

Questions or clarifications concerning the proposal or any other information presented will be answered as they relate to the scope of the effort anticipated.

The Scoping meetings will include opportunities for clarification of the proposal and statements from representatives of government agencies and the public. To ensure the maximum opportunity for public participation, initial presentations and questions by individuals will be limited to a maximum of five minutes until all those desiring an opportunity to speak have been accommodated. Additional presentations and questions will be accepted at the end of the meeting. Submission of written comments and questions will also be accepted. Submission of written comments is encouraged but is not required. Written comments and questions of any length submitted at the meeting or during the scoping period will be considered in their entirety and will carry the same weight as oral comments.

To ensure the Air Force and the Air National Guard have sufficient time to consider public input on issues and alternatives in the preparation of the Draft SEIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by November 22, 1996. Comments received after this date will be accepted but such comments are not required to be addressed in the next phase of the environmental document.

For further information concerning the preparation of the Robins B-1B SEIS, or to provide written comment, contact: Program Manager, Robins B-1 SEIS, Air National Guard Readiness Center, ANGRC/CEVP, 3500 Fetchet Avenue, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762-5157, (800) 252-8959.

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### **Notice of Intent To Adopt Final Environmental Impact Statement Prepared for Sky Harbor International Airport Master Plan Update Improvements by the U.S. Air Force, Phoenix, Maricopa County, AZ**

The United States Air Force and the Air National Guard announce their intent to adopt the Sky Harbor Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the provisions of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR para 1506.3). The U.S. Air Force has reviewed the Sky Harbor EIS and determined that the EIS adequately addresses the environmental

impacts related to the proposed action for the relocation of the 161st Air Refueling Wing (ARW) at Sky Harbor.

As the federal entity responsible for funding airport improvements, the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region had City of Phoenix prepare the Sky Harbor EIS for airport master plan improvements. The relocation of the 161 ARW is proposed so that a third runway be constructed at Sky Harbor as part of master plan improvements. The relocation or shifting of the 161 ARW will require demolition of most of the existing facilities of the 161st ARW and reconstruction on a portion of the present land along with a new area provided to the south. The 161 ARW is on leased real estate which is owned by the City of Phoenix and controlled by the airport. The U.S. Air Force executive action to be made is whether to proceed with a land exchange agreement for the replacement of facilities and amend the lease to reflect the exchange of real estate.

The Air Force and Air National Guard will accept comments at the address below for a 30 day period from the date of this notice. For further information concerning adopting the Sky Harbor EIS, actions being taken by the Air Force and Air National Guard, or to provide written comment, contact: Mr. Kevin Marek, Program Manager, Sky Harbor EIS, Air National Guard Readiness Center, ANGRC/CEVP, 3500 Fetchet Avenue, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762-5157.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Notice Establishing Deadlines for the Submission of Waiver Requests**

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Acting Deputy Secretary establishes deadlines for the submission of waiver requests under sections 14401 and 1113(a)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), section 311(a) of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, and section 502 of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994.

**DEADLINES:** Requests for waivers that would be implemented in the semester immediately following January 1, 1997 must be submitted no later than November 1, 1996.

Requests for waivers that would be implemented in the beginning of the

1997-98 school year must be submitted no later than May 1, 1997.

Waiver applicants are encouraged to submit their waiver requests as early as possible and not wait until these deadlines to seek waivers. The requests will be reviewed upon receipt.

For purposes of this notice, the submission date is the date that the waiver request is received by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) in substantially approvable form. A waiver request is considered to be in substantially approvable form when it has adequately addressed the statutory criteria as described in the Department's waiver guidance.

Exceptions to the deadlines will be considered only if the applicant demonstrates that the requested waiver would not disrupt ongoing school-level activities.

**BACKGROUND:** The reauthorized ESEA, the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, and the School-to-Work Opportunities Act provide State educational agencies, school districts, and other eligible applicants with opportunities to seek waivers of certain requirements of Federal education programs in order to improve school effectiveness and academic achievement. Waivers granted under these authorities should be part of overall school improvement efforts and promote improved teaching and learning. As of September 9, 1996, 129 waiver requests had been approved by the Department. The provisions waived have included requirements governing the statutory poverty threshold for implementing schoolwide programs under Title I of the ESEA; within-district allocations of Title I, Part A funds; the proportion of funds devoted to professional development in mathematics and science and other core subject areas under Title II of the ESEA; the consolidation of administrative funds under Title XIV of the ESEA; and the formation of consortia under the Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act.

During the period a waiver is under review by the Department, a waiver applicant must continue to comply with the requirement that is the subject of the waiver request. If a request is submitted close to the date an applicant desires to implement the waiver, the Department may be unable to review the request before the desired implementation date and/or the applicant may have insufficient time to make the adjustments necessary to effectively implement the waiver if one is granted. Thus, the Department has found it necessary to establish specific deadlines for the submission of waiver requests.