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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Job Corps: Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the New Job Corps Center Located Off Walgreen Road in Jacksonville, FL

AGENCY: Employment and Training
Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Preliminary Finding of No
Significant Impact (FONSI) for the New
Job Corps Center to be located off of
Walgreen Road in Jacksonville, Florida.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on
Environmental Quality Regulation (40
CFR Part 1500-08) implementing
procedural provisions of the National
Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the
Department of Labor, Employment
and Training Administration, Office of
Job Corps, in accordance with 29 CFR
11.11(d), gives notice that an
Environmental Assessment (EA) has
been prepared and the proposed plans
for a new Job Corps Center will have no
significant environmental impact. This
Preliminary Finding of No Significant
Impact (FONSI) will be made available
for public review and comment for a
period of 30 days.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by
May 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Any comment(s) are to be
submitted to Amy J. Knight,
Employment and Training
Administration, Department of Labor,
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-
4659, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-
5468 ext. 103 (this is not a toll-free
number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Copies of the EA and additional
information are available to interested
parties by contacting Melvin R. Collins,
Regional Director, Region IV (Four),
Office of Job Corps, 61 Forsyth Street,
Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 562-2382 (this
is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The proposed development site is
located approximately 2.9 miles
northeast of the Jacksonville City Hall
and is located off of Walgreen Road in
Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. The
EA indicates that the site is located

within an approximate 40-acre wooded
and undeveloped parcel. The subject
property has undeveloped parcels of
land as well as land developed with
commercial, industrial, and residential
properties in the vicinity (one eighth
mile).

The property is currently owned by
JARU Inc., Mr. Lawrence and Linda
DuBow, and Mr. Leonard Setzer. The
site does not contain any structures, and
historical aerial photographs indicate
that the property has been wooded
dating back to 1951, with the exception
of a small residential structure that was
historically found in the northeast
corner of the subject property. The
structure is no longer standing, but a
portion of the foundation is still
standing.

The proposed Jacksonville Job Corps
Center will be a totally new facility
utilizing a campus setting. The new Job
Corps Center will replace the existing
Job Corps facility currently located at
205 West Third Street in Jacksonville,
Florida. The new facility will consist of
multiple buildings which will support
272 Resident Students and 28 Non-
resident Students. The new facility will
consist of no fewer than eight buildings,
including dormitories, vocational shops,
maintenance and warehouse, cafeteria,
physical fitness center, administration
and support facilities, and classroom
facilities. There will be one dormitory
building for males and one dormitory
building for females, with a capacity of
136 students each. Classroom space will
be provided in an education building.
There will also be a vocational
education building, a cafeteria/culinary
arts building, a recreation building, an
administration and medical/dental
building, and a maintenance/warehouse
building. The gross area of the facility
will be 151,500 square feet, not
including proposed outdoor recreation
areas. The proposed project will be
constructed in accordance with local
fire and building code requirements.

The construction of the Job Corps
Center on this undeveloped parcel
would be a positive asset to the area in
terms of environmental and
socioeconomic improvements, and long-
term productivity. The construction of
the proposed Job Corps Center will
provide employment opportunities for
Jacksonville, Florida area residents. The
Job Corps program provides basic
education, vocational skills training,
work experience, counseling, health
care and related support services for
young adults; the program is designed to
graduate students who are ready to
participate in the local economy.

The proposed project will not have
any significant adverse impact on any

natural systems or resources. All
construction or development activities
that will possibly impact jurisdictional
wetland areas will be conducted in
compliance with federal and state
requirements. There are no historically
significant buildings on the site, and no
areas of archaeological significance. No
state or federal threatened or
endangered species (proposed or listed)
have been located on the subject
property.

Air quality and noise levels should
not be affected by the proposed
development project in the light
industrial area in Jacksonville, Florida.
Due to the nature of the proposed
project, it would not be a source of air
pollutants or additional noise, except
possibly during construction of the
facility. All construction activities will
be conducted in accordance with
applicable noise and air pollution
regulations, and all pollution sources
will be permitted in accordance with
applicable pollution control
requirements. The proposed Job Corps
Center will not significantly increase the
vehicle traffic in the vicinity.

The proposed project will not have
any significant adverse impact on the
surrounding water, sewer, and storm
water management infrastructure. Water
and sewage service for the new facility
will be provided by the Jacksonville
Electric Authority (JEA). These utility
systems are readily accessible and have
sufficient capacity to accommodate the
new Job Corps Center. All wastewater
from the center will be treated at JEA's
Main Street wastewater treatment plant.
All drinking water will be provided by
the JEA's Buckman water treatment
plant, which is the municipal water
supply for the surrounding area.
Drinking water for the Buckman plant is
obtained from deep wells into the
Florida Aquifer. Storm water runoff
from parking lots, sidewalks, and other
structures will be managed in
accordance with the requirements of the
St. Johns River Water Management
District (SJRWMD), and storm water
runoff is not anticipated to adversely
impact area surface water quality.

