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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 27, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: ODCMO, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: Mailbox 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information. Any associated form(s) for

this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Department of Defense Basic Research Office, ATTN: Wade Wargo, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 17C08, Alexandria, VA 22350-3600, or call Wade Wargo at 571-372-2941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Representations to Implement Appropriation Act Provisions on Felony Convictions and Unpaid Federal Tax Liabilities, OMB Control Number 0704-0494.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to enable DoD awarding officials to exercise due diligence and continue to comply with provisions found in Sections 745 and 746 of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016 (Division E of Pub. L. 114-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016), as well as similar provisions that future years' appropriations acts may include. The requirements of these provisions were originally enacted in three Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 appropriations acts that made funds available to DoD Components for obligation. The details of the provisions in the three FY 2012 acts varied somewhat but they generally required DoD to consider suspension or debarment before using appropriated funding to enter into a grant or cooperative agreement with a corporation if the awarding official was aware that the corporation had an unpaid federal tax liability or was convicted of a felony criminal violation within the preceding 24 months. The FY 2012 provisions were in:

- Sections 8124 and 8125 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2012 (Division A of Pub. L. 112-74, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012);
- Section 514 of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (Division H of Pub. L. 112-74); and
- Sections 504 and 505 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Division B of Pub. L. 112-74).

Generally, the requirements related to these provisions of the FY 2012 appropriations acts have been included in each subsequent fiscal year's appropriations acts. Since FY 2015, the provisions related to felony convictions and unpaid federal tax liabilities have been enacted in the government-wide general provisions portion of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act.

Affected Public: Not-For-Profit institutions; Individuals or Households; Business or Other For-Profit; Farms; Federal Government; or State, Local or Tribal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,250.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Responses per Respondent: 6.

Annual Responses: 15,000.

Average Burden per Response: 5.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents are entities submitting applications or proposals to Department of Defense Components that may result in the award of grants or cooperative agreements. Under a competitive program, each entity will be required to submit representations with its application or proposal to disclose whether it is a corporation that has an outstanding tax liability or has been convicted of a felony criminal violation within the past 24 months. Most applicants for DoD awards submit electronic applications through Grants.gov and the representations would be electronically attached to the applicant's SF 424 (OMB Control Number 4040-0004).

A memorandum to DoD Components from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering specifies wording of the representations to be used for continuing obligations of FY 2012 appropriations and provides guidance on tailoring of the wording, if needed, to conform to provisions of future appropriations acts. The memorandum may be viewed at the DoD Basic Research Office Web site (http://www.acq.osd.mil/rd/basic_research/funding/documents/appropriations_act_provisions.pdf).

An awarding official prior to making a grant or cooperative agreement award will use the information provided by the representations in judging whether the entity recommended to receive the award is eligible to do so—*i.e.*, to decide whether the agency must first consider suspension or debarment of the entity and determine that further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. An entity that fails to submit a required representation therefore will be ineligible to receive a grant or cooperative agreement from the agency.

Dated: April 21, 2016.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

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 United States Army Science Board (“the Board”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee’s charter is being renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The Board’s charter and contact information for the Board’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO) can be obtained at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>. The Board provides the Secretary of Defense independent advice and

recommendations on matters relating to the Army’s scientific, technical, manufacturing, acquisition, logistics, and business management functions, as well as other Department of the Army related matters as determined by the Secretary of the Army. The Board shall be composed of no more than 20 members who are eminent authorities in one or more of the following disciplines: Science, technology, manufacturing, acquisition, logistics, and business management functions, as well as other matters of special interest to the Department of the Army. Members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee members. Members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will serve as regular government employee members. All members are appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from

conflict of interest. Except for reimbursement of official Board-related travel and per diem, members serve without compensation.

The DoD, as necessary and consistent with the Board’s mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups to support the Board, and all subcommittees must operate under the provisions of FACA and the Government in the Sunshine Act. Subcommittees will not work independently of the Board and must report all their recommendations and advice solely to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees, task forces, or working groups have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Board. No subcommittee or any of its members can update or report, verbally or in writing, directly to the DoD or any Federal officers or employees. The Board’s DFO, pursuant to DoD policy, must be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and must be in attendance for the duration of each and every Board/subcommittee meeting. The public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Board membership about the Board’s mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Board. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the Board, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

Dated: April 21, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Judicial Proceedings Since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel (Judicial Proceedings Panel); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Judicial Proceedings since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel (“the Judicial Proceedings Panel”

or “the Panel”). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: A meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016. The public session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School, 600 Massie Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22903.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Julie Carson, Judicial Proceedings Panel, One Liberty Center, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, VA 22203. Email: whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil Phone: (703) 693-3849. Web site: <http://jpp.whs.mil>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This public meeting is being held 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.

Purpose of the Meeting: In Section 576(a)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239), as amended, Congress tasked the Judicial Proceedings Panel to conduct an independent review and assessment of judicial proceedings conducted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) involving adult sexual assault and related offenses since the amendments made to the UCMJ by section 541 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81; 125 Stat. 1404), for the purpose of developing recommendations for improvements to such proceedings. At this meeting, the Panel will review training and experience for military attorneys involved in the adjudication of sexual assault offenses. The Panel is interested in written and oral comments from the public, including non-governmental organizations, relevant to these issues or any of the Panel’s tasks.

Agenda

—8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Administrative Work (41 CFR 102-3.160, not subject to notice & open meeting requirements)

—9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Overview on Judge Advocate Military Justice Training (Public meeting begins)—*Speakers: Leaders from the Services’ schools for judge advocate training*

—10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Overview on Training and Experience of Attorneys Prosecuting Adult Sexual Assault Cases—*Speakers: Service experts on trial counsel training*