written comments after the meeting until Friday, March 12, 2010.

After the workshop, OCR will synthesize the input from workshop panelists and general comments to incorporate into guidance. The guidance will be posted on the OCR Web site for public comment. OCR may provide revised guidance incorporating the public comment.

OCR welcomes the attendance of the public at this workshop. Seating is limited at the location, and OCR will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Andra Wicks at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

Dated: February 17, 2010.

Zinethia L. Clemmons,

Health Information Privacy Specialist, Office for Civil Rights, Health Information Privacy Division.

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[2] 45 CFR 164.514(b).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-10–0215]

Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404–639–5960 or send comments to Maryam I. Daneshvar, CDC Acting Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to *omb@cdc.gov.*

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

National Death Index (NDI), (OMB No. 0920–0215)—Extension—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Section 306 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 242k), as amended, authorizes that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through NCHS, shall collect statistics on the extent and nature of illness and disability of the population of the United States.

The National Death Index (NDI) is a national data base containing identifying death record information submitted annually to NCHS by all the State vital statistics offices, beginning with deaths in 1979. Searches against the NDI file provide the states and dates of death, and the death certificate numbers of deceased study subjects.

Using the NDI Plus service, researchers have the option of also receiving cause of death information for deceased subjects, thus reducing the need to request copies of death certificates from the States. The NDI Plus option currently provides the ICD codes for the underlying and multiple causes of death for the years 1979–2007. Health researchers must complete five administrative forms in order to apply for NDI services, and submit records of study subjects for computer matching against the NDI file. A three-year clearance is requested. There is no cost to respondents except for their time.