DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License to Hydro-Quebec; Montreal Canada

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Hydro Quebec a corporation having its principle place of business at 75 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West Montreal, Quebec, H3Z 1A4, Canada, exclusive license relative to the following U.S. Patent and Patent Application: 'High Voltage Lithium Ion Positive Electrode Material':

- United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/911,700
- All foreign counterpart applications

DATES: The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice the United States Army Research Laboratory receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. Competing applications completed and received by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Mulken, (410) 278–0889.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the charter for the Inland Waterways Users Board (''the Board'').

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–692–5052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee’s charter is being renewed under the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 2251 and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102–3.50(a). The Board is a non-discretionary Federal advisory committee that shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels on the commercial navigation features and components of the U.S. inland waterways and inland harbors. According to 33 U.S.C. 2251(b), the Board shall file their recommendations with the Secretary of the Army and with Congress, annually.

Board members, as determined by the DoD, shall be representative members, and, under the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 2251(a), the Board shall be composed of 11 members.

Based upon the Secretary of the Army’s recommendation, the Secretary of Defense shall invite primary commercial users and shippers of the inland and intra-coastal waterways to serve on the Board. Commercial users and shippers invited to serve on the Board shall designate an individual, subject to Secretary of Defense approval, to represent the organization’s interests. The DoD shall ensure selections represent various regions of the country and a spectrum of the primary users and shippers utilizing the inland and intra-coastal waterways for commercial purposes, when considering prospective users and shippers to be represented on the Board. Due consideration shall be given to assure a balance among the members based on the ton-mile shipments of the various categories of commodities shipped on inland and intra-coastal waterways.

A primary user or shipper may be represented on the Board, at the request of the Secretary of the Army and with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, for a two-year term of service. A user or shipper may not be represented on the Board for more than two consecutive terms of service (four years), without prior approval from the Secretary of Defense. A user or shipper may be subsequently represented on the Board, but only after being off the Board for at least two years. In addition to the primary users and shippers invited by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army shall designate, and the Secretaries of Agriculture, Transportation, and Commerce may each designate, a representative to act as an observer of the Board. These observers, who have no voting rights, shall each be a full-time or permanent part-time employee of his or her respective agency.

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 2251(a), the Secretary of the Army shall designate one Board member to serve as the Board’s Chairperson. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, all Board members shall serve without compensation.

The DoD, when necessary and consistent with the Board’s mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, and working groups to support the Board. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of the Army, as the DoD Sponsor. All subcommittees, task forces, or working groups shall operate under the provisions of FACA, the Sunshine Act, other governing statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.