

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONKuwait - Facilities and Infrastructure Construction Support Services

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of construction support services to provide administrative, operational, storage, support facilities and utility infrastructure for the 26th Al Soor Brigade facilities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide engineering, planning, design, acquisition, contract administration, construction management, and other technical services for construction of facilities and infrastructure for administration, operational equipment maintenance, logistical and base support, soldiers' living and recreational facilities, training, ranges, perimeter security, supply and storage, and utility infrastructure. The estimated cost is \$360 million.

This proposed sale would enhance the establishment of an all encompassing modern military facility that will serve both as a training base and a base of operations for a premier unit of the Kuwaiti Defense Force responsible for the security and stability of Kuwait. The facility scope of work is similar to other facilities built in the past by the US Army Corps of Engineers in other Middle Eastern countries, and the effort promotes the modernization and development of a Major Non-NATO ally. This proposed sale also would contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by enhancing Kuwait's self defense capabilities and supporting the USG's efforts in coalition operations.

This proposed sale would enable Kuwait to support the operational effectiveness of its military to maintain security and stability throughout Kuwait.

The proposed sale of this infrastructure and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The USACE is the principal organization that will direct and manage this program. The USACE will provide services through both in-house personnel and contract services. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The estimated number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives to be assigned to Kuwait to implement the provisions of this proposed sale will be determined as a result of program definitization.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Department of Defense Wage Committee Meetings**

AGENCY: Civilian Personnel Management Service (Wage and Salary Division), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Department of Defense Wage Committee will meet in closed session on January 12 and 26, February 23, and March 9 and 23, 2010. During those meetings the Committee will receive, review, and consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local wage survey committee reports and recommendations, and wage schedules derived therefrom.

DATES: The meetings will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12 and 26, February 23, and March 9 and 23, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at 1400 Key Boulevard, Level A, Room A101, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Craig Jerabek, Designated Federal Officer for the Department of Defense Wage Committee; 1400 Key Boulevard, Suite A105, Arlington, Virginia 22209-5144, telephone: (703) 696-1735, fax: (703) 696-5472, or e-mail: craig.jerabek@cpms.osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, Public Law 92-463, it is hereby determined that every Wage Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

However, members of the public who wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing the chairman at: Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

The Division was unable to finalize its agenda in time to publish notice of its January 12th meeting in the **Federal Register** for the 15 calendar days required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a). In order to meet legal effective dates, the meeting date cannot be changed. Accordingly, the Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

Dated: December 29, 2009.

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