The City of Jacksonville, Office of
Solid Waste and Resource Management,
operates its own landfill (Trail Ridge
Landfill). Municipal solid waste is
collected weekly by the city. The
estimated life remaining at the landfill
is 21 years, based on recent
implementation of a recycling program.
Waste disposal at the new Job Corps
Center will be provided by either the
Office of Solid Waste and Resource
Management, or one of several waste
disposal contractors currently servicing
the community. The construction and

relocation of the existing Job Corps Center to this new site is not expected to increase demand for space at the Trail Ridge Landfill.

JEA provides electrical service to the project site. Natural gas is provided by Florida Gas Transmission Company, and telephone service is provided by BellSouth. All of these utilities have distribution lines in the vicinity which have sufficient capacity to handle the increased service demand created by the new Job Corps Center. The increased demand for utility services is not expected to have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

Walgreen Road leads directly to the proposed project site but not onto the subject property. Walgreen Road connects to Golfair Road, to the south, which leads to several other main thoroughfares within the City of Jacksonville and is part of the Jacksonville Transit Authority route. These services can be used to access all aspects of the greater Jacksonville area. Roadways will need to be constructed on the new Job Corps Center project site, but no significant adverse effects are expected.

No significant adverse affects should be felt by the local medical, emergency, fire and police facilities. There are several primary providers of medical services in the Jacksonville area. The primary medical provider located closest to the subject property is the Methodist Medical Center. There are also private medical facilities located in the Jacksonville area. The Job Corps Center will also have a small medical and dental facility on-site for use by the residents as necessary.

Security services at the Jacksonville Job Corps will be provided by the center's staff, with two personnel on the day shift, three on evening shift, and two on the night shift. It is not anticipated that the Job Corps Center will need additional security support from the community. Police services are provided by the Jacksonville Police Department, the Duval County Sheriff's Office, and the Florida State Police. The Jacksonville Police substation serving the proposed subject property is the Zone 1, Substation Norwood, which is located at the Gateway Shopping Plaza. No police services will be adversely impacted by proposed Job Corps Center.

The City of Jacksonville will provide fire and emergency response to the project site. The closest station to the project site is Station # 2 located at 4th and North Main Street, which is approximately four blocks from the project site. Backup assistance will be from the Station # 1 at 611 Liberty Street. The Jacksonville Fire Department

is a paid, professional fire-fighting organization providing 24-hour service. In addition, the Jacksonville area utilizes the 911 emergency call system for all emergencies, including fire and police. All fire and emergency services in the area are adequate for the project.

The proposed project population will not have a significant adverse sociological effect on the City of Jacksonville community. This area is characterized by a fairly diverse ethnicity, and offers numerous educational and recreational opportunities. Similarly, the proposed project will not have a significant adverse affect on demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the area.

The alternatives considered in the preparation of this FONSI were as follows: (1) No Action; (2) Construction at an Alternate Site; and (3) Continue Construction as Proposed. The "No Action" alternative was not selected. The current Jacksonville Job Corps Center is located in a run-down facility that is inadequate to meet the educational, residential, and recreational needs of the staff, faculty, and students at the Center. The "Alternate Site" alternative was not selected. The Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration solicited proposals for relocation properties on February 8, 1998, and received proposals for five properties in Jacksonville, Florida. Of the five proposed sites evaluated by the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, only the subject property on Walgreen Road was determined to be suitable for construction of a Job Corps Center.

Due to the inadequate facilities currently occupied by the Jacksonville Job Corps Center, the lack of alternative construction sites, and the absence of any identified adverse environmental impacts from locating a Job Corps Center at the subject property, the "Continue Construction as Proposed" alternative was selected.

Based on the information gathered during the preparation of the EA, no environmental liabilities, current or historical, were found to exist on the proposed Job Corps Center site. The planned construction of a Job Corps Center on the undeveloped parcel located off of Walgreen Road in Jacksonville, Florida, will not create any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 6th day of April, 1999.

Mary Silva,

Director of Job Corps.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Oregon State Standards; Notice of Approval

1. Background.

Part 1953 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes procedures under Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (hereinafter called the Act) by which the Regional Administrator for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called Regional Administrator) under a delegation of authority from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Assistant Secretary (29 CFR 1953.4) will review and approve standards promulgated pursuant to a State plan which has been approved in accordance with Section 18(c) of the Act and 29 CFR Part 1902. On December 28, 1972, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (37 FR 28628) of the approval of the Oregon plan and the adoption of Subpart D to Part 1952 containing the decision.

The Oregon plan provides for adoption of State standards which are at least as effective as comparable Federal standards promulgated under Section 6 of the Act. Section 1953.20 provides that where any alteration in the Federal program could have an adverse impact on the at least as effective as status of the State program, a program change supplement to a State plan shall be required. The Oregon plan also provides for the adoption of Federal standards as State standards by reference.

The state submitted by letter dated September 13, 1989, from John A. Pompei, Administrator, to James W. Lake, Regional Administrator, and incorporated as part of the plan, State standard amendments comparable to 29 CFR 1926, Safety and Health Regulations for Construction, as published in the **Federal Register** (36 FR 75) on April 17, 1971. The Oregon Safety and Health Regulations for Construction are contained in OAR Division 3. The regulations were re-adopted by reference, but included a large number of State-initiated rules adopted in addition or in lieu of specific rules in 1926. The new Construction