

NMFS within 90 days after the expiration of the IHA, if it is issued.

### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NMFS has prepared a draft EA for public review and comment (see **ADDRESSES**), that describes the impact on the human environment that would result from implementation of this action. NMFS has concluded, preliminarily, that no significant impact on the human environment would result.

### ESA

NMFS is conducting a Section 7 consultation under the ESA to make a determination whether the proposed research project would be likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the eastern U.S. stock of Steller sea lions.

### Preliminary Determinations

For the reasons discussed in this document and in the identified supporting documents, NMFS has preliminarily determined that the impact of seabird research on Southeast Farallon Island, Ano Nuevo Island, and Point Reyes NS would result, at worst, in the Level B harassment of small numbers of California sea lions, Pacific harbor seals, northern elephant seals, and Steller sea lions hauled out in the vicinity of the proposed research area. While behavioral modifications, including temporarily vacating the area during the survey period, may be made by these species to avoid the resultant visual disturbance, the availability of alternate areas within these areas and haul-out sites has led NMFS to preliminarily determine that this action will have a negligible impact on California sea lions, Pacific harbor seals, northern elephant seals, and Steller sea lions.

In addition, no take by Level A harassment (injury) or death is anticipated and harassment takes should be at the lowest level practicable due to incorporation of the mitigation measures described in this document.

### Proposed Authorization

NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to PRBO for the potential harassment of small numbers of California sea lions, harbor seals, northern elephant seals, and Steller sea lions incidental to conducting of seabird research on Southeast Farallon Island, Ano Nuevo Island, and Point Reyes NS, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments, information, and suggestions concerning this request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: July 23, 2007.

**Helen Golde,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Patent and Trademark Financial Transactions.

*Form Number(s):* PTO-2038, PTO-2231, PTO-2232, PTO-2233, PTO-2234, PTO-2236.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0043.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 58,166 hours annually, including 50 hours per year for Financial Profiles.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,929,205 responses per year, including 500 responses per year for Financial Profiles.

*Avg. Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two to four minutes (0.03 to 0.07 hours) to prepare and submit the existing items in this collection. The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately six minutes (0.10 hours) to complete and submit a Financial Profile.

*Needs and Uses:* Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 15 U.S.C. 1113, as implemented in 37 CFR 1.16-1.28, 2.6-2.7, and 2.206-2.209, the USPTO charges fees for processing and other services related to patents, trademarks, and information products. Customers may submit payments to the USPTO by several methods, including credit card, deposit account, electronic funds transfer (EFT), and paper check transactions. The public uses this collection to pay patent and trademark fees by credit card, to establish and manage USPTO deposit accounts, to set up a user profile for EFT transactions, and to request refunds. The USPTO is developing a pilot program that will allow customers to

access and manage their financial activity online by creating a Financial Profile through the USPTO Web site. The Financial Profiles are being added to this collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0043 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 27, 2007 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 20, 2007.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Notice of Funding Availability for Special Assistance to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in the Vicinity of a United States Service Academy

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of \$5 million in assistance of Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) is authorized by section 3310 of Pub. L. 110-28, to provide up to \$5 million in assistance to LEAs. Awards of up to \$1.5 million per Applicant may be provided under this Notice to assist LEAs in the vicinity of a United States Service

Academy (Service Academy), primarily where the loss of local revenue base, due to Federal property not being taxable, constrains an applicant's operating expenses and the ability to maintain educational programs.

Assistance may be provided to a LEA, or a State or local government on behalf of one or more LEAs, depending on the scope of the proposal. Funds provided under this Notice may not be used to replace or supplant Impact Aid assistance available from the Department of Defense (DoD) or the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

**DATES:** Proposals will be accepted through the close of business on August 31, 2007, or the date funds are no longer available for these purposes, whichever comes first.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Funding Opportunity Description**

OEA, a DOD Field Activity, is authorized by section 3310 of Pub. L. 110-28 to provide special assistance to LEAs. These funds are intended to assist LEAs in the vicinity of a Service Academy, primarily where the loss of local revenue base, due to Federal property not being taxable, constrains an applicant's operating expenses and the ability to maintain educational programs. Five million dollars is made available under this Notice.

