

the proposed property. Any of the proposed uses of the currently vacant parcel (parking, a Child Development Center, recreation, dormitory, and/or and administration building) are not expected to increase noise levels in excess of the current conditions, and thus the acquisition of the parcel is not expected to have any negative impacts to the noise in the area. Any future development on the site would more than likely create construction noise; however, this noise would be of short duration.

Acquisition of the proposed property would not result in adverse impacts on the visual environment. There is a future opportunity to improve the aesthetics of this property as it is developed into a campus-like learning center. Additionally, implementing landscaping along the property boundaries would contribute to the revitalization efforts occurring throughout the north and south areas of this neighborhood.

The project site is currently a vacant lot with little vegetation resources within the project site boundary. The small amount of vegetation at the property boundary will be removed. Landscaped vegetation near Lincoln Street will not be impacted. The proposed action will result in little to no impacts on vegetation resources.

Potential impacts on wildlife are expected to be low. For small mammals and birds, mainly rodents and pigeons, some habitat loss as well as loss of individuals (chiefly small mammals) will occur if and when the site is developed. Project disturbances (i.e., construction), although locally intense, would be temporary. No riparian or wetland areas occur within the project site or study area. Therefore, there will be no impacts on riparian and wetland vegetation. No endangered or threatened species are expected to occur in the study area. If any special status species is observed, necessary mitigation measures will be developed in coordination with USFWS and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The proposed acquisition of the project property and use of the area for parking are expected to have no adverse effect on any archaeological or historical properties listed on or eligible for the National Register. Thus, there should be no significant impacts as defined by NEPA, nor any cumulative impacts.

Any future construction of new facilities on the project site has potential to directly affect archaeological resources that may be buried on the project site and indirectly affect adjacent historic buildings. If future development is pursued, the U.S.

Department of Labor should comply with Section 106 of NHPA by consulting with the CHPO and SHPO. A plan for archaeological testing may need to be developed and implemented, and subsequent data recovery studies might be required to mitigate any identified adverse effects. Consideration also may need to be given to designing any new construction to minimize any potential for adverse visual effects or any other types of indirect effects to nearby historic resources listed on or eligible for the National Register. It seems likely that any identified adverse effects of future development could be satisfactorily mitigated through studies to recover important archaeological data or by sensitive project design. Therefore no significant impacts, as defined by NEPA, are projected.

Based on information gathered in the preparation of the EA, negative impacts on the surrounding environment are not anticipated to be associated with this project. However, appropriate consideration to surrounding cultural and historic resources should be handled according to Section 106 of NHPA and any other applicable regulations. Mitigation for any possible impacts should be possible through archaeological studies and project design. Similarly, if any special status species is observed, necessary mitigation measures will be developed in coordination with USFWS and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2002.

Richard C. Trigg,

National Director of Job Corps.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Job Corps: Preliminary finding of No significant impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Acquisition of the Property Located at 515 South First Street and 118 East Lincoln Street, Phoenix, AZ

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Preliminary finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the proposed acquisition of the property located at 515 South First Street and 118 East Lincoln Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (CEQ) (40 CFR part 1500-08) implementing procedural provision of the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA), the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor (DOL), Office of the Job Corps, in accordance with 29 CFR 11.11(d), gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and the proposed acquisition of the property located at 515 South First Street and 118 East Lincoln Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 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: Written comments must be received by August 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Any comments are to be submitted to Michael F. O'Malley, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4460, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-3108 (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 Michael F. O'Malley, Architect, US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4460, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-3108 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Labor is proposing to acquire a 42,000 square foot property at 515 South First Street and 118 East Lincoln Street, Phoenix, Arizona in order to consolidate the Phoenix Job Corp Center operations, currently located both east and west of the proposed site, into a more campus-like setting. Acquiring this piece of property would allow this consolidation by eliminating the need for a current leased piece of property that is used for teaching and support of the "hard vocation" trades such as carpentry, building maintenance, electronic assembly, painting, cement masonry, and plastering. The "hard vocations" would relocate to the new property. The existing structures on the site would be modified and used as classroom, shop, and support space. This consolidation would also allow trainees at the facility to have safer and closer access for training in an area where high traffic volumes can pose safety concerns. Property dimensions would allow expansion or additions to the existing buildings in the future; however, no plans exist at this time for these expansions.

