

reexamination proceeding has been granted. Acceleration will proceed from that point forward. All submissions in the accelerated matter should be filed electronically, except in accelerated examinations where submissions must be filed electronically. Conducting more than one examiner interview during prosecution should be avoided. Responses to all Office actions should be submitted within one month of receiving the Office action. Petitions should be avoided as much as possible. Failure to meet these conditions may result in longer processing times by the USPTO than the goals given above, but the matter will continue to receive accelerated processing as described herein to the extent possible.

In all instances, certificate redemption is subject to available USPTO resources at the Director's discretion. If accelerating the matter would negatively impact other applicants, the USPTO may decline to redeem the certificate at that time.

Dated: February 6, 2012.

**David J. Kappos,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability of Ballistic Survivability, Lethality and Vulnerability Analyses

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The US Army Research Laboratory's (ARL's), Survivability, Lethality Analysis Directorate (SLAD) is a leader in ballistic survivability, lethality and vulnerability (SLV) analyses. ARL/SLAD conducts SLV analyses, using the MUVES-S2 vulnerability model, to quantify system, subsystem and/or component level vulnerabilities of ground and air vehicles. These analyses are used to support production, design, trade and evaluation decisions. These capabilities are being made available to qualified interested parties. Collaborations will be governed by Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (15 U.S.C. 3710) and fee-based testing services will be governed by Test Service Agreements (10 U.S.C. 2539b).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael D. Rausa, telephone (410) 278-5028. For further technical information,

please contact Denise Jordan, (410) 278-6322, [denise.a.jordan10.civ@mail.mil](mailto:denise.a.jordan10.civ@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Environmental Impact Statement for the Implementation of Energy, Water, and Solid Waste Sustainability Initiatives at Fort Bliss, TX

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army advises interested parties of its intent to conduct public scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act to gather information to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the Energy, Water, and Solid Waste Initiatives at Fort Bliss. These initiatives will work to enhance the energy and water security of Fort Bliss, Texas, which is operationally necessary, financially prudent and essential to the installation's mission. Elements of the implementation of the initiative would occur in Texas and New Mexico. By implementing these initiatives at Fort Bliss, the installation can help ensure that it has access to energy from renewable sources and ample water supplies now and into the future.

The decision maker at Fort Bliss will use the analysis in the EIS to determine which alternative(s) to implement. Actions to be evaluated in the EIS include: (1) The aggressive implementation of waste reduction, and energy and water conservation policies and practices; (2) the construction of a new pipeline to transport reclaimed water for best uses on Fort Bliss; (3) the construction of a Waste-to-Energy plant with adjacent landfill in the Southern Training Area of Fort Bliss, or on land to be exchanged with the Texas General Land Office; (4) the development and construction of dry-cooled concentrating solar thermal arrays in Fort Bliss Southern Training Area; (5) the development of geothermal resources on Fort Bliss in New Mexico for power generation and heating; (6) the development of existing wind energy resources on the eastern central and northern portions of Fort Bliss in New Mexico; and (7) the development

of up to 20 MW of natural gas powered turbines as a complementary source of back-up power to renewable energy facilities to provide for Fort Bliss energy security. The EIS will also analyze a long-term program that considers the implementation of energy technologies on previously disturbed land, existing infrastructure, or other Army owned lands that would be compatible with Army mission and sustainability criteria. Alternatives include implementation of a combination of these projects and the no action alternative that will allow for a comparison of each of the possible actions to existing baseline environmental conditions. Other reasonable alternatives that are raised during the scoping process and capable of meeting the project purpose and need and criteria will be considered and included for evaluation in the EIS.

Environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed action at Fort Bliss could include significant impacts to airspace, biological resources and migratory birds, soils and vegetation, noise impacts, increased traffic impacts, cultural resources, air quality, and surface and ground water.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be forwarded to Dr. John Kipp, Fort Bliss Directorate of Public Works, Attention: IMBL-PWE (Kipp), Building 624 Pleasonton Road, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916; email: [john.m.kipp6.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.m.kipp6.civ@mail.mil); fax: (915) 568-3548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Please contact Ms. Jean Offutt, Fort Bliss Public Affairs Office, ATTN: IMBL-PA (Offutt), Building 15 Slater Road, Fort Bliss, Texas 79916; phone: (915) 568-4505; email: [thelma.g.offutt.civ@mail.mil](mailto:thelma.g.offutt.civ@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The decisions to be made by the installation and cooperating agencies will be to determine whether and how best to implement energy, water, and solid waste technologies at Fort Bliss in both Texas and New Mexico. The EIS would assess the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts associated with various proposed alternatives. Alternatives evaluated in the EIS include different sitings and technologies that will be evaluated.

