space, utility systems, and other infrastructure needs, while minimizing environmental, economic, and social impacts. The Master Plan's design and planning principles will encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of the NAC's historic landscape and buildings.

The NAC Master Plan is needed to support the goals of the DHS National Capital Region Housing Master Plan which proposes to consolidate 28,000 DHS employees currently housed in approximately 48 locations into approximately 8 locations. The extreme dispersion of DHS components imposes significant inefficiencies in daily operations which can be magnified at the most critical moments when the department must act as an integrated team responding to significant natural disasters or terrorist threats. In order to fulfill DHS' significant space needs, GSA continues to explore various locations for DHS facilities throughout the National Capital Region. The NAC is identified in the DHS NCR Housing Master Plan as a viable site for certain DHS components.

In order to strengthen DHS operational management capabilities, the DHS NCR Housing Master Plan suggests that DHS employees continue to be housed at the NAC—one of the few locations in Washington, DC that can achieve the Interagency Security Committee (ISC) requirements for an ISC Level V secure campus. DHS' NCR-wide consolidation efforts could result in new or additional components to be housed at the NAC; therefore, a Master Plan is needed to guide any anticipated new facility, security, or infrastructure requirements.

Further, a NAC Master Plan is needed to serve as a guide that will provide for functional flexibility in serving programmatic changes related to the evolving mission of DHS. The NAC Master Plan will steer long range campus construction, renovation, and maintenance to serve DHS mission needs. There is a need for a comprehensive plan at the NAC to guide federal investment to maintain, improve or construct new campus facilities, security, and infrastructure.

In December 2008, GSA issued a Record of Decision for the DHS Consolidated Headquarters at St. Elizabeths in Washington, DC and an EIS is underway for the remaining DHS Headquarters Consolidation requirement at the St. Elizabeths East Campus.

Alternatives Under Consideration

GSA will analyze a range of alternatives including the no action alternative for the proposed NAC Master Plan. As part of the EIS, GSA will study the impacts of each alternative on the human environment.

Scoping Process

In accordance with NEPA, a scoping process will be conducted to aid in determining the alternatives to be considered and the scope of issues to be addressed, as well as for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed Master Plan to guide the future development of the campus. Scoping will be accomplished through a public scoping meeting, direct mail correspondence to potentially interested persons, agencies, and organizations, and meetings with agencies having an interest in the NAC. It is important that federal, regional, state, and local agencies, and interested individuals and groups take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the Draft EIS.

GSA is also using the NEPA scoping process to facilitate consultation with the public under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800). GSA welcomes comments from the public to ensure that it takes into account the effects of its action on historic and cultural resources.

Public Scoping Meeting

The public scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Horace Mann Elementary School, Multipurpose Community Center Building, located at 4430 Newark Street, NW., Washington, DC 20016. The meeting will be an informal open house, where visitors may come, receive information, and provide comments. GSA will publish notices in the Washington Post and local newspapers announcing this meeting approximately two weeks prior to the meeting and will prepare a scoping report, available to the public, that will summarize the comments received and facilitate their incorporation into the EIS and Section 106 processes.

Written Comments: Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to, or in lieu of, providing comments at the public scoping meeting. Written comments regarding the environmental analysis for the proposed Master Plan must be postmarked no later than December 4, 2009, and sent to the General Services Administration, *Attention:* Suzanne Hill, NEPA Lead, 301 7th Street, SW., Room 7600, Washington, DC 20407, or via e-mail to *Suzanne.Hill@gsa.gov.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HHS Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Stakeholders Workshop 2009 and BARDA Industry Day

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is pleased to announce the upcoming HHS Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Stakeholders Workshop 2009 and BARDA Industry Day to be held December 2–4, 2009, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. This annual PHEMCE event will bring together private- and public-sector stakeholders including: Federal Officials, International Governments, Industry, Healthcare Providers, First Responders, Community-Based Organizations, and other interested audiences. Attendees will have opportunities to participate in forums on:

