

Gary Martinaitis, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581; and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for CFTC, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 25, 2008.

David A. Stawick,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0027]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Value Engineering Requirements

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 value engineering requirements. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 62445, on November 5, 2007. No comments were received. The clearance currently expires on May 31, 2008.

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 April 28, 2008.

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 (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0027, Value Engineering Requirements, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeritta Parnell, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Value engineering is the technique by which contractors (1) voluntarily suggest methods for performing more economically and share in any resulting savings or (2) are required to establish a program to identify and submit to the Government methods for performing more economically. These recommendations are submitted to the Government as value engineering change proposals (VECP's) and they must include specific information. This information is needed to enable the Government to evaluate the VECP and, if accepted, to arrange for an equitable sharing plan.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 400.

Responses Per Respondent: 4.

Annual Responses: 1,600.

Hours Per Response: 30.

Total Burden Hours: 48,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VPR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0027, Value Engineering Requirements, in all correspondence.

Dated: March 24, 2008

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Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on the National Nuclear Security Administration Strategic Plan for Advanced Computing will meet in closed session on April 16-17, 2008; in the Washington DC metro area. The exact meeting location is still to be determined.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At the meeting, the task force shall conduct an evaluation of the strategic plan for advanced computing of the National Nuclear Security Administration and assess the impact of using the planned capability for other National Security issues.

The task force's findings and recommendations, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, will be presented and discussed by the membership of the Defense Science Board prior to being presented to the Government's decision maker.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.120 and 102-3.150, the Designated Federal Officer for the Defense Science Board will determine and announce in the **Federal Register** when the findings and recommendations of the April 16-17, 2008 meeting are deliberated by the Defense Science Board.

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Science Board. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Official at the address detailed below, at any point; however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting that is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Science Board. The Designated Federal Official will review all timely submissions with the Defense Science Board Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the Defense Science Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Charles Lominac, USAF, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301-

3140, via e-mail at charles.lominac@osd.mil, or via phone at (703) 571-0081.

Dated: March 20, 2008.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Potable Water Supply for Washington Parish Reservoir, Project

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The study area comprises Washington Parish in southeast Louisiana. Washington Parish currently consumes approximately 40 million gallons of water daily, 70 percent of which is supplied by groundwater. Decreasing groundwater levels (quantity) and groundwater quality, in combination with forecasted growth within the Parish require alternative water supplies to be developed. The purpose of the project is to identify a new water supply to address the current and future potable water demands of Washington Parish. The Local Project Sponsor is the Washington Parish Reservoir Commission.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on April 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting will be held in Bogalusa, LA at the Bogalusa City Hall, 202 Arkansas Avenue, Bogalusa, LA 70427.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and Draft EIS should be directed to: Karen Dove-Jackson at (601) 631-7136, Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, CEMVK-OD-FE, Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Louisiana House Bill 216, 2003 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature created the Washington Parish Reservoir Commission as a State Entity. This law gives the Washington Parish Reservoir Commission the power to obtain land needed for the reservoir pursuant to the State of Louisiana's principle of eminent domain, and in accordance with the Louisiana Laws and Revised Statutes for this principle.

1. The Washington Parish Reservoir Commission completed a site selection

study (January 2005) to determine a recommended best source of future potable water for Washington Parish. The study concluded that creation of a surface water reservoir by damming Bogalusa Creek was the most desirable. The Washington Parish Reservoir Commission subsequently completed a preliminary engineering report (December 2006) that presented preliminary design, planning level costs estimates, and preliminary construction plans for a water supply reservoir. Based upon review of the site selection report, the Corps concluded that the proposed project had the potential for significant impacts to the human and natural environment. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the preparation of an EIS for proposals that are subject to federal funding, control, responsibility and permitting, and which have the potential for significant impacts. The proposed project would affect wetlands, which are regulated by the Corps, and require a permit to comply with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Because the proposed project would require federal involvement, it is subject to NEPA. Preliminary alternatives being considered include construction of a new surface water supply reservoir, construction of distribution systems to make available existing surface water supplies, and increased use of groundwater.

2. The Southern Hills Aquifer system supplies Washington Parish with potable water. The Southern Hills Aquifer system is one of the most heavily pumped aquifers in Louisiana, supplying 290 million gallons per day for consumption. Recent studies indicate that the Southern Hills Aquifer system is supplying more water annually than it can sustain, and water levels in the aquifer are dropping as much as one foot annually. In addition to aquifer water levels, the water quality of the aquifer is also declining.

3. A public scoping meeting will be held (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). Significant issues identified during this scoping process will be analyzed in depth in the Draft EIS.

4. Upon completion, the Draft EIS will be distributed for agency and public review and comment. Additionally, a public meeting will be held to present results of the Draft EIS evaluations and the recommended plan.

5. The Draft EIS is estimated to be completed in September 2008.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Sierra Vista Specific Plan Project, Corps Permit Application Number 200601050

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Sierra Vista Landowner Group proposes to implement a large-scale, mixed-use, mixed-density master planned community with residential, commercial, office, public/quasi-public, and open space land uses, and parks. The Sierra Vista Specific Plan would include approximately 1,148 acres of residential uses; 281 acres of commercial, office, and commercial-mixed uses; 162 acres of parks and paseos; 83 acres of public/quasi-public land uses; 31 acres of urban reserve; and 190 acres of roadways and landscape corridors. The Specific Plan would also include 244 acres of open space; of these, 38 acres would be graded as part of the project and the remaining 206 acres would be preservation areas.

The Specific Plan would include 9,995 dwelling units (in a mix of low, medium, and high densities) and approximately 2,419,113 square feet of retail and office uses. The project would also provide four elementary schools, one middle school, and a fire station. The proposed project is expected to generate about 25,219 new residents and 5,821 jobs. It is anticipated that construction would begin in spring 2010. The duration of construction would depend on market conditions; full buildout would likely be completed within 20 years from construction commencement.

The proposed project site is approximately 2,138 acres and contains 51.87 acres of waters of the United States. The project, as proposed, would result in direct impacts to approximately 37.74 acres of waters of the United States. These acreages do not include indirect impacts from the proposed action or impacts anticipated to result from offsite infrastructure that may be determined to be required as part of the project through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

DATES: A scoping meeting will be held on April 16, 2008 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting will be held at the City of Roseville Civic Center