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*Associate Director.*

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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### New England Recovery Plan Implementation Team Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Recovery Plan Implementation Team (Team) for the Northern Right Whale and Humpback Whale Recovery Plans will hold a 1-day public meeting to consider whale recovery plan implementation actions, particularly for the northern right whale.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and end by 5:00 p.m., September 25, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The Team meeting will be held at the office of the New England Fishery Management Council, at 5 Broadway (Route One), Saugus, MA 01906-1097.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Thomas French, Team Chairperson, (508) 792-7270 (X163), or Sal Testaverde, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, (508) 281-9368.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Team is made up of state and Federal agencies from New England identified in each of the recovery plans as having a role in recovery of these two whale species. The September 25, 1996, Team meeting will include a discussion on the Team composition, a report from the subcommittee on vessel interaction conflicts, redrafting of the recovery plans, a response plan for retrieving stranded or dead whales, and the construction of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's outfall tunnel.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: August 16, 1996.

P. Michael Payne,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Assistance to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of a program for providing financial assistance to LEAs.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 386 of Pub. L. No. 102-484, as amended by Section 373 of Public Law 103-160, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994" and Section 1074 of Public Law 104-106, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996," February 10, 1996, notice is hereby given of a program to provide financial assistance to eligible LEAs that are impacted by the presence of military dependent children or by the base closure process.

**DATE:** August 22, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Personnel Support, Families & Education), room 3E784, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Hector O. Nevarez or Mr. Norman R. Heitzman, Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635; telephone (703) 696-4354 or 4361; facsimile number (703) 696-8920.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Program Announcement

During fiscal year (FY) 1996, the Department of Defense (DoD) is authorized to 35 million dollars to assist eligible Local Education Agencies (LEAs) affected by the impact of military dependent students or by reductions in the size of the Armed Forces. DoD shall rely on data from the Department of Education for the purpose of determining eligibility of an LEA.

Pursuant to subsection 386(c) of Pub. L. No. 102-484, as amended, 30 million dollars will be provided to eligible LEAs for educational agency assistance if without such assistance, that LEA would be unable to provide its students with a level of education equivalent to the minimum available in other LEAs in the same state, and

(1) At least 20 percent (as rounded to the nearest whole percent) of the

students in average daily attendance in the schools of that LEA in that fiscal year are military dependent students counted under subsection 8003(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703(a));

(2) There has been a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in the number of military dependent students in average daily attendance in the LEA's schools as a result of relocation of Armed Forces personnel or civilian employees of the Department of Defense or as a result of a realignment of one or more military installations; or

(3) An LEA is a successor of one or more LEAs that was eligible for payments in Fiscal Year 1992 under DoD Directive 1342.18, and satisfies one of the two previously listed criteria.

Pursuant to subsection 386(d) of Public Law 102-484; as amended, 5 million dollars is authorized for the Secretary to make educational agency payments to LEAs that are impacted by reductions in the size of the Armed Forces. Eligible LEAs are those that during the period between the end of the school year preceding the fiscal year for which the payments are authorized and the beginning of the school year immediately preceding that school year, had an overall reduction of not less than 20 percent of military dependent students, as a result of closure or realignment of military installations.

Any funds provided under this notice shall be available only for eligible LEAs who (1) exercise due diligence in obtaining State and other financial assistance; (2) are treated the same as other LEAs under State law for the purpose of receiving State aid for public education; and (3) file with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, a letter of application (see Sample Letter at the end of this notice) and a copy of an independently audited financial report on the LEA for the preceding fiscal year.

Applications for financial assistance in response to this notice must be received no later than August 30, 1996.

#### Definitions

For the purposes of this program, the following definitions are applicable: (a) Applicant. Any LEA requesting assistance under this notice. (b) Local Education Agency (LEA). A public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or such

combination of school districts or counties as are recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary or secondary schools. Such term includes any other public institution or agency having administrative control and direction of a public elementary or secondary school. (c) Military Dependent Student. A student that is a dependent child of a member of the Armed Forces or a dependent child of a civilian employee of the Department of Defense.

