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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Air Force

#### Notice of Intent To Perform an Environmental Analysis for the Removal of Used Depleted Uranium Targets From Nevada Test and Training Range

**AGENCY:** United States Air Force, Air  
Combat Command.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an  
Environmental Assessment (EA) for the  
Removal of Used Depleted Uranium  
Targets from the Nevada Test And  
Training Range (NTTR).

**SUMMARY:** The United States Air Force is  
issuing this Notice of intent (NOI) to  
announce that it is conducting an  
Environmental Assessment (EA) to  
describe the proposed action for  
removal of used depleted uranium (DU)  
targets used by A-10 aircraft firing the  
30-Millimeter PGU-14/B API Armor  
Piercing Incendiary round containing  
sub-caliber high density DU penetrators  
from the Nevada Test and Training  
Range (NTTR). This NOI describes the  
Air Force's proposed scoping process  
and identifies the Air Force's point of  
contact.

The proposed EA will be prepared in  
compliance with the National  
Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of  
1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the Council  
on Environmental Quality NEPA  
Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508); and  
the Air Force's Environmental Impact  
Analysis Process (EIAP) (Air Force  
Instruction 32-7061 as promulgated at  
32 CFR 989) to determine the potential  
environmental impacts of removing  
targets formerly used by A-10 aircraft  
for DU testing and training at the NTTR.

As part of the proposal, the Air Force  
will analyze various disposal  
alternatives for DU contaminated targets  
and debris currently located in the 60-  
Series Ranges (Target 63-10) in the  
Southwest area of NTTR. Because the  
targets and debris are in various  
conditions and have varied levels of  
contamination the Air Force requires  
flexibility in considering alternatives to  
dismantle, transport, and dispose/reuse  
the targets. The targets to be disposed  
fall into two basic categories: (1) Targets  
that can be decontaminated because the

DU exists as surface contamination or  
the DU penetrator remains in the entry  
hole; and (2) targets that can not be  
decontaminated because the DU has  
fused into large areas of the target and  
it no longer qualifies as a usable target.

**DATES:** The Air Force will conduct a  
series of scoping meetings to receive  
public input on alternatives, concerns,  
and issues to be addressed in the EA  
and to solicit public input concerning  
the scope of the proposed action and  
alternatives. The schedule and locations  
of the scoping meetings are as follows:

March 23, 2004, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Sunrise  
Library, 5400 Harris Ave., Las  
Vegas, Nevada

March 24, 2004, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Indian  
Spring Community Center, 719  
West Gretta Lane, Indian Springs,  
Nevada

March 25, 2004, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Bob  
Ruud Community Center, Main  
Hall, 150 North Highway 160,  
Pahrump, Nevada

The Air Force will accept comments  
at any time during the environmental  
analysis process. However, to ensure the  
Air Force considers relevant scoping  
issues in a timely fashion, all comments  
should be forwarded to the address  
below, no later than April 20, 2004. If  
during the preparation of the EA, the  
Air Force concludes an Environmental  
Impact Statement (EIS) is warranted,  
comments received during this scoping  
period will be considered in the  
preparation of the EIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Overview Information; Early Reading First; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
(CFDA) Number: 84.359A/B.*

**Dates:**

Applications Available: March 8,  
2004 (pre- and full applications).

Deadline for Transmittal of Pre-  
Applications: April 22, 2004.

Deadline for Transmittal of  
Applications: July 1, 2004 (for  
applicants invited to submit full  
applications only).

Deadline for Intergovernmental  
Review: August 30, 2004.

**Eligible Applicants:** The term  
"eligible applicant" means the  
following: (a) One or more local  
educational agencies (LEA) that are  
eligible to receive a subgrant under the  
Reading First program (title I, part B,  
subpart 1, Elementary and Secondary  
Education Act of 1965, as amended  
(ESEA)), (b) one or more public or  
private organizations or agencies  
(including faith-based organizations)  
located in a community served by an  
eligible LEA; or (c) one or more of the  
eligible LEAs, applying in collaboration  
with one or more of the eligible  
organizations or agencies. To qualify  
under (b) of this paragraph, the  
organization's or agency's application  
must be on behalf of one or more  
programs that serve preschool-age  
children (such as a Head Start program,  
a child care program, or a family literacy  
program such as Even Start, or a lab  
school at a university), unless the  
organization or agency itself operates a  
preschool program.

**Estimated Available Funds:**  
\$94,439,000.

**Estimated Range of Awards:**  
\$750,000-\$4,500,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:**  
\$2,500,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 21-  
125.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any  
estimates in this notice.

**Project Period:** Up to 36 months.  
Full Text of Announcement

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Purpose of Program:** This program  
supports local efforts to enhance the  
oral language, cognitive, and early  
reading skills of preschool-age children,  
especially those from low-income  
families, through strategies, materials,  
and professional development that are  
grounded in scientifically based reading  
research.

**Priorities:** Under this competition we  
are particularly interested in  
applications that address the following  
invitational and competitive priorities.

**Invitational Priorities:** For FY 2004  
these priorities are invitational  
priorities. Under 35 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we  
do not give an application that meets  
these invitational priorities a  
competitive or absolute preference over  
other applications.

These priorities are:

#### Invitational Priority 1—Intensity

The Secretary is especially interested  
in preschool programs that operate full-  
time, full-year early childhood