The purpose and need for the U.S. Department of Labor's acquisition of this property is to eliminate the need for

a current lease and accommodate the relocation of the existing classroom, shop, and support space used by the "hard vocations" program. The newly acquired property would also provide room for building expansion in the future.

General environmental conditions and potential impacts were evaluated for the proposed site and a general 0.5-mile study radius surrounding the site.

The area immediately surrounding the project area (0.5-mile study area) is a diverse mix of commercial, industrial, and residential areas. The residential areas contain a young and diverse population. The acquisition of the proposed property is not expected to have any negative impacts on the demographics of the surrounding area. The purpose of the Job Corps is to provide basic education, vocational skills training, health care, and work experience to allow disadvantaged persons from the Phoenix area to improve their position in the workplace and society. Initially, the property will only be used for classroom, shop, and support space; however, in the long term, the property will allow the center the flexibility for possible facility expansion which would provide more educational opportunities for the disadvantaged youth in the downtown area. Thus, the addition of this parcel to the Job Corps campus is expected to have a positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged youths living in Phoenix and specifically the diverse downtown area.

The acquisition of the proposed property is not expected to have any negative impacts on any of the facilities, services, or existing infrastructure in the surrounding study area. The buildings on the proposed project site will be converted to classroom, shop, and support space, taking the place of rented space with the same function, and thus would not pose any additional strain to the public services, such as the police, fire departments, or medical facilities. Future development of the site would be beneficial to the surrounding neighborhood and any additional need for infrastructure or public services would cause only a negligible impact on the departments or services in the area. The existing schools, libraries, parks, and transportation facilities are not expected to be impacted by the acquisition of this property. Local streets and transit facilities are more than adequate to facilitate the current use of the site and any proposed future development of the parcel.

The proposed project is not expected to have any negative impacts on land use or the surrounding residential

communities. The acquisition of the property would be compatible with current land uses in the area including industrial, commercial, and residential. Additionally, the consolidation of the Job Corps facilities to a more campus-like environment would be a responsible and efficient use of space.

Residential communities in the area, located generally south of the property, would not be impacted by the acquisition and use of this property. The presence of the Job Corps program in the area is a positive catalyst for the education of the youth in the area and revitalization of the surrounding residential communities, which are consistent with neighborhood goals.

The acquisition of the proposed project property is not expected to have any negative impacts on air quality in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The Phoenix metropolitan area is currently in non-attainment of the 24-hour and annual health-based standard for particulate matter. If the buildings on the site are expanded or further developed in the future, short-term impacts may occur due to construction disturbance and clearing (dust). Such impacts would be localized and short-term in duration. The construction contractor should follow industry standards for minimizing dust and particulates at construction sites.

The acquisition of this property is not expected to have any negative impacts on the geology, soils, and/or water resources in the study area. The existing buildings will be modified for use as classroom, shop, and support space, which should not result in any impacts on the surface or subsurface of the property, including groundwater. If the buildings are expanded or property is further developed in the future, the expansions should not result in any negative impacts on the surface or subsurface, including groundwater.

The proposed project site is located in a light industrial, downtown setting. Current, typical sources of noise on the site include traffic from local streets, ambient noise from local businesses and educational facilities, and railroad traffic north of the site. Potentially sensitive receptors in the area consist of one church facility located approximately 500 feet to the south of the proposed property. The proposed modifications to the site are not expected to increase noise levels in excess of the current conditions, and thus the acquisition of the proposed site is not expected to have any negative impacts on the noise in the area. Any future development on the site, such as building expansions, would more than likely create construction noise;

however, this noise would be of short duration.