- Best Practices for Dispensing Medical Countermeasures
- Current and Future PHEMCE Initiatives
- Maximizing Resources in a Public Health Emergency Response
- Medical Countermeasure Development Initiatives
- The Regulatory Pathway for Medical Countermeasures
- BARDA Industry Day Presentations

This free Workshop will also address plans to enhance national response capabilities and the current state of public health emergency medical countermeasure preparedness. There will be a joint plenary session on Wednesday, December 2nd with HHS Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasure Enterprise Stakeholders Workshop 2009 and the American Medical Associations Third National Congress on Health System Readiness.

BARDA Industry Day provides a unique opportunity for biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry representatives to showcase their latest breakthroughs in vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and platform technologies targeting chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and naturally

emerging threats, including pandemic influenza.

DATES: The Stakeholders Workshop 2009 & BARDA Industry Day will be held December 2–4, 2009. Each day will begin at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Workshop will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008.

Registration: There is no fee to attend; however, space is limited and registration is required. Registration and the preliminary agenda are available online at: *http://www.medicalcountermeasures.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Paige Rogers, Office of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at 330 Independence Ave., SW., Room G640, Washington, DC 20201, e-mail at *BARDA @ hhs.gov,* or by phone at 202–260–1200.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, e-mail *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443–1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) The proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project Title: Combating Autism Act Initiative Evaluation (New)

Background: In response to the growing need for research and resources devoted to autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental disorders (DD), the U.S. Congress passed the Combating Autism Act (CAA) in 2006. This Act authorized federal programs to combat ASD and other DD through research, screening, intervention, and education. Through the CAA, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is tasked with increasing awareness of ASD and other DD, reducing barriers to screening and diagnosis, promoting evidence-based interventions, and training health care professionals in the use of valid and reliable screening and diagnostic tools.

Purpose: HRSA's activities under this legislation are conducted by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), which is implementing the Combating Autism Act Initiative (CAAI) in response to the legislative mandate. The purpose of this evaluation is to design and implement a three-year evaluation to assess the effectiveness of MCHB's activities in meeting the goals and objectives of the CAAI, and to provide sufficient data to inform MCHB and the Congress as to the utility of the grant programs funded under the Initiative. To address the requirements for the Report to Congress, the evaluation will focus on short-term indicators related to: (1) Increasing awareness of ASD and other DD among health care providers, other MCH professionals and the general public; (2) reducing barriers to screening and diagnosis; (3) supporting research on evidence-based interventions; (4) promoting the development of evidence-based guidelines and tested/validated intervention tools; and (5) training professionals.

Respondents: Grantees funded by HRSA under the CAAI will be the respondents for this data collection activity. The programs to be evaluated are listed below.

1. Training Programs

- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) training programs with thirty nine grantees.
- Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP) training programs with six grantees; and
- A National Combating Autism Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center grantee.

2. Research Programs

- Two Autism Intervention Research Networks that focus on intervention research, guideline development, and information dissemination;
- Five R40 Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Autism Intervention Research Program grantees that support research on evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents with ASD and other DD; and
- Two R40 MCH Autism Intervention Secondary Data Analysis Study (SDAS) Program grantees that support research on evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents with ASD and other DD, utilizing exclusively the analysis of existing secondary data.

3. State Implementation Program Grants for Improving Services for Children and Youth With Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Other Developmental Disabilities (DD)

- Nine grantees will implement state autism plans and develop models for improving the system of care for children and youth with ASD and other DD and
- A State Public Health Coordinating Center grantee.

The data gathered through this evaluation will be used to:

- Evaluate the grantees' performance in achieving the objectives of the CAAI during the three year grant period;
- Assess the short- and intermediate-term impacts of the grant programs on children and families affected by ASD and other DD;
- Measure the CAAI outputs and outcomes for the Report to Congress; and
- Provide foundation data for future measurement of the initiative's long-term impact.