

21 sections of fence along the international border with Mexico in the vicinity of Roma, Rio Grande City, McAllen, Progresso, Mercedes, Harlingen, and Brownsville, Texas. Individual fence sections would range from approximately 1 mile to more than 13 miles in length. For much of its length, the proposed tactical infrastructure would follow the existing U.S. Section International Boundary and Water Commission levee. The tactical infrastructure would cross multiple land use types, such as agricultural, rural, suburban, and urban. Impacted parcels are both publicly and privately owned. The Proposed Action would also encroach upon portions of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Texas state parks in the Rio Grande Valley.

Two alternatives for the route for the tactical infrastructure are being considered under the Proposed Action—Route A and Route B. Route A is the route initially identified by USBP Rio Grande Valley Sector as meeting its operational requirements. Route B was developed through coordination with Federal and state agencies and incorporates input received through the public scoping period. The Route B alignment continues to meet current operational requirements with less environmental impact.

In addition to Routes A and B described above, an alternative of two layers of fence, known as primary and secondary fence, is analyzed in the EIS. Under this alternative, two layers of fence would be constructed approximately 130 feet apart along the same alignment as Route B and would be most closely aligned with the fence description in the Secure Fence Act of 2006, Public Law 109-367, 120 Stat. 2638, 8 U.S.C. 1701 note, 8 U.S.C. 1103 note. This alternative would also include construction and maintenance of access and patrol roads for USBP agents. The patrol road would be between the primary and secondary fences.

Under the No Action Alternative, proposed tactical infrastructure would not be built and there would be no change in fencing, access roads, or other facilities along the U.S./Mexico international border in the proposed project locations.

#### Public Open Houses

CBP will hold public open houses to provide information and invite comments on the Proposed Action and the Draft EIS. A public open house will be held on December 11, 2007, at the McAllen Convention Center in McAllen, TX. A second public open house will be

held on December 12, 2007, at the Brownsville Events Center in Brownsville, TX. Each public open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Central Standard Time. Notifications of these open houses will be published in the *Brownsville Herald*, *Valley Morning Star*, *The Monitor*, *La Frontera*, and *El Nuevo Herald* one week prior to these open houses. USBP agents and Draft EIS preparers will be available during the open houses. Anyone wishing to submit comments may do so orally and/or in writing at the open houses. Comments received at the open houses will be recorded and transcribed into the public record for the meeting. Commentors must include their name and address. Spanish language translation will be provided. Those who plan to attend the public open house and will need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation should notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 3 business days in advance. Include contact information, as well as information about specific needs. Those unable to attend may submit comments as described under "Request for Comments" below.

#### Request for Comments

CBP requests public participation in the EIS process. The public may participate by attending public open houses and submitting written comments on the Draft EIS. CBP will consider all comments submitted during the public comment period, and subsequently will prepare the Final EIS. CBP will announce the availability of the Final EIS and once again give interested parties an opportunity to review the document.

When submitting comments, please include name and address, and identify comments as intended for the Rio Grande Valley Sector Draft EIS. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(a) Attendance and submission of comments at the Public Open House meetings to be held December 11, 2007 at the McAllen Convention Center in McAllen, TX and December 12, 2007 at the Brownsville Events Center in Brownsville, TX.

(b) Electronically through the Web site at [www.BorderFenceNEPA.com](http://www.BorderFenceNEPA.com).

(c) By e-mail to: [RGVcomments@BorderFenceNEPA.com](mailto:RGVcomments@BorderFenceNEPA.com).

(d) By mail to: Rio Grande Valley Tactical Infrastructure EIS, c/o e<sup>2</sup>M, 2751 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 200, Fairfax, Virginia 22031.

(e) By fax to: (757) 282-7697.

Comments on the Draft EIS should be submitted by December 31, 2007.

Dated: November 8, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 16, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD published a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: November 8, 2007.

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