

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 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 Cost or Pricing Data Requirements and Information Other Than Cost Pricing Data. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 31448, June 9, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before November 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeremy Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

ADDRESSES: Send 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 (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0013, Cost or Pricing Data Requirements and Information Other Than Cost Pricing Data, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Truth in Negotiations Act requires the Government to obtain certified cost or pricing data under certain circumstances. Contractors may request an exemption from this requirement under certain conditions and provide other information instead.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 50.51 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 33,332; responses per respondent, 6; total annual responses, 199,992; preparation hours per response, 50.51; and total response burden hours, 10,101,684.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS:

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services

Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0013, Cost or Pricing Data Requirements and Information Other Than Cost Pricing Data, in all correspondence.

Dated: October 23, 1998.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0018]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Certification of Independent Price Determination and Parent Company and Identifying Data

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

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DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before November 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Linfield, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1757.

ADDRESSES: Send 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 (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Agencies are required to report under 41 U.S.C. 252(d) and 10 U.S.C. 2305(d)

suspected violations of the antitrust laws (e.g., collusive bidding, identical bids, uniform estimating systems, etc.) to the Attorney General.

As a first step in assuring that Government contracts are not awarded to firms violating such laws, offerors on Government contracts must complete the certificate of independent price determination. An offer will not be considered for award where the certificate has been deleted or modified. Deletions or modifications of the certificate and suspected false certificates are reported to the Attorney General.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .04 hours for the first completion, .0083 hours for subsequent completions, or an average of .01 hours per completion, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 64,250; responses per respondent, 20; total annual responses, 1,285,000; preparation hours per response, .02; and total response burden hours, 25,700.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS:

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Land Exchange Between Fort Benning and the City of Columbus, GA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the DEIS which assesses the potential environmental impacts of the exchange of tracts of land between Fort Benning and the City of Columbus (hereafter referred to as the City). Section 2829 of Pub. L. 101-510, enacted November 5, 1990, authorized a land exchange between the City and Fort Benning. The proposed action is to transfer the North Tract (ranging in size from 2113 acres to 2,760 acres) to the City in exchange for the South Tract, which ranges from 2,156 to 2,848 acres.

DATES: The public comments period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the DEIS contact the U.S. Army Infantry Center, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Management Division, (ATTN: Mr. John Brent), Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5122, or send e-mail to Brentj@benning.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this proposal may be directed to Mr. John Brent at (706) 545-4766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 26, 1996, Fort Benning conveyed 346 acres to the City for landfill development in exchange for 380 acres, as authorized under the same enabling legislation as the currently proposed exchange. An Environmental Assessment was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and a Finding of No Significant Impact was prepared for the landfill land exchange. This notice of availability pertains only to the proposed North-South Tract land exchange DEIS, involving the remaining 2,760 acres of Fort Benning land (the North Tract) and 2,848 acres of the City land (the South Tract).

The City intends to use the North Tract land for economic development and passive recreation. Fort Benning would use the land it receives for dismantled light infantry training.

The alternative actions considered in this DEIS are:

a. **Alternative I: No-Action.** No land would be exchanged under this alternative. Impacts associated with the Fort Benning mission and land use are evaluated for the North Tract. Impacts associated with the City's projected use of the South Tract for industrial development also are analyzed.

b. **Alternative II: Minimum Development of North Tract.** A North Tract of 2,760 acres would be exchanged

for a South Tract of 2,848 acres. This alternative would provide approximately 885 acres of the North Tract for economic/light industrial development. Also approximately 690 acres of the North Tract would become a Parks and Recreation Area near Bull Creek and may be used for wetland mitigation. The remaining 1,185 acres of the North Tract would be conservation areas. The Army would use the South Tract for dismantled light infantry training.

c. **Alternative III: Maximum Development of North Tract.** This alternative would also include transfer of a North Tract of 2,760 acres in exchange for a South Tract of 2,848 acres. Approximately 690 acre Parks and Recreation Area near Bull Creek would be established on the North Tract and may be used for wetland mitigation. The remaining North Tract property (approximately 2,070 acres) would be developable land. The Army would use the South Tract for dismantled light infantry training.

d. **Alternative IV: Development of the North Tract with Habitat Conservation Area (HCA).** This alternative would also include transfer of a North Tract of 2,760 acres in exchange for a South Tract of 2,848 acres. An HCA would be established and managed for protected species on approximately 708 acres. An approximately 690 acre Parks and Recreation Area near Bull Creek would be established on the North Tract and may be used for wetland mitigation. The remaining North Tract property (approximately 1,362 acres) would be developable. The Army would use the South Tract for dismantled light infantry training.

e. **Alternative V (Preferred Alternative): Development of Reduced North Tract Without the HCA.** This alternative would reduce the North Tract to 2,113 acres in exchange for a South Tract of 2,156 acres. Most of the area identified for an HCA in Alternative IV would remain with Fort Benning. Approximately 690 acre Parks and Recreation Area would be established on the North Tract and may be used for wetlands protection, leaving approximately 1,423 acres of developable land. The Army would use the reduced South Tract for dismantled light infantry training. The City would continue timber production on the portion retained from the South Tract (692 acres).

The DEIS includes analyses of the environmental consequences each alternative may have on topographical setting and land use, aesthetics, air quality and climate, noise, geology and soils, water resources, biological

resources, cultural resources, human health and safety, socioeconomic, infrastructure, hazardous and toxic materials/wastes, and environmental justice. The findings indicate that potential environmental impacts from each alternative may include changes to land use, impacts to biological resources and cultural resources, and cumulative impacts to biological resources.

A public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on this DEIS will be held in Columbus, Georgia. Additional details will follow in the media or may be obtained by contacting the Fort Benning Public Affairs Office at (706) 545-2211. Public comments received on the DEIS will be considered and addressed in the final EIS and considered by the Army in its Record of Decision.

The DEIS and supporting documents are available for public review at the following locations: W.C. Bradley Memorial Library, 1120 Bradley Drive, Columbus, Georgia; South Lumpkin Library, 2034 South Lumpkin Road, Columbus, Georgia; Sawyers Library, Building 93, Fort Benning, Georgia; Simon Schwob Memorial Library, Columbus State University, 4225 University Avenue, Columbus, Georgia; Columbus Chamber of Commerce, 901 Front Street, Columbus, Georgia; and Columbus Government Center Tower, Columbus, Georgia.

Dated: October 23, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Mission and Master Plan, Fort Bliss, Texas, and New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: To accommodate requests from the public, the Department of the Army has decided to extend the public comment period on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for the Mission and Master Plan, Fort Bliss, Texas and New Mexico from October 5, 1998 to November 5, 1998.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS should be postmarked by November 5, 1998 to