**Cooperating Agencies:** Some of the proposed projects considered in the alternatives being evaluated could occur on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) military-withdrawn lands in New Mexico. The BLM Las Cruces District Office and the US Air Force Holloman

Air Force Base will be invited as cooperating agencies for this proposal.

**Scoping And Public Comments:** Native Americans, federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to be involved in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS by participating in scoping meetings and/or submitting written comments. Written comments will be accepted within 30 days of publication of the NOI in the **Federal Register**. The scoping process will help identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS. Scoping meetings will be held in El Paso, Texas, and Alamogordo and Las Cruces, New Mexico. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be locally announced and published.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### Acquisition of Items for Which Federal Prison Industries Has a Significant Market Share

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** DoD is issuing this notification to set forth an up-to-date list of product categories for which the Federal Prison Industries' share of the DoD market is greater than five percent.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 8, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Director, Defense and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Susan Pollack, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060; telephone (703) 697-8336.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181, amended DoD's competition requirements for acquisition of products from Federal Prison Industries (FPI). On November 19, 2009, a final rule was published at 74 FR 59914, which amended the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) at subpart 208.6 to implement section 827.

Among other things, section 827 required DoD to publish a list of product categories for which FPI's share of the

DoD market was greater than five percent, based on the most recent fiscal year data available. Section 827 also provides for modification of the published list if DoD subsequently determines that new data require adding or omitting a product category from the list.

This notification provides a modified list of FPI product categories exceeding five percent of the DoD market, based on Fiscal Year 2011 data obtained from the Federal Procurement Data System. An identical list is also found in the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) memorandum dated January 12, 2012. (The DPAP memorandum with the updated list of product categories for which FPI has a significant market share is posted at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/USA007288-11-DPAP.pdf>.)

Accordingly, the updated product categories for which FPI's share of the DOD market is greater than five percent are:

- 3625 (Textile Industries Machinery);
- 3990 (Miscellaneous Materials Handling Equipment);
- 6020 (Fiber Optic Cable Assemblies and Harnesses);
- 7110 (Office Furniture);
- 7230 (Draperies, Awnings, and Shades);
- 8420 (Underwear and Nightwear, Men's); and
- 8465 (Individual Equipment).

Product categories on the updated list, and the products within each identified product category, must be procured using competitive or fair opportunity procedures in accordance with DFARS 208.602-70(c)(1). FPI must be included in the solicitation process and will be considered in accordance with the policy set forth in 8.602(a)(4)(ii) through (v) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

**Mary Overstreet,**

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-334]

#### Notice of Availability for Public Comment of Interconnection Facilities Studies Prepared for the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Project

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment of Interconnection Facilities Studies.

**SUMMARY:** Sempra Generation applied to the Department of Energy (DOE), on behalf of Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC, for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Mexico, currently referred to as the Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Project (ESJ Project). The ESJ Project would connect a wind energy project to be built in the vicinity of La Rumorosa, Baja California, Mexico, to San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E) existing Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kV transmission line. DOE hereby announces the availability for public comment of the Interconnection Studies prepared for the ESJ Project.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 9, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0001. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to [Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov) (preferred), or by facsimile to (202) 318-7761.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Jerry Pell (Program Office) at (202) 586-3362, or by email to [Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov), or contact Brian Mills at (202) 586-8267, or by email to [Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On December 20, 2007, Sempra Generation, on behalf of Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC, filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of DOE for a Presidential permit. That application was originally noticed in the **Federal Register** for public comment on February 22, 2008 (73 FR 9782). The proposed transmission line project would connect up to 1,250 megawatts of electric power produced from wind turbines to be located in the vicinity of La Rumorosa, Baja California, Mexico, to SDG&E's existing Southwest