

mentioned above should recognize the nature and character of documents addressing each criterion need not be the same. For example, an applicant may establish employment with TWA through official employment records, but find that proving assignment to an ATC contract crew outside the continental United States more difficult. In such a case, an applicant may be able to prove assignment and service at that location through other evidence, such as, dated, postmarked (or other sign of authenticity) correspondence (official or personal) to or from the applicant at that assignment outside the United States.

Upon confirmation of an applicant's eligibility, the DD Form 214 will be passed from AFPC/DPPRP to the Awards and Decorations office to determine which ribbons the applicant is eligible to receive (campaign ribbons, theater ribbons, victory medal, etc.). Specific awards (*i.e.*, Silver Star, Purple Heart, etc.) need separate justification detailing the act, achievement, or service believed to warrant the appropriate medal/ribbon.

DD Forms 2168 are available from VA offices or from the U.S. Air Force offices in this notice. An electronic version is also available in Adobe Acrobat (the reader is free) on the Internet at "DefenseLINK, publications."

For further information contact Mr. James D. Johnston at the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAFPC), 1535 Command Drive, EE Wing, 3d Fl., Andrews AFB, MD 20762-7002.

Benefit Information

A determination of "active duty" under Public Law 95-202 is "for the purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs" (Sec. 106, 38 U.S.C.). Benefits are not retroactive and do not include such things as increased military or Federal Civil Service retirement pay, or a military burial detail, for example. Entitlement to state veteran's benefits varies and is governed by each state. Therefore, for specific benefits information, contact your nearest Veterans Affairs Office and your state veterans service office after you have received your Armed Forces discharge documents.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Active Duty Service Determinations for Civilian or Contractual Groups

On February 21, 2003, the Secretary of the Air Force, acting as Executive Agent of the Secretary of Defense, determined that the service of the group known as the "Uniformed Aviation Industry Contract Technical Specialists Assigned to Extended Duty at Ladd Field, Alaska, to Test Army Air Force Airplanes as Part of the Cold Weather Testing Detachment from February 1, 1942, through February 22, 1944" shall not be considered "active duty" for purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

For further information contact Mr. James D. Johnston at the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAFPC); 1535 Command Drive, EE Wing, 3d Fl., Andrews AFB, MD 20762-7002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Rough Terrain Cargo Parachute Assembly

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 6,520,453 B1 entitled "Rough Terrain Cargo Parachute Assembly" issued February 18, 2003. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone: (508) 233-4928 or E-mail: Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Located on the Missouri River from Sioux City, IA to the Mouth Near St. Louis, MO in the States of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri

AGENCY: Department of the Army. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project located on the Missouri River in the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri. The Mitigation Project was first authorized by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, which included the development of 48,100 acres of aquatic and terrestrial habitat for fish and wildlife along the 735 miles of the Missouri River between Sioux City, IA and St. Louis, MO. The WRDA of 1999 modified the Mitigation Project by increasing the amount of habitat development by 118,650 acres to a total of 166,750 acres. The FSEIS assesses the potential environmental impacts of the modified Mitigation Project, which includes the development, restoration, or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat on an additional 118,650 acres on individual sites purchased from willing sellers and through easements. The purpose of the Mitigation Project is to restore fish and wildlife habitat losses resulting from the construction and development of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project (BSNP). Seven alternatives are considered in the FSEIS and three alternatives are analyzed in detail including a Preferred Action, No Development alternative, and No Action alternative.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kelly Ryan, Civil Works Branch ATTN: CENWK-PM-CJ, U.S. Army Engineer District, Kansas City, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO, 64106-2896, Phone: 816-983-3324.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and the Missouri Department of Conservation are serving

as cooperating agencies on the preparation of the FSEIS.

2. Three alternatives are considered in detail in the FSEIS:

a. The Preferred Action alternative includes the development, restoration, or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat on an additional 118,650 acres on individual sites purchased from willing sellers and through easements. Included in the 118,650 acres would be the construction or restoration of approximately 7,000 to 20,000 acres of shallow water habitat to achieve a goal of 20–30 acres per mile along the 735-mile BSNP.

b. The No Development alternative includes the acquisition of 118,650 acres on individual sites purchased from willing sellers or through easements, however, there would be no subsequent habitat development or construction activities.

c. The No Action alternative would not develop, restore, or enhance any additional acres for fish and wildlife habitat except for that previously authorized under WRDA of 1986 or that of other state or Federal programs.