Acquisition of the proposed property for the intended purpose would not result in adverse impacts on the visual environment. There is an opportunity to improve the aesthetics of this property as it is developed into a campus-like learning center.

The project site is currently an industrial site used for cold storage of foodstuffs with no vegetation resources within the project site boundary. Landscaped vegetation near Lincoln Street will not be impacted. The proposed action will result in little to no impacts on vegetation resources.

Potential impacts on wildlife are expected to be low. For small mammals and birds, mainly rodents and pigeons, some habitat loss as well as loss of individuals (chiefly small mammals) will occur if and when the site is developed. Project disturbances (i.e., construction), although locally intense, would be temporary. No riparian or wetland areas occur within the project site or study area. Therefore, there will be no impacts on riparian and wetland vegetation. No endangered or threatened species are expected to occur in the study area. If any special status species is observed, necessary mitigation measures will be developed in coordination with USFWS and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The proposed acquisition of the project property and interior modifications of the two buildings on the project site are expected to have no adverse effect on any archaeological or historical properties listed on or eligible for the National Register. Thus, there should be no significant impacts as defined by NEPA, nor any cumulative impacts. Any future expansion of the existing buildings or construction of new facilities on the project site has potential to directly affect archaeological resources that may be buried on the project site and indirectly affect adjacent historic buildings. A plan for archaeological testing may need to be developed and implemented, and subsequent data recovery studies might be required to mitigate any identified adverse effects. Consideration also may need to be given to designing any modification or new construction to minimize any potential for adverse visual effects or any other types of indirect effects to nearby historic resources listed on or eligible for the National Register. It seems likely that any identified adverse effects of future development could be satisfactorily mitigated through studies to recover important archaeological data or by sensitive project design. Therefore no

significant impacts, as defined by NEPA, are projected.

Based on information gathered in the preparation of the EA, negative impacts on the surrounding environment are not anticipated to be associated with this project. However, appropriate consideration to surrounding cultural and historic resources should be handled according to Section 106 of NHPA and any other applicable regulations. Mitigation for any possible impacts should be possible through archaeological studies and project design. Similarly, if any special status species is observed, necessary mitigation measures will be developed in coordination with USFWS and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2002.

Richard C. Trigg,

National Director of Job Corps.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, 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 continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This 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 requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the information collection request (ICR) incorporated in the regulation pertaining to Disclosure by Insurers to General Account Policyholders pursuant to ERISA Section 401(c) and 29 CFR 2550.401c-1. A copy of the ICR may be obtained by contacting the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the **ADDRESS** section below on or before September 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 694-8410; Fax: (202) 219-4745. These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 1460 of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-188) amended ERISA by adding Section 401(c), which clarified the extent to which assets of an insurer's general accounts constitute assets of an employee benefit plan when that insurer has issued policies for the benefit of a plan, and such policies are supported by assets of the general account. Section 401(c) established certain requirements and disclosures for companies that offer and maintain policies for employee benefits plans where the underlying assets are held in the insurer's general account. Section 401(c) also required the Secretary to provide guidance on the statutory requirements, which was issued as a final rulemaking on January 5, 2000 (65 CFR 614). The regulation includes information collection provisions pertaining to one-time and annual disclosure obligations of insurers.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, 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 submission of responses.

III. Current Action

This notice requests comments on the extension of the ICR included in the regulation pertaining to Disclosures by Insurers to General Account Policyholders. The Department is not

proposing or implementing changes to the existing ICR at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Agency: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

Titles: Disclosures by Insurers to General Account Policyholders.

OMB Number: 1210-0114.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents: 104.

Frequency of Response: One-time; Annual.

Responses: 123,500.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 466,667.

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

Dated: July 19, 2002.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

*Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request; ERISA Technical Release 91-1

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, 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 continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This 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 requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection request (ICR) incorporated in its Technical Release 91-1 related to the transfer of excess assets from a defined benefit plan to a