

The cost sharing issue arose again after the Congress enacted the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107). That law requires Federal agencies to streamline and simplify the award and administration of Federal grants. It also mandates that agencies obtain input from the affected public. Comments that Federal agencies received from grant applicants and recipients pointed out a need for agency action on cost sharing, reinforcing the earlier findings of the NSTC review.

The Department of Defense, which is active in the leadership of the interagency streamlining efforts under Public Law 106-107 and helped develop the guiding and operating principles set forth in Executive Order 13185, proposes to address cost sharing for assistance instruments through a DoD Instruction. This Instruction for assistance instruments will parallel and complement action the Department already has taken to address cost sharing issues for research and development contracts (a DoD policy memorandum of May 16, 2001, established a policy, since incorporated into paragraph E1.1.6 of DoD Directive 5000.1, that prohibits contractor cost sharing if there is no reasonable probability of commercial applications).

The proposed Instruction for assistance instruments would disseminate guidance for program managers and grants officers in research program offices in the DoD Components. The guidance is drafted in plain language, in a question-and-answer format. The intent is to establish an easily understood DoD-wide policy framework to help ensure that proposers and research performers receive consistent, as well as fair and equitable, treatment on cost sharing matters. We invite input from potential proposers and performers of DoD basic, applied, and advanced research efforts to help us improve the proposed Instruction and better achieve this goal.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Air Force Personnel Center, Personnel Procurement and Development Divisions, announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Considerations will be given to all comments received by August 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to United States Air Force Personnel Center, Line Officer Programs Section, 550C Street West, Ste 10, Randolph AFB TX 78150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call United States Air Force Personnel Center, Line Officer Programs Section, (210) 665-2102.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application & Evaluation For Training Leading To A Commission In The United States Air Force, Air Force Form 56, OMB Number 0701-0001.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain data on candidate's background and aptitude in determining eligibility and selection to the Air Force Academy.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 21,000.

Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 180 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Information contained on Air Force Form 56 supports the Air Force's

selection for officer training programs for civilian and military applicants. Each student's background and aptitude is reviewed to determine eligibility. If the information on this form is not collected the individual cannot be considered for admittance to a commissioning program. Data from this form is used to select fully qualified persons for the training leading to commissioning. Data supports the Air Force in verifying the eligibility of applicants and in the selection of those best qualified for dedication of funding and training resources. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Meeting for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Military Family Housing in the San Diego Region

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the DEIS for Military Family Housing (MFH) in the San Diego Region. The public meetings will be held to provide information, as well as receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the meeting. The public meetings will be open forums in that there will be no formal presentations; however, you may speak directly with representatives from the Navy and Marine Corps. There will be information booths on planning and environmental issues associated with the proposed action. A certified court reporter will also be available to take comments at the public meetings.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Two public meetings will be held to provide additional information, answer questions, and receive oral and written comments. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Deportola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Blvd,

San Diego, CA. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2003, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Scripps Ranch Community Library, 10301 Scripps Ranch Lake Dr, San Diego, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sheila Donovan, Regional Planning Team, Southwest Division at (619) 532-1253, E-Mail at donovansm@efdswn.navy.mil, or write to Commander, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Attn: Ms. Sheila Donovan, Code 05GPE.SD, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132-5190.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the DEIS was published in the FR, Vol. 64, FR 50795-50796, September 16, 1999. Two public scoping meetings were held on October 6, 1999, at Serra High School in Tierrasanta and October 13, 1999, at Scripps Ranch High School in Scripps Ranch. The meetings were advertised in the Union-Tribune on September 17, 18, and 19, 1999.

The proposed action is the construction of up to 1,600 MFH units and supporting infrastructure. The DEIS analyzes three MFH alternatives and the No Action Alternative. The MFH sites (Sites 2, 3, and 8) are located on Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar in the City of San Diego within an area known as East Miramar.

Site 2 is approximately 283 acres and would include development of up to 1,000 units. Site 2 is located off Pomerado Road in the northeast portion of East Miramar near the community of Scripps Ranch.

Site 3 is approximately 233 acres and would include development of up to 1,246 units. Site 3 is located in the north central portion of East Miramar near the community of Scripps Ranch and would be accessed by an extension of Miramar Way.

Site 8 is approximately 299 acres and would include development of up to 1,600 units. Site 8 is located in the southeastern portion of East Miramar near the community of Tierrasanta. This site would be accessed by a 2.5-mile extension of Santo Road at State Route (SR) 52. An alternate access for Site 8 is also examined in the DEIS that involves the construction of a new interchange on SR 52 and the construction of an approximately 400-foot long roadway. All sites would also include acreage for an elementary school site (Site 8 includes acreage for two elementary school sites) and other recreational facilities. The No Action alternative would result in the proposed new housing not being built. The DEIS

identifies Site 8 as the Preferred Alternative.

The shortage of affordable housing in the San Diego region has been and continues to be a high priority for the Department of the Navy because it is important in maintaining high morale and retention rates. The shortage of MFH and the tight rental market in San Diego is felt most acutely by junior and mid-level enlisted military personnel. The Housing Market Analysis for the San Diego area estimates the current MFH deficit to be 2,356 units with a projected shortfall of 2,870 units in 2007.

The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects associated with each of the alternatives and options in the following areas: land use; socioeconomic; environmental justice; utilities; public services; visual resources; cultural resources; biological resources; soils and geology; water resources; hazardous wastes, substances and materials; traffic/circulation; air quality; noise; and public safety. The analysis also includes the evaluation of direct, indirect, short-term and cumulative impacts. No decision to implement any alternative, including the No Action Alternative, will be made until the NEPA process is complete.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, and special interest groups. The DEIS is available for public review at the following libraries:

- Tierrasanta Branch Library, 4985 La Cuenta Dr, San Diego, CA.
- Scripps Ranch Branch Library, 10301 Scripps Ranch Lake Drive, San Diego, CA.
- San Diego Central Library, 820 East St, San Diego, CA.
- Mira Mesa Library, 8405 New Salem Dr, San Diego, CA.
- Santee Library, 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd, Suite 17, Santee, CA.

All comments, both oral and written, will become part of the official record. Comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics with the DEIS. Written comments can be submitted at the public meetings or mailed to: Commander, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Attn: Ms. Sheila Donovan, Code 05GPE.SD 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132-5190. Comments must be postmarked by August 12, 2003, to be considered in this environmental review process.

Dated: June 20, 2003.

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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 August 26, 2003.

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