3. Copies of the FSEIS are available for review in the following libraries:

a. Atchison Library, 401 Kansas Avenue, Atchison, KS 66002.

b. Atchison County Library, 200 S. Main St., Rock Port, MO 64482–1532.

c. Blair Public Library, 210 S. 17th Street, Blair, NE 68008.

d. Boonslick Regional Library, 618 Main Street, Boonville, MO 65233–1572.

e. Callaway County Public Library, 710 Court Street, Fulton, MO 65251.

f. Carrollton Public Library, 206 W. Washington, Carrollton, MO 64633.

g. Council Bluffs Public Library, 400 Willow Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503–4269.

h. Daniel Boone Regional Library, 100 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201.

i. Dakota City Public Library, 1708 Broadway, Dakota City, NE 68731.

j. Fayette Public Library, 201 South Main Street, Fayette, MO 65248.

k. Keytesville Library, 406 W. Bridge Street, Keytesville, MO 65261–1016.

l. Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

m. Lewis Library of Glasgow, 315 Market Street, Glasgow, MO 65254–2395.

n. Lexington Library, 1008 Main Street, Lexington, MO 64067–1345.

o. Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library, 120 E. 18th Street, Falls City, NE 68355.

p. Mid-Continent Public Library, 100 Kent Street, Liberty, MO 64068–2256.

q. Morton-James Public Library, 923 First Corso, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

r. Onawa Public Library, 707 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, IA 51040.

s. Oregon Public Library, 103 S. Washington Street, Oregon, MO 64473.

t. Plattsmouth Public Library, 401 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048.

u. River Bluffs Regional Library, 927 Felix St., St. Joseph, MO 64501.

v. St. Charles Library, 2323 Elm Street, St. Charles, MO 63301–1440.

w. St. Louis Public Library, 5850 N. Hanley Road, St. Louis, MO 63134.

x. Scenic Regional Library, 113 E. 4th Street, Hermann, MO 65041–1129.

y. Scenic Regional Library, 912 S. Highway 47, Warrenton, MO 63383–2004.

z. Sidney Public Library, 604 Clay Street, Sidney, IA 51652.

aa. Sioux City Public Library, 529 Pierce Street, Sioux City, IA 51101–1203.

bb. Thomas Jefferson Library, 214 Adams St., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

cc. Washington Public Library, 415 Jefferson Street, Washington, MO 63090–2607.

dd. Walthill Public Library, Main Street, Walthill, NE 68067.

ee. W. Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th Street, Omaha, NE 68102–1004.

4. The FSEIS is also available for review on the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Web site at: <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/mitigation/supplemental-eis.htm>.

5. The Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued no sooner than 30 days after publication of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District intends to prepare an integrated Project Implementation Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PIR/DEIS) for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project. The study is a

cooperative effort between the Corps and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which is also a cooperating agency for this DEIS. One of the recommendations of the final report of the Central & South Florida (C&SF) Comprehensive Review Study (Restudy) was the implementation of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project. The purpose of this project is to rehydrate wetlands and reduce point source discharge to Biscayne Bay. This study is intended to replace lost overland flow and partially compensate for the reduction in groundwater seepage by redistributing, through a spreader system, available surface water entering the area from regional canals. This project is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, a multi-year effort to restore the greater Everglades ecosystem while providing water supply and other water-related benefits to South Florida over many decades.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brad Tarr, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL, 32232–0019, by email bradley.a.tarr@usace.army.mil, or by telephone at 904–232–3582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Authorization:* The authority for this project is contained within the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2000. The “Design Agreement between the Department of the Army and the SFWMD for the Design of Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the Everglades and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Project” contains additional guidance.

b. *Study Area:* The general geographical extent of the project is along the mainland coast of southern Biscayne Bay from the Deering Estate, south to the Florida Power and Light Turkey Point Power Plant, generally along the L–3E canal in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The study area will extend further west and south, as needed, to evaluate project effects.

c. *Project Scope:* The Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project may include the installation or construction of pump stations, spreader swales, stormwater treatment areas, flowways, levees, culverts, and backfilling canals as part of an effort to rehydrate wetlands and reduce point source discharge to Biscayne Bay.

The purpose of these features is to replace lost overland flow and partially compensate for the reduction in groundwater seepage by redistributing, through a spreader system, available