### **II. Award Information**

OEA is accepting proposals for grant awards, not to exceed \$1.5 million per applicant. Proposals will be rated on content, responsiveness to this Notice, and budget. OEA will notify respondents within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a proposal whether their proposal qualifies to invite a grant application.

### **III. Eligibility Information**

A LEA is defined as:

- A board of education or other legally constituted local school authority having administrative control and direction of free public education in a county, township, independent school district, or other school district; and
- any State agency that directly operates and maintains facilities for providing free public education.

Eligible applicants are LEAs, or a State or local government on behalf of one or more LEAs, in the vicinity of one of the following Service Academies:

- United States Military Academy at West Point (West Point, NY); United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD); United States Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT); United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings

Point, NY); or the United States Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO).

For the purpose of this Notice, "LEAs in the vicinity of a United States Service Academy" means:

- A LEA where the total student enrollment includes school age dependants of Military, DOD civilian, and/or DOD contractor personnel employed on the Service Academy. Priority consideration will be given to LEAs where the school age dependants of Military, DOD civilian, and/or DOD contractor personnel employed on the Service Academy comprise at least three percent (3%) or 400, whichever is less, of the LEA's total student enrollment.

Eligible activities are limited to non-construction activities—for example, operational expenses (including salaries), conduct of planning studies and site assessments, and the development of financial plans.

### **IV. Proposal and Submission Information**

Respondents are advised that proposals received in conformance with this Notice will be accepted and processed on a continuous basis to the extent funds remain available.

Each proposal submitted should include a cover or transmittal letter signed by the Authorizing Official on behalf of the Applicant. Text of the proposal shall consist of no more than 10 pages (single-sided) which must include:

- A summary of the problem or need the project will address;
- A profile of the LEA's student population that demonstrates compliance with the eligibility requirements of this Notice;
- A summary of Impact Aid assistance received from DOD and ED, and an explanation of how the requested assistance will neither replace nor supplant Impact Aid assistance;
- A description of how the respondent intends to carry out the work required to:
  1. Resolve the problem or address the need; and
  2. Benefit school age dependants of Military, DOD civilian, and/or DOD contractor personnel employed on the Service Academy;
- A proposed budget and accompanying explanation, demonstrating that not more than 50% of the proposed project funding will be from funds awarded under this Notice;
- Documentation that the Authorizing Official is authorized by the respondent to submit a proposal and subsequently apply for assistance under this Notice;
- A project schedule for completion of the work; and,

- A local point of contact.

Proposals may be provided to: Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704, or submitted electronically to: [gary.willis@wso.whs.mil](mailto:gary.willis@wso.whs.mil).

### **V. Application Review Information**

1. Selection Criteria—Upon validating the eligibility of the respondent to apply for assistance, OEA considers each of the following factors as a basis for inviting formal grant applications: content, overall conformance with this Notice and overall reasonableness of budget.

2. Review and Selection Process—All proposals will be reviewed on their individual merit by a panel of OEA staff, which may be augmented by other Federal or non-Federal technical experts (e.g. ED), as necessary. OEA will notify the respondent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a proposal whether their proposal:

- Was successful and invite the successful respondent to submit a grant application. OEA will assign a Project Manager to advise and assist successful respondents in the completion of the grant application;
- Was unsuccessful and state the reasons why; or
- Remains under consideration pending the receipt of specific additional information.

### **VI. Award Administration Information**

1. Award Notices—A successful applicant (Grantee) will receive a notice of award in the form of a grant agreement, signed by the Director, OEA (Grantor), on behalf of the Department of Defense. The grant agreement will be transmitted electronically, or if necessary, by U.S. Mail.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements—Awards under this Notice are subject to compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws including the following: 32 CFR Part 33, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments"; OMB Circulars A-87, "Cost Principles for State and Local Governments" and the revised A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations"; 32 CFR Part 25, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)"; 32 CFR Part 26, "Drug-free Workplace"; and 32 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying (Grants)."

3. Reporting—OEA requires interim performance reports and one final performance report for any grant. The

performance reports will contain information on the following:

- A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period;
- Reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met;
- Additional pertinent information when appropriate;
- A comparison of actual and projected grant expenditures; and,
- The amount of Federal cash on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period.

