

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Notice of Availability—Record of Decision (ROD) for the Northern Training Complex With a Multi-Purpose Digital Training Range and Expanded Maneuver Areas, Drop Zones and Landing Zones at Fort Knox, KY**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a ROD has been prepared for the construction and operation of a multi-purpose digital training range and a series of maneuver areas, drop zones and landing zones at Fort Knox. As soon as practical, the Army will begin to construct and operate the facilities described as the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2). Although Alternative 2 has significant environmental impacts, all feasible measures will be used to mitigate the impacts. Alternative 2 is the only course of action that will provide a multi-functional war fighting capability to meet the Army's current and future training needs for soldiers in urban and restricted terrain combat scenarios and the new digital technology to support the M1A2 System Enhancement Package (SEP) Main Battle Tank. All practical mitigation measures are listed in the ROD.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties desiring to review the ROD may obtain a copy by contacting: Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Base Operations Support, U.S. Army Armor Center, ATTN: ATK-OSE (Mrs. Pollock), Building 1110, Room 216, Ironsides & 6th Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5000 or by sending electronic mail to: Linda.Pollock@knox.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Al Freeland or Mrs. Gail Pollock, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Base Operations Support, U.S. Army Armor Center, ATTN: ATZK-OSE, Building 1110, Room 216, Ironsides & 6th Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5000; by phone at (502) 624-3629 or by fax at (502) 624-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project includes upgrading an existing training range to a modern digitized multi-purpose training range; construction of a series of landing zones, drop zones and maneuver areas and a grassed mock C130 landing strip; upgrade of existing roads; installation of fiber optics and other infrastructure improvements. The facilities would

prepare the mounted force warriors for full spectrum combat operations. The proposed facilities would fully support new equipment training such as the M1A2 Main Battle Tank (MBT) System Enhancement Package (SEP), the M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and the Stryker family of vehicles, as well as other enhanced vehicles requiring digital capability. These vehicles are equipped with a dynamic new computer system that uses digital technology to provide soldiers with on the move and instantaneous battlefield communications.

Public reading copies of the ROD are available at the following locations: Barr Library; 400 Quartermaster Street, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5000 and Ridgeway Memorial Library, 127 North Walnut Street, P.O. Box 146, Shepherdsville, Kentucky 40165.

Dated: September 16, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 22, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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. The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission

of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 17, 2002.

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Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Performance Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 225.

Burden Hours: 2,250.

Abstract: GAANN grantees must submit a performance report annually. The reports are used to evaluate grantee performance. Further, the data from the reports will be aggregated to evaluate the accomplishments and impact of the GAANN Program as a whole. Results will be reported to the Secretary in order to respond to Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirements.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2055. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional