

scheduled to complete its transformation in 2007. By November 2007, the Army requires that the SBCT be ready for deployment to support ongoing operations.

In October 2006, the Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit determined that the Army had not fully complied with NEPA for the transformation of the 2/25th because it did not adequately address or analyze potentially reasonable alternate locations for the transformation and training of this unit. In particular, the Court concluded that the Army had a duty under NEPA to consider locations other than Hawaii for the permanent stationing of the 2/25th SBCT, and the Court ordered the Army to prepare an EIS to address a broader range of alternatives. The Army has prepared an EIS in accordance with the Court's guidance to examine reasonable alternative locations for the proposed action to permanently station the 2/25th SBCT.

The EIS examines several Army installations capable of supporting the permanent stationing of the 2/25th SBCT. The EIS will provide the Army senior leadership with a hard look at environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action and better inform their decision-making process for selecting the final stationing location. This effort includes analysis of all activities (training, facilities construction, and Soldier and Family support) required to permanently station the 2/25th. This EIS effort will assist the Army in arriving at a decision that can accommodate the Brigade's training, operations, and quality of life requirements while meeting the strategic defense needs of the nation.

After reviewing the full range of potential Army stationing locations, three alternatives for implementing the proposed action have been identified by the Army as reasonable alternatives capable of meeting the Army's need criteria and screening criteria.

Alternatives for the proposed action include: (1) Permanently stationing the 2/25th SBCT at Schofield Barracks Military Reservation (SBMR) while conducting required training at military training sites in Hawaii; (2) permanently stationing the 2/25th SBCT at Fort Richardson while conducting required training at military training sites in Alaska; and (3) permanently stationing the 2/25th SBCT at Fort Carson while conducting required training at military training sites in Colorado. In addition to these alternatives, the no action alternative is described and its environmental impacts fully assessed and considered.

Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the Proposed Action have been considered in the DEIS. The DEIS identifies significant impacts at each of the three alternative locations which would occur as a result of implementing the proposed action. Impacts at alternative sites would result from construction and training activities. Significant impacts to resources would be direct and long term. The No Action Alternative provides the baseline conditions for comparison to the Proposed Alternative. Additional concerns or impacts may be identified as a result of comments received on this DEIS.

The Army invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision making. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the permanent stationing of the 2/25th SBCT are urged to participate in this NEPA evaluation process. Assistance will be provided upon request to anyone having difficulty understanding how to participate. Public meetings will be held in Hawaii, Alaska, and Colorado. The locations, times, and dates of the public hearing will be announced in advance through notices and media news releases.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Intent To Grant an Exclusive License of a U.S. Government-Owned Patent

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of the intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license within the geographic area of the United States of America and its territories and possessions to U.S. Patent application 11/229,425, filed September 16, 2005 entitled "Artillery Rocket Trajectory Correction Kit," to Diehl BGT Defense GmbH & Co. KG with its principal place of business at Massberg Facility Alte Nussdorfer Strausse 13 88662 Ueberlingen, Germany.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, ATTN: AMSRD-AMR-AS-

PT-TR, Bldg. 5400, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Artillery Rocket Trajectory Correction Kit (TCK) is a completely self-contained retrofit kit that is externally and fixedly mounted as an add-on to the rear (aft of the tailfins) of an existing, unguided rocket. The TCK continuously measures the pitch and yaw of the rocket during the initial seconds of the flight as it is released from the launch tube. A trajectory correction is calculated to allow the rocket to stay on a desired path. Selected thrusters are then activated to make any necessary flight correction. The thrusters are positioned around the circumference of the rocket body so as to correctively steer the rocket. Thus, rocket accuracy is improved and collateral damage is reduced.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Public Hearing and Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project, Calhoun County and Matagorda County, TX

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

ACTION: Extension of comment period and rescheduling of Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: The Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, May 18, 2007 (72 FR 28032), required comments be submitted on or before July 2, 2007. An editorial correction of the Notice document was published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, June 2, 2007 (72 FR 31660). The comment period has been extended to September 4, 2007. Additionally, the June 5, 2007, Public Hearing on the proposed project has been rescheduled to August 9, 2007, at the Bauer Community Center, 2300 North Highway 35, Port Lavaca, TX 77979. Poster presentations will be available for viewing and project team members will be present to discuss the