

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.

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**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.