

*OMB Control Number:* 1545–2044.  
*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* This revenue procedure 2015–40 provides guidance on the process of requesting and obtaining assistance under U.S. tax treaties from the U.S. competent authority, acting through the Advance Pricing and Mutual Agreement Program and the Treaty Assistance and Interpretation Team of the Deputy Commissioner (International), Large Business & International Division of the Internal Revenue Service. This revenue procedure updates and supersedes Rev. Proc. 2006–54, 2006–2 C.B. 1035, and is being issued concurrently with Rev. Proc. 2015–41, 2015–35 I.R.B., which provides guidance with respect to advance pricing agreements.

This revenue procedure also reflects modifications based on continuing internal monitoring of the administrative procedures of the U.S. competent authority to ensure that the administration of U.S. tax treaties is consistently principled, effective, and efficient.

*Form:* None.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,000.

*Title:* Form W–14—Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments.

*OMB Control Number:* 1545–2263.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Tax on Certain Foreign Procurement, Notice of Purposed Rulemaking, contains proposed regulations under section 5000C of the Internal Revenue Code. The proposed regulations affect U.S. government acquiring agencies and foreign persons providing certain goods or services to the U.S. government pursuant to a contract. This document also contains proposed regulations under section 6114, with respect to foreign persons claiming an exemption from the tax under an income tax treaty. Section 5000C imposes a 2% tax on foreign persons (as defined in section 7701(a)(30)), that are parties to specified Federal procurement contracts with the U.S. government entered into on and after January 2, 2011. This tax is imposed on the gross amount of specified Federal procurement payments and is generally collected by increasing the amount withheld under

chapter 3. A Form W–14 must be provided to the acquiring agency (U.S. government department, agency, independent establishment, or corporation) to: Establish that they are a foreign contracting party; and If applicable, claim an exemption from withholding based on an international agreement (such as a tax treaty); or Claim an exemption from withholding, in whole or in part, based on an international procurement agreement or because goods are produced, or services are performed in the United States. A Form W–14 must be provided to the acquiring agency if a foreign contracting party has been paid a specified Federal procurement payment and the foreign contracting party is seeking to claim an exemption (in whole or in part) from the tax imposed by section 5000C. Form W–14 must be submitted when requested by the acquiring agency, whether or not an exemption (in whole or in part) is claimed from withholding under section 5000C.

*Form:* W–14.

*Affected Public:* Federal Government.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 11,840.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Office of Research and Development, Technology Transfer Program, intends to grant to the Arizona Board of Regents, for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University (NAU), 1395 South Knoles Drive, PO Box 4087, Flagstaff, AZ 86011–4087, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 9,457,009 (“Methods and Compositions for Preventing and Treating Auditory Dysfunctions”) and related patent applications associated with VA Invention Disclosure number 10–148, titled, “Otoprotective *Uncaria Tomentosa*.” The invention provides methods for treating auditory impairments in a subject in need of

treatment comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a composition comprising, as an active agent, one or more of a carboxy alkyl ester, a quinic acid derivative, a caffeic acid derivative, a ferulic acid derivative, or a quinic acid lactone or derivative thereof or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and an acceptable carrier or excipient, so as to treat auditory impairments in the subject. Ultimately, this invention provides a novel therapeutic option for otoprotection and/or hearing recovery following injury.

**DATES:** Comments must be received September 14, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov); by mail or hand-delivery to the Director, Regulations Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273–9026 (this is a toll-free number). Copies of comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Call (202) 461–4902 for an appointment (this is not a toll-free number). In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Lee A. Sylvers, Technology Transfer Specialist, Office of Research and Development (10P9TT), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 443–5646 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is in the public interest to license this invention. NAU submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. 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 15 days from the date of this published Notice, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development, Technology Transfer Program receives written evidence and argument which 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.

**Signing Authority**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication

electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrissee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on August 24, 2017, for publication.

Dated: August 24, 2017.

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