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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Air Force

Notice of Intent To Perform an Environmental Analysis for the Removal of Used Depleted Uranium Targets From Nevada Test and Training Range

AGENCY: United States Air Force, Air Combat Command.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Removal of Used Depleted Uranium Targets from the Nevada Test And Training Range (NTTR).

SUMMARY: The United States Air Force is issuing this Notice of intent (NOI) to announce that it is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) to describe the proposed action for removal of used depleted uranium (DU) targets used by A-10 aircraft firing the 30-Millimeter PGU-14/B API Armor Piercing Incendiary round containing sub-caliber high density DU penetrators from the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR). This NOI describes the Air Force's proposed scoping process and identifies the Air Force's point of contact.

The proposed EA will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508); and the Air Force's Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) (Air Force Instruction 32-7061 as promulgated at 32 CFR 989) to determine the potential environmental impacts of removing targets formerly used by A-10 aircraft for DU testing and training at the NTTR.

As part of the proposal, the Air Force will analyze various disposal alternatives for DU contaminated targets and debris currently located in the 60-Series Ranges (Target 63-10) in the Southwest area of NTTR. Because the targets and debris are in various conditions and have varied levels of contamination the Air Force requires flexibility in considering alternatives to dismantle, transport, and dispose/reuse the targets. The targets to be disposed fall into two basic categories: (1) Targets that can be decontaminated because the

DU exists as surface contamination or the DU penetrator remains in the entry hole; and (2) targets that can not be decontaminated because the DU has fused into large areas of the target and it no longer qualifies as a usable target.

DATES: The Air Force will conduct a series of scoping meetings to receive public input on alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the EA and to solicit public input concerning the scope of the proposed action and alternatives. The schedule and locations of the scoping meetings are as follows:

March 23, 2004, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Sunrise Library, 5400 Harris Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada

March 24, 2004, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Indian Spring Community Center, 719 West Gretta Lane, Indian Springs, Nevada

March 25, 2004, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Bob Ruud Community Center, Main Hall, 150 North Highway 160, Pahrump, Nevada

The Air Force will accept comments at any time during the environmental analysis process. However, to ensure the Air Force considers relevant scoping issues in a timely fashion, all comments should be forwarded to the address below, no later than April 20, 2004. If during the preparation of the EA, the Air Force concludes an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is warranted, comments received during this scoping period will be considered in the preparation of the EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sheryl Parker, HQ ACC/CEVP, 129 Andrews St., Suite 102, Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769, (757) 764-9334

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Overview Information; Early Reading First; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.359A/B.

Dates:

Applications Available: March 8, 2004 (pre- and full applications).

Deadline for Transmittal of Pre-Applications: April 22, 2004.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 1, 2004 (for applicants invited to submit full applications only).

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 30, 2004.

Eligible Applicants: The term "eligible applicant" means the following: (a) One or more local educational agencies (LEA) that are eligible to receive a subgrant under the Reading First program (title I, part B, subpart 1, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA)), (b) one or more public or private organizations or agencies (including faith-based organizations) located in a community served by an eligible LEA; or (c) one or more of the eligible LEAs, applying in collaboration with one or more of the eligible organizations or agencies. To qualify under (b) of this paragraph, the organization's or agency's application must be on behalf of one or more programs that serve preschool-age children (such as a Head Start program, a child care program, or a family literacy program such as Even Start, or a lab school at a university), unless the organization or agency itself operates a preschool program.

Estimated Available Funds: \$94,439,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$750,000-\$4,500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$2,500,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 21-125.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.
Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: This program supports local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-age children, especially those from low-income families, through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research.

Priorities: Under this competition we are particularly interested in applications that address the following invitational and competitive priorities.

Invitational Priorities: For FY 2004 these priorities are invitational priorities. Under 35 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets these invitational priorities a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

These priorities are:

Invitational Priority 1—Intensity

The Secretary is especially interested in preschool programs that operate full-time, full-year early childhood