ACTION: Notice of intent to issue an exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of agency regulations, the Department of the Air Force announces its intention to grant Sensible Spreader Technologies, LLC, a corporation of New Hampshire having a place of business at 644 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03101, an exclusive license in any right, title and interest the United States Air Force has in: In U.S. Patent 8,428,993 entitled “Method and Apparatus for Risk Identification and Mitigation in Shift Work Fatigue”, issued on April 23, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: An exclusive license for this patent will be granted unless a written objection is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Written objections should be sent to: Air Force Research Laboratory, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, AFRL/RJ, 26 Electronic Parkway, Rome, New York 13441–4514. Telephone: (315) 330–2087; Facsimile (315) 330–7583.

Henry Williams,
Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Special Use Airspace Optimization Project, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

The U.S. Air Force is issuing this notice of intent (NOI) (40 CFR 1508.22) to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental consequences associated with modifying existing or creating new special use airspace (SUA), and relinquishing to the National Airspace System (NAS) SUA incompatible for today’s Air Force mission. SUA used by Holloman Air Force Base (AFB) dates back more than 30 years ago and was designed to support different aircraft with significantly different mission profiles and performance characteristics than the current aircraft (F–16C/D) flown at Holloman AFB. Optimizing Air Force controlled SUA would provide the scheduling flexibility necessary to conduct multiple, simultaneous training missions needed by the aircrews stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico to meet the pilot initial qualification training requirements. Two action alternatives identified as meeting the purpose and need for this proposed action will be analyzed in the EIS. Alternative 1 would reconfigure and expand the existing Talon Military Operations Area (MOA) and associated Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace (ATCAA). Alternative 2 would modify the existing Cato/Smitty MOA/ATCAA and create a new Lobos MOA to the west of White Sands Missile Range. Each alternative includes aircraft activity down to 500 feet above ground level (AGL), supersonic activity at or above 30,000 feet mean sea level (MSL), and the use of defensive chaff and flares within certain parameters. The resulting SUA would provide adequate volumes of SUA to allow for more efficient and simultaneous training activities that currently occur disjointedly throughout several airspace areas in New Mexico and return sub-optimal airspace to the NAS for use by the public.

A No Action Alternative will be included in the EIS, whereby aircrews at Holloman AFB would continue to utilize existing SUA as it is currently configured. Aircrews would continue to be limited to SUA that was developed for legacy aircraft more than 30 years ago and does not have the optimum volume, proximity to the installation, availability, or other attributes to efficiently support the Holloman AFB flying mission. The analysis of the No Action Alternative will provide a benchmark to enable Air Force decision-makers to compare the magnitude of the environmental effects of the proposed action.

Scoping and Agency Coordination: To effectively define the full range of issues and alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS, the Air Force will determine the scope of the analysis by soliciting comments from interested local, state and federal elected officials and agencies, as well as interested members of the public and others. The public and interested parties can submit their comments through the project Web site www.HollomanAFBAirspaceEIS.com, by mailing comments to Holloman Airspace EIS, c/o Cardno, 501 Butler Farm Rd., Suite H, Hampton, VA 23666, or by attending one of the public meetings. The Air Force will also pursue government-to-government consultations with interested Native American tribes and pueblos.

Public Meeting Dates and Locations: Public scoping meetings will be held in Carlsbad, Truth or Consequences and Las Cruces, New Mexico at the following dates, times, and locations:

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Carlsbad Public Library, 101 S. Halagueno Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Truth or Consequences Civic Center, Ralph Edwards Auditorium, 400 W. 4th Avenue, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.

Thursday, September 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Although comments can be submitted to the Air Force any time during the EIS process, scoping comments are requested by September 25, 2017 to ensure full consideration in the draft EIS.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Air Force has preliminarily identified two broad alternatives to optimize existing training airspace at Holloman AFB.

While the alternatives are independent of each other, the decision-maker may choose to implement one, both, or none of the alternatives based on the analysis provided in the EIS.

Alternative 1 would evaluate an expansion to the east of Holloman AFB of the Talon MOA and associated ATCAA. The Talon MOA is located in the vicinity of Carlsbad, New Mexico and covers approximately 1,848 square nautical miles. Under this alternative, the dimensions of the existing MOA/ATCAA would be expanded approximately 1,375 square nautical miles generally to the east. The floor of the MOA would be raised to 500 feet AGL from the current 300 feet AGL. Training within the expanded MOA/ATCAA would include supersonic flight at or above 30,000 feet and use of chaff and flares above 2,000 feet AGL.

Alternative 2 would evaluate the area west of Holloman AFB and White Sands Missile Range for reconfiguring and expanding the Cato/Smitty MOA and associated ATCAA and/or creating a new Lobos MOA/ATCAA. The Cato/Smitty MOA is located in the vicinity of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico and covers approximately 2,680 square nautical miles. Under this alternative, the dimensions of the Cato/Smitty MOA would be reconfigured and expanded to the southeast. Reconfiguring this MOA would result in returning the northern portion of the existing Cato/Smitty MOA back to the NAS. The new Lobos MOA/ATCAA would be created south of the reconfigured Cato/Smitty MOA and west of White Sands Missile Range.

The proposed floor of the reconfigured
Cato/Smitty MOA and the new Lobos MOA would be 500 feet AGL (2,000 feet AGL over designated wilderness areas as currently observed). Training within the reconfigured and expanded Cato/Smitty and new Lobos MOAs would include supersonic flight above 30,000 feet and use of chaff and flares above 2,000 feet AGL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the proposed action, scoping, and EIS development, contact Holloman AFB Public Affairs Office, at (575) 572–7383 or at: 49WG.PAOffice@us.af.mil.

Henry Williams,
Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Department of the Air Force.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board plans to hold its Fall Board meeting on September 20, 2017. A Portion of this meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting date is September 20, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Scientific Advisory Board meeting organizer, Major Mike Rigoni at michael.j.rigoni.mil@mail.mil or 703–695–4207, United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, 1500 West Perimeter Road, Ste. #3300, Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces the United States Air Force (USAF) Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Fall Board meeting will take place on 20 September 2017 at the The CENTRA Conference Center, located at 4121 Wilson Blvd., Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22203. The purpose of this Air Force Scientific Advisory Board quarterly meeting is to welcome new members, prepare for Science and Technology Reviews of the Air Force Research Laboratory, and apportion time for Air Force senior leaders to brief the SAB on their most vital S&T issues. The meeting will occur from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 September 2017. The session that will be open to the general public will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on 20 September 2017. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.155, a number of sessions of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Fall Board meeting will be closed to the general public because they will discuss classified information and matters covered by Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, subsection (c), subparagraph (1).

Any member of the public that wishes to attend this meeting or provide input to the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board must contact the Scientific Advisory Board meeting organizer at the phone number or email address listed in this announcement at least five working days prior to the meeting date. Please ensure that you submit your written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Scientific Advisory Board meeting organizer at least five calendar days prior to the meeting commencement date. The Scientific Advisory Board meeting organizer will review all timely submissions and respond to them prior to the start of the meeting identified in this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be considered by the Scientific Advisory Board until the next scheduled meeting.

Henry Williams,
Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Government-Industry Advisory Panel; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Federal advisory committee meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Government-Industry Advisory Panel. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, September 6 and 7, 2017. Public registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. on each day. For entrance into the meeting, you must meet the necessary requirements for entrance into the Pentagon. For more detailed information, please see the following link: http://www.pfsa.mil/access.html. Teleconference and direct connect information will be provided by the Designated Federal Officer and support staff at the contact information in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

ADDRESSES: Pentagon Library, Washington Headquarters Services,