#### Amount of Assistance

An applicant requesting assistance under this notice shall submit a letter of application (see sample letter at the end of this notice) and a copy of an independently audited financial report of the applicant LEA for the second preceding FY, requesting a DoD contribution and assuring the ASD(FMP) that the LEA has applied for, has received or shall receive all financial assistance from other sources for which it is qualified. Letters of application must be addressed as follows: Assistant Secretary of Defense, (Force Management Policy), 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-4000.

The applicant shall also file a copy of the letter of application for financial assistance and required supportive information with the State educational agency (SEA). The SEA may submit comments on the LEA's application to the Department of Defense (at the above address) by August 30, 1996. Such comments shall be considered when applications are reviewed by the OSD. The LEA's application and all required supporting information must reach the ASD(FMP) no later than August 30, 1996. No assurances of confidentiality are being made, other than the assurance that the audits will not be released.

This information collection has been approved as OMB Control Number 0704-0389, with an expiration date of 09/30/96. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes 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. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports (0704-0389), 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite

1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Sample Letter of Application for Financial Assistance

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy),  
4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

Dear Mr. Assistant Secretary: Pursuant to this "Notice of a Program for Providing Financial Assistance to LEAs," \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Register \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_, 1996), the (name of the local educational agency (LEA)) requests financial assistance for the LEA for school year 1995-1996. We certify that the LEA has applied for financial assistance from all sources, including the State/ Commonwealth of (name). We understand that funds available for that purpose shall be paid on a per-pupil basis for military dependent students, as in the "Notice of a Program for Providing Financial Assistance to LEAs." Enclosed find a copy of our independent audit "(Title)" prepared by (name of firm or agency). We have submitted a complete and timely application for Section 3 impact aid assistance to the Secretary of Education and have submitted applications for all other assistance for which the LEA may be entitled. This LEA is treated the same as other LEAs under state law for the purpose of state aid for public education. A copy of this letter, with the above supporting information, is being submitted to the State educational agency.

Sincerely,  
(Authorized LEA Official)

Dated: August 16, 1996.  
Patricia L. Toppings,  
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.  
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#### Department of the Air Force

##### Record of Decision (ROD) for the Disposal and Reuse of Wurtsmith Air Force Base (AFB), Michigan

On June 7, 1996, the Air Force issued the Supplemental Record of Decision (SROD) for the Disposal and Reuse of Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan. The decisions included in this Supplemental ROD have been made in consideration of, but not limited to, the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Wurtsmith AFB, filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and made available to the public on September 24, 1993.

Wurtsmith AFB closed on June 30, 1993, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. § 2687 note) and the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The FEIS analyzed potential environmental impacts of the Air Force's disposal options by portraying a variety of potential land uses to cover a range of reasonably foreseeable future uses of the property and facilities by others.

The Air Force issued a ROD on December 12, 1994 which documented a series of decisions regarding the intended disposal of Government-owned property for public airport use, the intended termination of certain leases of improved real property with the Township of Oscoda, the disposal of the base electrical, gas, and telephone systems, both on Government and Township-owned land, and the disposal of property for homeless assistance. At the time of the ROD, the Air Force deferred decisions regarding the parcelization and disposal of the remaining Air Force-controlled Government property as well as the termination of the remaining Air Force leases and permits.

This SROD modifies certain decisions made in the ROD and addresses the decisions deferred from the ROD, thus completing the disposal decisions for Wurtsmith AFB. The Air Force has decided to modify the boundary of the airport conveyance and revise the disposition of utility systems. It will also make property available for Economic Development Conveyance (EDC), recreation and education public benefit conveyance, and public sale. Property at the base which the Air Force leases from the State of Michigan and the Charter Township of Oscoda will be returned to those entities. Property included in the proposed EDC includes housing, office and industrial facilities, and utility systems.

The implementation of these conversion activities and associated mitigation measures will proceed with minimal adverse impact to the environment. This action conforms with applicable Federal, State and local statutes and regulations, and all reasonable and practical efforts have been incorporated to minimize harm to the local public and the environment.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Teresa Pohlman, Program Manager at (703) 696-5240. Correspondence should be sent to: AFBCA/DD, 1700 North Moore