

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Concept Release Concerning the Regulation of Noncompetitive Transactions Executed on or Subject to the Rules of a Contract Market

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period on Concept Release.

SUMMARY: On January 16, 1998, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission issued a Concept Release concerning the regulation of noncompetitive transactions executed on or subject to the rules of a contract market. Through this release, the Commission solicited comments on a broad range of questions concerning the oversight of transactions involving (i) the exchange of futures contracts for, or in connection with, cash commodities, (ii) other noncompetitive transactions, and (iii) the use of execution facilities for noncompetitive transactions. The Concept Release was initially published for public comment on January 26, 1998 (63 FR 3708) with comments on the release due by March 27, 1998. In response to a request from the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange, Inc., the Commission extended the comment period for an additional 30 days, until April 27, 1998.

The Commission has received a request from the Futures Industry Association Inc. to extend the comment period on certain parts of the Concept Release which relate to block trading. The Commission has decided to grant this request. The extended deadline for comments on the issues raised in section III.A.3. ("Alternative Execution Procedures") of the Concept Release is September 1, 1998. To the extent that comments on sections III.B. ("Qualifying Standards"), III.C. ("Continuing Regulatory Requirements"), and IV. ("Execution Facilities for Noncompetitive Transactions Executed on or Subject to the Rules of a Contract Market") relate to the block trading issues raised in section III.A.3. of the Concept Release, they also may be received on or before September 1, 1998.

The deadline for comments on all other issues raised in the Concept Release remains April 27, 1998.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the Concept Release should submit their views and comments by the specified date to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre,

1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov.

DATES: Comments on section III.A.3. of the Concept Release must be received on or before September 1, 1998. To the extent that comments on sections III.B., III.C., and IV. relate to the block trading issues raised in section III.A.3. of the Concept Release, they must be received on or before September 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Creed, Attorney, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581. Telephone: (202) 418-5493.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on this 27th day of April, 1998, by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. & 3508(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed Program Development Assistance and Training (PDAT) Budget Form.

Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section by July 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Evaluation and Effective Practices—Training and Technical Assistance, Attn: Jim Ekstrom, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Ekstrom, (202) 606-5000, ext. 139.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

In the past Program Development Assistance and Training (PDAT) Budget information was requested informally without the form being proposed in this notice. As a result, the PDAT financial information submitted to the Corporation by applicants did not consistently provide the information that was requested. The Corporation anticipates that the use of the one-page budget form being proposed here will result in the submission of more complete PDAT-related financial information by the applicants.

B. Current Action

Each year the Corporation seeks to collect PDAT budget information from the 48 state commissions on national and community service. The information that will be collected on the proposed one-page PDAT budget form will be used during the Corporation's annual review of PDAT applications. The proposed PDAT budget form will be useful to the Corporation in the PDAT application review process that leads to the allocation of PDAT funds to the state commissions.

Type of Review: New form.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Program Development Assistance and Training (PDAT) Budget Form.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: The 48 state commissions on national and community service.

Total Respondents: 48.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 96 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

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

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Kenneth L. Klothen,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Disposal and Reuse of the Defense Distribution Depot, Memphis, TN (DDMT)

AGENCY: Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The proposed action evaluated by this EA is the disposal of the DDMT, in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended. The EA addresses the environmental consequences of the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 642 acres divided into two sections, the main installation (574 acres) and Dunn Field (68 acres). Three alternative methods of disposal were analyzed: Encumbered disposal, unencumbered disposal and retention of the property in caretaker status (i.e., no action alternative). The Army's preferred alternative for disposal of the DDMT is encumbered disposal which involves conveying the property with conditions imposed on historic resources, remedial activities, utility easements, asbestos-containing material and lead-based paint.

The EA, which is incorporated into the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI), examines potential effects of the proposed action and alternatives on 15

resources areas and areas of environmental concern: land use, climate, air quality, noise, geology, and water resources infrastructure, hazardous and toxic substances, permits and regulatory authorizations, biological resources and ecosystems, cultural resources, economic development, socioeconomic and quality of life.

The EA concludes that the disposal and subsequent reuse of the property will not have a significant impact on the human environment. Issuance of an FNSI would be appropriate. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required prior to implication of the proposed actions.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the EA or inquiries into the FNSI may be obtained by writing to Mr. Jerry Jones at the Crops of Engineers, Mobile District (ATTN: CESAM-PD-EI), 109 St. Joseph Street, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or by facsimile at (334) 694-3815.

Dated: April 24, 1998.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA (I,L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Disposal and Reuse of the Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP), Stratford, CT

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The proposed action evaluated by the DEIS is the disposal of the Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP), in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended. The DEIS addresses the environmental impacts of the disposal and subsequent reuse of SAEP land and facilities. Alternatives examined in the DEIS include encumbered disposal of the property, unencumbered disposal of the property and no action. Encumbered disposal refers to transfer or conveyance of property having restrictions on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint. Under the no action alternative, the Army would not dispose of the property but would maintain it in caretaker status for an indefinite period. The Army's preferred

alternative for disposal of the SAEP property is encumbered disposal which involves conveying the property with conditions imposed on asbestos-containing materials, easements, groundwater use prohibition, historical resources, lead-based paint, wetlands and remedial activities to protect human health regarding the transfer of land and facilities.

The EIS also analyzes the potential environmental effects of reuse by means of evaluating intensity-based probable reuse scenarios. Appropriate to the SAEP are medium-low, low and medium intensity reuse scenarios reflecting the range of activities that could occur after disposal of the property.

DATES: Comments and suggestions received within the 45 days of the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability for this action will be addressed in the Final EIS.

SCOPING: The Army will hold a public meeting for this Draft EIS. The location and date of the meeting, to be scheduled in May 1998, will be announced in the local news media. Oral and written comments may be presented at the public meeting.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft EIS are available for review at the Stratford Public Library, 2203 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut 06497. Copies may be obtained by writing to Mr. Joe Hand, at the Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, ATTN: TD-EC, 109 St Joseph Street, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or by telephone at (334) 694-3881 or facsimile at (334) 690-2605.

Dated: April 27, 1998.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA (I, L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application SN 09/035,910 Concerning Improved Method for Purifying Cholera Toxin

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of U.S. Patent Application SN 09/035,910 entitled "Improved