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Public Announcement: Pursuant To The Government in the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94-409) [5 U.S.C. Section 552b]

DATE AND TIME: 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 11, 1996.

PLACE: 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 400, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

STATUS: Closed—Meeting.

MATTERS CONSIDERED: The following matter will be considered during the closed portion of the Commission's Business Meeting.

Appeals to the Commission involving approximately 10 cases decided by the National Commissioners pursuant to a reference under 28 C.F.R. 2.27. These cases were originally heard by an examiner panel wherein inmates of Federal prisons have applied for parole or are contesting revocation of parole or mandatory release.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Job Corps: Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the New Job Corps Center Located at 3300 South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, IL

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration.

ACTION: Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the New Job Corps Center located at 3300 South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500-08) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Job Corps, in accordance with 29 CFR

11.11(d), gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and the proposed plans for the new Chicago Job Corps Center will have no significant environmental impact, and this Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by August 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Any comment(s) are to be submitted to Amy Knight, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 219-5468 (this is not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the EA and additional information are available to interested parties by contacting Richard Trigg, Regional Director, Region V (Five), Office of the Job Corps, 230 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604, (312) 353-1311 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed site is located approximately 7 miles southwest of the Chicago Loop on a 30.7-acre parcel which is currently undeveloped and is in an urban/industrial area adjacent to the north side of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. The EA indicates that the property consists of 14 acres currently owned by the City of Chicago and 16.7 acres owned by the State of Illinois. An historical review indicates that one or several small structures may have existed on the property at one time or another; however, the records do not indicate how the structures were used. The site consists of fill material which is believed to have been dredged from the adjacent Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. The fill has been dumped on the site over a period of many years along with other unknown sources of garbage and miscellaneous debris. The southwest corner of the site slopes southwest towards the Canal where a small wetland area exists. The rest of the site is characterized by low quality vegetation. The proposed site is bordered by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad to the north, the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to the south, a radio station and Kedzie Avenue to the east, and more vacant land and Central Park Avenue to the west.

As a result of the many years of dredging and dumping of the nearby canal sediments onto adjacent land, the site was contaminated with lead and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Contaminated soils containing lead and PCBs were removed from the site as part

of the pre-construction soil remediation work. If left unremediated, these contaminants could have posed a health risk via soil contact, air emissions, and groundwater contact during the construction process. Identified areas of PCB and lead contaminated soil have been remediated by the City of Chicago to safe levels.

A Corrective Action Certification Report was prepared to certify that the preconstruction soil remediation work at the above referenced project has been completed and meets the cleanup objectives of the Site Management Plan approved by the IEPA. The completed remediation work effectively reduced the risk of exposure to personnel performing the construction of the Job Corps training facility, as well as to Job Corps personnel and students, in accordance with the risk assessment approved by the IEPA. The conclusions of the Site Management Plan clearly indicate that the goals and objectives of the Site Management Plan can be effectively accomplished to further reduce the overall risk to workers during construction and to Job Corps personnel and students engaged at activities planned for the Chicago Job Corps Center.

The proposed Chicago Job Corps Center is designed to accommodate approximately 348 full-time residential students. An additional estimate of 28 non-resident students will increase the total to 376 students. The property will consist of dormitories, educational/vocational facilities, food service facilities, medical/dental facilities, recreational facilities, administrative offices, storage and support. The proposed project is designed to be constructed in accordance with the local fire, building, and zoning code requirements.

Conversion of this undeveloped property to a Job Corps Center would be a positive asset to the area in terms of environmental and socioeconomic improvements and long-term productivity. The Chicago Job Corps Center will be a new source of employment opportunity. In addition, the Job Corps program, which provides basic education, vocational skills training, work experience, counseling, health care and related support services, is expected to graduate students ready to participate in the local economy and elsewhere.

The proposed project will not have any significant adverse impact on any natural system or resource. There are no "historically significant" buildings on the site and no areas of archaeological significance. There are no threatened or endangered species located on the site.