

the public in determining the scope of the claims as well as the meaning of the claim terms in the specification. To ensure proper consideration, written comments to the forthcoming Request for Comments should only be submitted in response to that notice to *Quality Applications\_Comments@uspto.gov*. However, registrants may make oral presentations at the Silicon Valley and New York City roundtable events on the topics related to the forthcoming Request for Comments to the extent that the topics pertain to software-related inventions. Note particularly two questions from the forthcoming Request for Comments, which are previewed below. Oral comments are requested on the advantages and disadvantages of applicants employing the following practices when preparing patent applications as they relate to software claims.

- Expressly identifying clauses within particular claim limitations for which the inventor intends to invoke 35 U.S.C. 112(f) and pointing out where in the specification corresponding structures, materials, or acts are disclosed that are linked to the identified 35 U.S.C. 112(f) claim limitations; and
- Using textual and graphical notation systems known in the art to

disclose algorithms in support of computer-implemented claim limitations, such as C-like pseudo-code or XML-like schemas for textual notation and Unified Modeling Language (UML) for graphical notation.

Dated: December 27, 2012.

**David J. Kappos,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Federal Advisory Committee; Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Advisory Board; Closed Meeting**

**AGENCY:** DIA, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2 (2001)), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.10, DoD hereby announces that the DIA Advisory Board will meet on January 22, 2013. The meeting is closed

to the public. The meeting necessarily includes discussions of classified information relating to DIA's intelligence operations including its support to current operations.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 22, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Joint-Base Bolling-Anacostia, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ellen M. Ardrey, (202) 231-0800, Designated Federal Officer, DIA Office for Congressional and Public Affairs, Pentagon 1A874, Washington, DC 20340-5100.

*Committee's Designated Federal Officer:* Ms. Ellen M. Ardrey, (202) 231-0800, DIA Office for Congressional and Public Affairs, Pentagon 1A874, Washington, DC 20340-5100. *Ellen.ardrey@dodis.mil.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Meeting**

For the Advisory Board to discuss DIA operations and capabilities in support of current intelligence operations.

**Agenda**

*January 22, 2013:*

9:00 a.m. ....	Call to Order .....	Ms. Ellen M. Ardrey, Designated Federal Officer, Mrs. Mary Margaret Graham, Chairman.
9:00 a.m. ....	Administrative Business.	
10:00 a.m. ....	Classified Discussion with Director, DIA ....	LTG Michael T. Flynn, USA, Director, DIA.
11:30 a.m. ....	Working Lunch.	
12:45 p.m. ....	Classified Briefing .....	DIA Staff.
1:30 p.m. ....	Advisory Board Work Session.	
3:30 p.m. ....	Classified Discussion with Director, DIA ....	LTG Michael T. Flynn, USA, Director, DIA.
4:00 p.m. ....	Wrap-up/Adjourn.	

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Director, DIA, has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Director, DIA, in consultation with the DIA Office of the General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the Board's meetings be closed to the public because they include discussions of classified information and matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

**Written Statements**

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Board Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements at any time to the DIA Advisory Board regarding its missions and functions. All written statements

shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Official for the DIA Advisory Board. The Designated Federal Official will ensure that written statements are provided to the Board for its consideration. Written statements may also be submitted in response to the stated agenda of planned board meetings. Statements submitted in response to this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least five calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after that date may not be provided or considered by the Board until its next meeting. All submissions provided before that date will be presented to the Board before the meeting that is subject of this notice. Contact information for the Designated Federal Officer is listed

**under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Dated: December 28, 2012.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Notice of Membership**

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**What is the purpose of this notice?**

The purpose of this notice is to list the members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). This notice is required under Section 114(e)(1) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended.

**What is the role of NACIQI?**

The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA, and is composed of 18 members appointed—

(A) On the basis of the individuals' experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment;

(B) From among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and,

(C) On the basis of the individuals' technical qualifications, professional standing, and demonstrated knowledge in the fields of accreditation and administration of higher education.

The NACIQI meets at least twice a year and provides recommendations to the Secretary of Education pertaining to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.

- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.

- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA.

- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe by regulation.

**What are the terms of office for the committee members?**

The term of office of each member is six years, except that the terms of office for the initial members of the Committee shall be three years for members appointed by the Secretary; four years for members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and six years for members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed is appointed for the remainder of the term.

**Who are the current members of the committee?**

The current members of the NACIQI are:

*Members Appointed by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan With Terms Expiring September 30, 2013*

- Jamiene S. Studley, J.D., NACIQI Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Public Advocates, Inc., San Francisco, California.

- Earl Lewis, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

- Susan D. Phillips, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, The State University of New York at Albany, Albany, New York.

- Beter-Aron Shimeles, Student Member, Operations Coordinator, Peer Health Exchange NYC, Brooklyn, NY.

- Frank H. Wu, J.D., Chancellor and Dean, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California.

- Federico Zaragoza, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development, Alamo Community College District, San Antonio, Texas.

*Members Appointed by Speaker of the House of Representatives With Terms Expiring September 30, 2014*

- Arthur J. Rothkopf, J.D., NACIQI Vice-Chair, President Emeritus, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. (Mr. Rothkopf resides in Washington, DC)

- Arthur Keiser, Ph.D., Chancellor, Keiser University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- William E. Kirwan, Ph.D., Chancellor, University System of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

- William Pepicello, Ph.D., President, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona.

- Carolyn G. Williams, Ph.D., President Emeritus, Bronx Community College, City University of New York, Bronx, New York.

- George T. French, Jr., Ph.D., President, Miles College, Fairfield, Alabama.

*Members Appointed by President Pro Tempore of the Senate With Terms Expiring September 30, 2016*

- Bruce Cole, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, Washington, DC.

- Jill Derby, Ph.D., Governance Consultant, Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities.

- Wilfred McClay, Ph.D., SunTrust Bank Chair of Excellence in Humanities, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

- Anne D. Neal, J.D., President, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, Washington, DC.

- Cameron C. Staples, J.D., President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Bedford, Massachusetts.

- Larry N. Vanderhoef, Ph.D., Chancellor Emeritus, University of California—Davis, Davis, California.

**How can I obtain additional information?**

If you have any specific questions about the NACIQI, please contact Carol Griffiths, Executive Director, NACIQI Committee, telephone (202) 219-7009, fax (202) 502-7874, email:

*Carol.Griffiths@ed.gov*, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Dated: December 27, 2012.

**Arne Duncan**,  
Secretary of Education.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Combined Notice of Filings #1**

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10-2294-003; ER11-3808-002; ER11-3980-002.

*Applicants:* ORNI 18 LLC, ORNI 39 LLC, ORNI 14 LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Non-Material Change-in-Status of ORNI 18 LLC, *et al.*  
*Filed Date:* 12/21/12.