

Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning extraordinary contractual action requests. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 73 FR 3241, on January 17, 2008. No comments were received. The clearance currently expires on April 30, 2008.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0029, Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Loeb, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-0650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

This request covers the collection of information as a first step under Public Law 85-804, as amended by Public Law 93-155 and Executive Order 10789 dated November 14, 1958, that allows contracts to be entered into, amended, or modified in order to facilitate national defense. In order for a firm to be granted relief under the Act, specific evidence must be submitted which supports the firm's assertion that relief is appropriate and that the matter cannot be disposed of under the terms of the contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 100.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 100.

Hours per Response: 16.

Total Burden Hours: 1600.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VPR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0029, Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests, in all correspondence.

Dated: March 11, 2008.

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Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 9th, 2008, from 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m., at the Offutt Air Force Base Dougherty Conference Center located at 906 SAC Blvd., Offutt AFB, Nebraska 68113.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board quarterly meeting to introduce information related to the Offutt Air Force Base 55th Wing and U.S. Strategic Command missions. This information will provide board members a valuable perspective of key missions currently being executed by the USAF and how they may relate to the on-going SAB studies: Airborne Tactical Laser Feasibility for Gunship Operations, Kinetic Precision Effects, Implications of Spectrum Management for the Air Force, and Defending and Operating in a Contested Cyber Domain.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Administrative Assistant of the Air Force, in consultation with the Office of the Air Force General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the

United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with classified information and matters covered by sections 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), (4), and (9)(b).

Any member of the public wishing to provide input to the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed below at any time. Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed below at least five calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer, Lt. Col. David J. Lucia, 703-697-8288, United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, 1080 Air Force Pentagon, Room 4C759, Washington, DC 20330-1080, david.lucia@pentagon.af.mil.

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Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Transformation-Related Increased Training at Fort Benning, GA (Maneuver Center of Excellence EIS)

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In order to transform the Army, meet the increased national security and defense requirements of the 21st century, maintain training and operational readiness levels of the force,

and preserve a high quality of life for U.S. Army Soldiers and Families, the Army has identified the need to increase its overall size while continuing to restructure its forces in accordance with modular Transformation decisions. On December 19, 2007, the Army signed a Record of Decision (ROD) documenting its decision to proceed with growth of the Active and Reserve components of the Army by 74,200 Soldiers through establishment of several new Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) and Combat Support and Combat Support Service units (CS/CSS). The growth of the Army would allow for the adjustment of the composition of its forces to continue to accommodate Transformation objectives and create additional unit capabilities in high demand areas where mission requirements exceed current manning authorizations. The Army growth decision will result in increased demands for the use of Fort Benning. Fort Benning will prepare a Maneuver Center of Excellence EIS to analyze Grow the Army (GTA) site-specific requirements and additional actions needed to support Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) implementation at Fort Benning.

In 2007 Fort Benning prepared a Final EIS for proposed Transformation and Base Realignment and Closure activities and signed a ROD selecting an alternative to proceed with several necessary projects and activities (Final EIS for BRAC 05 Realignment and Transformation Actions at Fort Benning, October 2007). Although Fort Benning itself will not experience permanent force structure growth beyond that analyzed in the BRAC 05 Realignment and Transformation EIS, it will be required to increase training of transient student loads in order to achieve and maintain the Army end-strength growth. The Fort Benning Maneuver Center of Excellence EIS will therefore consider a proposed action and reasonable alternatives for the Army to increase facilities at Fort Benning to accommodate training requirements related to BRAC, Global Defense Posture Realignment (GDPR), Army Modular Force Initiatives (AMF), GTA and other related stationing activities.

ADDRESSES: For further information regarding the EIS, please contact Mr. John Brent, Fort Benning Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Management Division, Bldg #6 (Meloy Hall), Room 310, Fort Benning, GA 31905. Written comments may be sent to Ms. Manganaro at 6751 Constitution Loop, Suite 550, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Monica Manganaro, Fort Benning Public Affairs Office at (706) 545-3438, or Mr. Brandon Cockrell at (706) 545-3210 during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Benning consists of 181,275 acres of DoD-managed land south and east of Columbus, Georgia on the banks of the Chattahoochee River in eastern Alabama and western Georgia.

The Maneuver Center of Excellence EIS is directly related to the BRAC 05 Realignment and Transformation Actions at Fort Benning EIS and the Programmatic EIS for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment. The Maneuver Center of Excellence EIS will analyze impacts as a result of continuing Army Transformation actions at Fort Benning, including newly identified projects that are required to support GTA, and 2 changes or additions to BRAC and Transformation projects (including GDPR and AMF) as analyzed in the BRAC 05 Realignment and Transformation EIS.

The proposed action would include the construction, maintenance and operation of additional facilities, training areas, including ranges and maneuver areas to support new units and activities.

The Maneuver Center of Excellence EIS will analyze the impact of several alternatives including the No Action Alternative. Alternatives to be examined by the EIS may consist of alternative siting locations within Fort Benning for facility and range construction projects, selection of new construction only, renovation and use of existing facilities, or a combination of both new construction and use of existing facilities, and varying intensity and use of maneuver areas within Fort Benning for training activities. Other alternatives may be identified during the public scoping process.

Impacts analyzed will include a wide range of environmental resource areas including, but not limited to, air quality, traffic, noise, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic, utilities, land use, solid and hazardous materials/waste, and cumulative environmental effects. Impacts to biological and water resources, air quality, and utilities could possibly be significant. Additional resources and conditions may be identified as a result of the scoping process initiated by this NOI. The public will be invited to participate in the 30-day scoping process which includes a scoping meeting and commenting on the proposed action,

alternatives, and environmental issues of concern to be considered and addressed in the EIS. Opportunities for public participation will be announced in the local news media and at Fort Benning's Web site at <https://www.benning.army.mil/EMD/program/legal/index.htm>. Comments from the public will be considered before completion of a Draft EIS (DEIS). Following completion of a DEIS the public will have an additional opportunity for review and comment. The FEIS will make appropriate changes based on public comments and will be released to the public for a 30-day waiting period. After fully considering the FEIS, including any public comments, the Army will sign a Record of Decision (ROD) choosing an alternative to implement the proposed action at Fort Benning. The ROD will not be signed prior to the expiration of 30 days from the publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the FEIS.

Dated: March 10, 2008.

Addison D. Davis, IV

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army,
(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; List of Correspondence

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: List of Correspondence from October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

SUMMARY: The Secretary is publishing the following list pursuant to section 607(f) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, (IDEA). Under section 607(f) of IDEA, the Secretary is required, on a quarterly basis, to publish in the **Federal Register** a list of correspondence from the U.S. Department of Education (Department) received by individuals during the previous quarter that describes the interpretations of the Department of IDEA or the regulations that implement IDEA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melisande Lee or JoLeta Reynolds. Telephone: (202) 245-7468.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of this notice in an