

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0006]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Submission for OMB Review;
Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting
Report for Individual Contracts
(Standard Form 294)**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), 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 subcontracting plans/subcontracting report for individual contracts (Standard Form 294). A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 18963, on April 16, 2007. No comments were received. This OMB clearance expires on August 31, 2007.

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 September 19, 2007.

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 (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rhonda Cundiff, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-0044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation 19.702, contractors receiving a contract for more than the simplified acquisition threshold agree to have small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business, HUBZone small business, veteran-owned small business and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns participate in the performance of the contract as far as practicable. Contractors receiving a contract or a modification to a contract expected to exceed \$550,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) must submit a subcontracting plan that provides maximum practicable opportunities for the above named concerns. Specific elements required to be included in the plan are specified in section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and implemented in FAR Subpart 19.7.

In conjunction with these plans, contractors must submit semiannual reports of their progress on Standard Form 294, Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 4,253.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.44.

Total Responses: 14,622.

Hours Per Response: 50.56.

Total Burden Hours: 739,225.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0006, Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294), in all correspondence.

Dated: August 14, 2007.

Al Matera,

Acting Director, Contract Policy Division.
[FR Doc. 07-4059 Filed 8-17-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6820-EP-S

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Preparation of an Environmental
Impact Statement (EIS) for Resumption
of Year-Round Live-Fire Training at
Eagle River Flats (ERF), Fort
Richardson, AK**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Army intends to prepare an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the resumption of year-round live-fire weapons training at Fort Richardson, including use of direct and indirect fire weapons systems. The EIS will analyze the proposed action's impacts upon the natural and manmade environment.

DATES: Written comments identifying potential impacts to be analyzed in the EIS must be received not later than September 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be forwarded to Ms. Carrie McEnteer, Directorate of Public Works, Attention: IMPA-FWA-PWE (C. McEnteer), 1060 Gaffney Road #4500, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703-4500; fax: (907) 353-9867; e-mail: carrie.mcenteer@us.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Mr. Robert Hall, Public Affairs Office, 724 Postal Service Loop Road #6000, Building 600, Room B349, Fort Richardson, AK 99505-6000; telephone: (907) 384-2546, e-mail: robert.hall33@us.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Richardson has undergone extensive transformation in recent years, including stationing of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne); 25th Infantry Division (Light); and temporary stationing of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. The proposed action would allow units to train year round at Fort Richardson and receive necessary weapons proficiency training. Weapons proficiency is a critical component of combat, and training must include live-fire exercises using both direct and indirect fire weapons. Indirect fire refers to the use of weapons such as artillery and mortars to fire at targets from beyond line-of-sight distances or from positions where line-of-sight is not possible. Direct fire, in contrast, is the use of small arms, machine guns, rockets, or missiles to fire at targets that can be observed or are within the line-of-sight.

The ERF Impact Area is the only impact area on Fort Richardson which can be used for live-fire artillery and

mortar training. The Army has utilized ERF for weapons training since the 1940s and a wide range of direct and indirect fire weapons have been used at this site, including mortars, howitzers, missiles, rockets, and small arms. Currently, ERF can only be used for live-fire weapons training during winter months when wetland sediments are frozen, which requires Fort Richardson units to travel to Fort Wainwright and Donnelly Training Area to complete training requirements during the summer. Firing restrictions were imposed in 1991 following completion of an environmental assessment that established a link between firing munitions containing white phosphorus and waterfowl mortality at ERF. The intent of limiting weapons firing to winter months was two-fold; first, to reduce possible disturbance and redistribution of white phosphorus within wetlands in order to decrease the chance for additional waterfowl mortality; and, second, to mitigate possible noise impact on ERF until such time as the Army properly evaluated the effect on resident wildlife.

Following the discovery that white phosphorus was the cause of waterfowl mortality in 1991, Fort Richardson (to include the ERF ordnance impact) was listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). A comprehensive remedial investigation was undertaken as part of the CERCLA process and white phosphorus was determined to be the only contaminant of concern at ERF. In 1998, a CERCLA Record of Decision that outlined the process for cleanup of white phosphorus at ERF was signed by the U.S. Army Alaska, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Alaska. Remedial actions at ERF have resulted in successful treatment of 99% of the wetlands and reduced waterfowl mortality to acceptable levels in accordance with the Record of Decision.

Environmental conditions have significantly improved at ERF since 1991, and the Army is proposing to reassess potential impacts at ERF from year-round use. U.S. Army Alaska proposes to remove existing winter only live-fire restrictions and return to year-round weapons training in order to fulfill current training needs at Fort Richardson. Both direct and indirect fire weapons would be used. Use of white phosphorus containing munitions in ERF would still be banned under the proposed action.

Potential impacts resulting from the proposed action include possible

disturbance of white phosphorus lying below the surface in contaminated areas, accumulation of munitions residues, increased noise, and physical disturbance of natural resources. The environmental components to be evaluated in the EIS include environmental health and safety, wildlife and fisheries, soil, water resources, cultural resources, noise, air quality, vegetation, and socioeconomic. Analysis of additional environmental components may be added based upon input from agency and tribal consultations and public scoping.

A range of reasonable alternatives, including an alternative considering "No Action" will be developed and analyzed in the EIS. The No Action Alternative represents the status quo with respect to live-fire training at ERF. Alternatives to be considered include varying the degree, timing, and location of weapons training at Fort Richardson and will take into consideration environmental components such as migratory bird and beluga whale migrations. Other alternatives reasonably capable of meeting the project purpose and need and criteria that may be raised during the scoping process will be considered.

Scoping and Public Comment: Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Native Alaskans, Native Hawaiian groups, Federal, State, and local agencies, organizations, and interested members of the public are invited to participate in the scoping process for the completion of this EIS by participating in scoping meetings or submitting written comments. The scoping process will help identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, means to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS. Scoping meetings will be held in Anchorage, Alaska and surrounding areas. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers.

Dated: August 5, 2007.

Addison D. Davis, IV,

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

[FR Doc. 07-4038 Filed 8-18-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3710-08-M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Education Advisory Committee.

Date: September 13, 2007.

Place: The Pentagon, Room 2E477, Arlington, VA 20310.

Time: 0900-1700.

Proposed Agenda: The meeting agenda includes an overview of Army training and a Pentagon tour, an overview of Federal Advisory committees, an update on the five subcommittees: Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Command and General Staff College, Army War College, Distance Learning/ Training Technology Applications, and the Reserve Officer Training Corps, and discussions focused on education and training within the Department of the Army.

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide for the continuous exchange of information and ideas for training and education between the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), HQ Department of the Army, and the academic and business communities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: All communications regarding this committee should be addressed to Mr. Carlton Hardy, at Commander, Headquarters TRADOC, ATTN: ATTG-CT (Mr. Hardy), Fort Monroe, VA 23651-5000; e-mail: carlton.hardy@us.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting of the advisory committee is open to the public. Because of restricted meeting space and building security, attendance will be limited to those persons who have notified the Advisory Committee Management Office in writing at least five days prior to the meeting of their intention to attend. Contact Mr. Hardy (carlton.hardy@us.army.mil) for meeting agenda and specific locations.

Any member of the public may file a written statement with the committee before, during, or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the committee chairman may allow public presentations or oral statements at the meeting.

Robert E. Seger,

Senior Executive Service, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7.

[FR Doc. 07-4057 Filed 8-17-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3710-08-M