

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001);

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg., 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150); and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

Dated: February 25, 2000.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Applications of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a Contract Market for Futures and Options on the FORTUNE e-50 Index™

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and options contracts.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market for futures and options on the FORTUNE e-50 Index™. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to *secretary@cftc.gov*. Reference should be made to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) for futures and options on the FORTUNE e-50 Index™.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Thomas Leahy of the Division of Economic Analysis,

Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC (202) 418-5278. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: *t Leahy@cftc.gov*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitted written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 25, 2000.

**Richard A. Shilts,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Future Development and Operations at Fort Meade, MD

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will address the future development and operations of

Fort Meade's Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) for the Years 2000-2004. The planned projects which will occur during this time include the following: construction of new facilities that will consolidate tenants from dilapidated World War II structures and off post leased facilities into more cost efficient and effective facilities, demolition and construction of barracks and mess halls and providing on post development opportunities for tenants on installations that are currently faced with Base Realignment and Closure. It is the purpose of this EIS to further assess the impacts, most specifically to air and traffic, that were identified in the Environmental Assessment entitled "Future Development and Operations Environmental Assessment" dated April 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions or written comments may be forwarded to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Planning Division, Planning and Environmental Services Branch (Attn: Ft. Meade EIS), 10 South Howard Street, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, Telephone (410) 962-4939.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jim Gebhardt, Environmental Engineer, Directorate of Public Works Environmental Management Office, at (301) 677-9365.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Fort Meade RPMP has the potential to significantly impact certain natural, economic, social and cultural resources of the Fort Meade community. The objective is to prepare a comprehensive EIS which will serve as a planning tool, a public information source and a reference for mitigation tracking.

Alternatives may consist of alternate locations for specific projects, partial implementation of the specific project or modifications to the specific project. The alternatives will be developed during the preparation of the Draft EIS (DEIS) as a result of public input and the environmental analysis of the proposals within the plan. The objective Fort Meade's DEIS is to identify and evaluate any environmental implications that may result from developing the Master Plan. The DEIS will describe the impacts of existing environmental, cultural and natural resources, social, economic and environmental justice conditions associated with the proposed projects at Fort Meade.

The Army will initiate a scoping process to discuss significant issues related to the DEIS through public meetings and local publications. These efforts are designed to encourage public

input that will inevitably help determine and better define the underlying issues of the DEIS. Planned public meetings will be announced through local publications and online Internet access in advance of any proposed action, announcing meeting time and location.

A public meeting will be held on Fort Meade to facilitate input to the EIS process by citizens and organizations. The date and time of these meetings will be announced in the general media and will be at times and locations convenient to the public. To be considered in the Draft EIS, comments and suggestions should be received not later than 15 days following the public scoping meeting.

Significant issues: Within Fort Meade's boundaries lie numerous historic and prehistoric sites that were identified through the Cultural Resources Management Plan. Fort Meade also maintains historically significant structures which are eligible for inclusion on the National Register and may be directly affected by the actions proposed in the long range Master Plan. Equally important is the impact Fort Meade has on the Chesapeake Bay and the crucial role it plays in maintaining and protecting which is considered one of the world's most diverse ecosystems. Fort Meade is also home to eleven State Endangered Species, including the Glassy Darter which is one of only two locations in the State of Maryland where the fish is known to exist.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

**Raymond J. Fatz,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Assessment Governing Board; Information Collection Request

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board; Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of amended information collection request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) is amending the Notices of Proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) published on January 18, 2000 and revised on February 18, 2000. The present notice is to inform the public that the Governing Board has cancelled one of two proposed research studies. The study

that was cancelled is on the feasibility of establishing a calibration linkage between a test form resembling an individual test and a survey of group results—the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The study is described in the January 18 and February 18, 2000 notices.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer; Department of Education; Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235; New Executive Office Building; Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Submit written comments, on or before March 17, 2000, identified by "ICR: VNT Research and Validation Support Studies (Option Year 2)." The National Assessment Governing Board will forward to OMB any comments received from the public in response to the January 18, 2000 notice inviting requests for public comment on this ICR.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice amends a proposed information collection request (ICR) of the National Assessment Governing Board (the Governing Board, or NAGB) published on January 18, 2000 and revised on February 18, 2000. The information collection is to conduct a research and validation support study related to test development for the proposed Voluntary National Test (VNT) during Spring 2000.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Copies of this ICR may be obtained from Ray Fields, Assistant Director, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002. Telephone: (202) 357-0395; e-mail: Ray\_Fields@ED.Gov.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment  
Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Quarterly Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming quarterly meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

**DATES:** March 16, 2000.

**TIME:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Room 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma\_Leenhouts@ed.gov, or nerpph@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Thelma Leenhouts at (202) 219-2065 by no later than March 9. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.