The final performance report must contain a summary of activities for the entire grant period. All required deliverables should be submitted with the final performance report. The final SF 269A, "Financial Status Report," must be submitted to OEA within 90 days after the end date of the grant. Any grant funds actually advanced and not needed for grant purposes shall be returned immediately to OEA.

OEA will provide a schedule for reporting periods and report due dates in the grant agreement.

## VII. Agency Contact

For further information, contact: Gary Willis, Project Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment, telephone: (703) 604-5164, e-mail: [gary.willis@wso.whs.mil](mailto:gary.willis@wso.whs.mil) or regular mail at 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704.

Dated: July 23, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Intent To Grant an Exclusive License of a U.S. Government-Owned Patent

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The notice of an intent to grant an exclusive license for U.S. Patent application 11/229,425, filed September 16, 2005 entitled "Artillery Rocket Trajectory Correction Kit" was originally published in the **Federal Register** on July 20, 2007 (72 FR 39801). The following information was published in error: "In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of the intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license within the geographic area of the United States of America and

its territories and possessions to U.S. Patent application \* \* \*." The following information is the correction; In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7(b)(12)(i), announcement is made of the intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license for all the geographic area excluding the United States of America and its territories and possessions for any patents or patent applications claiming priority to U.S. Patent application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Russ Alexander, Office of Research & Technology Applications, (256) 876-8743.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Rueter-Hess Reservoir Expansion Project, Parker, CO

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Omaha District has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of enlarging the currently permitted Rueter-Hess Reservoir in Parker, CO. The current project was authorized in February 2004 with Department of the Army Permit No. 199980472 (Section 404 Permit). The basic purpose of the Proposed Action would allow the reservoir to serve as a regional water management facility for multiple water providers in northern Douglas County; enable them to meet peak demands; greatly enhance water management in the region; and help extend the yield of the Denver Basin aquifers, a non-renewable water source and the primary source of water for the South Metro area. Expansion of the reservoir would result in direct impacts to an additional 0.21 acres of wetlands and 4 miles of intermittent stream channel (in addition to the 6.7 acres of wetlands and 5 miles of other waters of the U.S. permitted as part of the 16,200-acre-foot [AF] reservoir). This action requires authorization from the Corps under Section 404 of the

Clean Water Act. The Permittee and Applicant is the Parker Water and Sanitation District (PWSD).

The Draft SEIS was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Corps' regulations for NEPA implementation (33 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 230 and 325, Appendices B and C). The Corps, Omaha District, Regulatory Branch is the lead federal agency responsible for the Draft SEIS and information contained in the SEIS serves as the basis for a decision regarding issuance of a Section 404 Permit modification. It also provides information for local and state agencies having jurisdictional responsibility for affected resources.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft SEIS will be accepted on or before August 27, 2007. Oral and/or written comments may also be presented at the Public Hearings to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at the Douglas County Office Building (Philip S. Miller Bldg.), Hearing Room (100 Third Street), Castle Rock, CO and on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at the North Water Reclamation Plant (18100 East Woodman Drive), Parker, CO.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments regarding the Proposed Action and Draft SEIS to Rodney Schwartz, Senior Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District—Regulatory Branch, 12565 West Center Road, Omaha, NE 68144-3869 or via e-mail:

[rodney.j.schwartz@usace.army.mil](mailto:rodney.j.schwartz@usace.army.mil). Requests to be placed on or removed from the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rodney Schwartz, Senior Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 402-221-4143; Fax 402-221-4939.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Draft SEIS is to provide decision-makers and the public with information pertaining to the Proposed Action and alternatives, and to disclose environmental impacts and identify mitigation measures to reduce impacts. PWSD proposes to enlarge the Rueter-Hess Reservoir from the currently permitted design of 16,200 AF by 55,800 AF for a total storage capacity of approximately 72,000 AF. This is considered the site's maximum storage capacity based on the site's topography. The proposed expanded reservoir pool would inundate approximately 1,140 acres (an additional 672 acres). PWSD would maintain a 5,000-AF emergency reserve pool in the reservoir (elevation 6,110 feet) to be used as needed to provide a reliable water supply for its