

## II. Method of Collection

By mail or electronically over the Internet if respondents choose to complete the survey online.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0057.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and state, local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,168 responses per year. Out of a sample size of 2,842 for each wave of data collection, the USPTO estimates that 792 completed surveys will be received. Each year of the survey will include four waves of data collection with an estimated 3,168 completed surveys received. Of this total, the USPTO estimates that 70% or 2,218 surveys will be returned by mail and that 30% or 950 surveys will be completed using the online option.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours)

to complete either the paper or online version of this survey. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, complete the survey, and submit it to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 539 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$167,090. The USPTO believes that patent attorneys will be responding to these surveys. Using the professional hourly rate of \$310 for attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this collection is \$167,090 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Customer Panel Quality Survey (paper) .....	10 minutes .....	2,218	377
Customer Panel Quality Survey (electronic) .....	10 minutes .....	950	162
Total .....	.....	3,168	539

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$0. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, operation, or recordkeeping costs, nor are there any filing fees associated with this information collection. The USPTO covers the costs of all survey materials and provides postage-paid, pre-addressed return envelopes for the completed mail surveys.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Administrative Management Group.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Army Educational Advisory Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the following meeting notice is announced:

*Name of Committee:* U.S. Army War College Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

*Date of Meeting:* April 15, 2009 and April 16, 2009.

*Place of Meeting:* U.S. Army War College, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA, Command Conference Room, Root Hall, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013.

*Time of Meeting:* 10:15 a.m.-4 p.m., 15 April 2009. 8 a.m.-11:45 p.m., 16 April 2009.

*Proposed Agenda:* Receive information briefings; conduct discussions with the Commandant and staff and faculty; attend the Commandant's Lecture Series and key note speaker focused on technology and strategy, examine College charter to the Board that recommends the curriculum subcommittee consider a gap analysis approach to its process and findings; assess an overview and proposed growth of the International Fellows program, assess the College's approach to provide academic support through a .mil domain and considerations for a

.edu domain. Propose strategies and recommendations that will continue the momentum of Federal accreditation success and guarantee compliance with regional accreditation standards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact Colonel Scott Horton at 717-245-3907.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and must address: the issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action.

Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information.

Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Officer at U.S. Army War College, ATTN: Joint Education Office, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013, at any point, however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee until its next open meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee before the

meeting that is the subject of this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee Chairperson, may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee.

**Scott Horton,**

*Colonel, U.S. Army, Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Publication of Revision and Consolidation of Military Freight Traffic Rules Publications (MFTRP) 1C-R (Motor), 10 (Rail), 30 (Barge), 6A (Pipeline), 4A (Tank Truck), Military Standard Tender Instruction Publication (MSTIP) 364D, SpotBid Business Rules, and SDDC Military Class Rate Publication No. 100A to a Consolidation of Procurement Requirements for the Purchase of Commercial Transportation Services into the Military Freight Traffic Unified Rules Publication (MFTURP) No. 1**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) is providing notice that it intends to publish its consolidated procurement requirements of commercial transportation services publication, the MFTURP No. 1, which governs the purchase of surface freight transportation in the Continental United States (CONUS) by DOD using Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) exempt transportation service contracts.

The purpose for this new procurement procedure is to streamline the transportation requirements to reflect the current needs of the DOD. SDDC will accept comments—geared towards strengthening the DOD's procurement contracts for commercial transportation—to be utilized during quarterly updates of this publication.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by April 27, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Publication and Rules Manager,

Strategic Business Directorate, Business Services, 661 Sheppard Place, ATTN: SDDC-OPM, Fort Eustis, VA 23604-1644. Request for additional information may be sent by e-mail to: [dora.elias1@us.army.mil](mailto:dora.elias1@us.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Dora J. Elias, (757) 878-5379.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Reference:* Military Freight Traffic Rules Publications (MFTRP) 1C-R (Motor), 10 (Rail), 30 (Barge), 6A (Pipeline), 4A (Tank Truck), Military Standard Tender Instruction Publication (MSTIP) 364D, SpotBid Business Rules, and SDDC Military Class Rate Publication No. 100A.

*Background:* SDDC's various rules publications have gone through many revisions and updates since its inception. With various subject matter owners within SDDC being responsible for the publication, attempts to update the publications proved cumbersome. To make the update and revision process more efficient, SDDC has consolidated its rules publications into one document that is applicable to all surface modes. This also places the responsibility of maintaining the publication with one Publications Team.

The current procurement procedures were developed during a period of extensive economic regulation of the various transportation modes. The purpose behind the consolidation, revision, and change to these various modal procurement documents was to ensure the procurement procedures reflect the current transportation needs of the DOD as well as the state of the commercial transportation industry. It also streamlines documentation and procedures, as well as standardizes procurement terms as much as possible between the various transportation modes.

#### *Miscellaneous:*

- This publication, as well as the other SDDC publications, can be accessed via the SDDC Web site at: <http://www.sddc.army.mil/Public/Global%20Cargo%20Distribution/Domestic/Publications/>.
- Submit comments, in writing, to SDDC via e-mail at [dora.elias1@us.army.mil](mailto:dora.elias1@us.army.mil) or mail to Publication and Rules Manager, Business Services, Strategic Business Directorate (see **ADDRESSES**).
- Deadline for comments is April 27, 2009.

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*Division Chief, G9, Strategic Business Directorate.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### **Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Morehead City Harbor Project, Dredged Material Management Plan, Carteret County, NC**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is conducting a study to evaluate the long-term (20-year) dredged material placement needs and opportunities for Morehead City Harbor, NC. The study area encompasses Morehead City Harbor and the Ocean Bar approach channels extending seaward to deep water through Beaufort Inlet in Carteret County, near Morehead City, NC. The study will include the preparation of an integrated (combined) Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and will identify, evaluate, screen, prioritize, and ultimately optimize placement alternatives resulting in the recommendation of a plan for the placement of dredged materials for at least the next 20 years.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding the DMMP and DEIS should be directed to: Mr. Stacy Samuelson; Environmental Resources Section; U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington; 69 Darlington Avenue; Wilmington, NC 28402-1890; telephone: (910) 251-4480.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USACE, Engineering Regulation (ER) 1105-2-100 mandates that the Corps Districts develop DMMPs for all Federal navigation projects where there is an indication of insufficient capacity to accommodate maintenance dredging for the next 20 years. The ER further requires that the Districts consider options that provide opportunities for beneficial uses of dredged material.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, options for dredged material management will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for the protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal, will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be