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From: Chief of Naval Research

Subj: REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE DR. ARTHUR E. BISSON PRIZE FOR NAVAL TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT

Ref: (a) ONRINST 12451.1 (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Format for Award Nomination

1. Purpose. To request nominations for the 2004 Dr. Arthur E. Bisson Prize for Naval Technology Achievement for the year 2004 and to publish criteria and procedures to implement this award per reference (a).

2. Background. The prize is named in honor of the late Dr. Arthur E. Bisson (1940-1996), who provided a model of principled, effective leadership in transitioning science and technology (S&T) to naval capabilities. During his long career as a physicist and S&T manager in the Department of the Navy, Dr. Bisson became a prime mover in the Navy's understanding of sound propagation in the oceans, and the transition of that understanding into the Navy's technological capabilities in submarine quieting and defense of strategic submarines at sea. In his last assignment, Dr. Bisson was Director of Science and Technology for the Office of Naval Research (ONR). He was again a prime mover in the integration of all naval S&T in a single command, capable of managing new technology from earliest scientific concepts through prototyping and manufacture. His integrated program provided the Navy with a wholly new paradigm for faster, better coordinated, and more predictable S&T transition to acquisition and operations.

4. Information. Reference (a) established the Dr. Arthur E. Bisson Prize for Naval Technology Achievement to be presented to an individual or team to recognize and reward his/her notable successes in technology achievement. The award consists of a plaque and $7,500.

5. Criteria

a. The Dr. Arthur E. Bisson Prize is granted annually to a current or former Department of the Navy scientist, engineer, or S&T program manager whose program best exemplifies the qualities of Dr. Bisson's achievement, by having a significant, direct transitional impact from S&T to naval operations or systems in the last five years. Such impact shall be so outstanding as to be widely recognized in the Department of the Navy and the

relevant technical community nationally. The award may encompass (1) lifetime achievements in transition to Department of the Navy/Department of Defense (DON/DoD); (2) recent transition of major impact to DON/DoD; or (3) recent dual-use transition (from DON S&T out or vice versa).

b. The preeminent criterion for the prize is transition of S&T to increased naval capabilities. Three salient features must be met: high quality science and/or technology accomplishment, well conducted transition of that accomplishment from S&T to naval acquisition or operations, and a significant impact upon the warfighting and/or peacekeeping capabilities of naval forces.

c. Normally, S&T will have been supported by funds appropriated to the Department of the Navy as Basic Research (6.1), Applied Research (6.2) and/or Advanced Technology Development (6.3). Such funding, however, is not necessary to receive the prize, provided the nominee is eligible, and the S&T accomplishment is especially worthwhile.

d. Consideration is also given to contributing factors, including successful planning and management of S&T programs, individual or program achievements which contribute to the progress of science or engineering in a field of naval significance, and beneficial professional development of scientists and engineers.

6. Eligibility. At the time of the achievement cited as the basis for the prize, nominees must have been military or civilian employees of the Department of the Navy in positions managing or performing S&T.

7. Responsibilities

a. Nominations. Anyone may nominate an eligible person or team for the prize. Nominations are being solicited for the year 2004 prize. Nominations should be in the format described in enclosure (1), and routed through the nominee's Department Head to the ONR Incentive Awards Administrator, Office of Naval Research (ATTN: ONR 00HR), 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660. Nominations may be submitted at any time but no later than 15 May of each year. Endorsement letters must be provided by the nominee's command which document the impact of the nominee's accomplishments. While not required, additional endorsement letters are encouraged. Endorsement letters must be included with the nomination and forwarded to the address above. [ONR nominations must include endorsements by both the nominator and nominee's department heads.]

b. Selection. The ONR Incentive Awards Board will review all nominations and select the winner. This award will be awarded annually and will be presented each year.

8. Inquiries. Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the ONR Incentive Awards Administrator (ONR 00HR), (703) 696-0749.

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FORMAT FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
THE DR. ARTHUR E. BISSON PRIZE FOR NAVAL TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT

1. Name, business address, current position, and business telephone number of person making the nomination, and affiliation with person being nominated.

2. Name, business address, current position, and business telephone number of the nominee(s).

3. Brief resume of the nominee(s), including education, employment, and past awards and accomplishments.

4. Position of the nominee(s) at time of achievement, and brief description of duties and responsibilities.

5. Brief description of the achievement, including consideration of the criteria cited in paragraph 5 of the notice.

6. Endorsement letter(s).

7. Recommended citation (one paragraph) noting the specific contribution. (Paragraph is to contain only three to four sentences in order to conform to the space provided in the certificate.)

8. Ten copies of each nomination package are to be mailed to the address below:

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Enclosure (1)

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