

are located within the proposed project area. The vernal pools are the highest quality wetlands on the site and may provide wildlife habitat. One vernal pool is located just to the west of the middle of the property and the other is located near the southwest corner of the property. The two seasonal streams are approximately 100' from the west and east borders of the property. The seasonal streams are too narrow steep and ephemeral to sustain wetland vegetation or wildlife habitat. The isolated depression is too shallow and ephemeral for use by wildlife. Construction will comply with local, state and federal regulations regarding wetlands.

No state or federal threatened or endangered species (proposed or listed) have been identified on the subject property.

The Job Corps Center construction will not affect any existing historic structures, as there are no historic or archeologically sensitive areas on the proposed property parcel.

Air quality and noise levels should not be affected by the proposed development project. Due to the nature of the proposed project, it would not be a significant source of air pollutants or additional noise, except possibly during construction of the facility. All construction activities will be conducted in accordance with applicable noise and air pollution regulations, and all pollution sources will be permitted in accordance with applicable pollution control regulations.

The proposed Job Corps Center is not expected to significantly increase the vehicle traffic in the vicinity.

The proposed project will not have any significant adverse impact on the surrounding water, sewer, and storm water management infrastructure. The proposed project will involve construction of new water, sanitary and storm sewer lines. The closest water main to the proposed site is approximately 1.1 miles from the site down Dunbarton Road. The City sewer line ends at the intersection of Liane Street and Dunbarton Road, approximately 1 mile from the proposed site.

Public Service of New Hampshire will provide the electricity for the site. This is not expected to create any significant impact to the regional utility infrastructure.

The Job Corps Center is not expected to result in a significant increase in vehicular traffic, since many of the Job Corps Center residents will either live at the Job Corps Center or use public transportation. While some Job Corps Center students and staff may use

personal vehicles, their number would not result in a significant increase in vehicular traffic in the area. However, the proposed Job Corps Center entrance would be from North 60th Street. North 60th Street is a well-used, two-lane thoroughfare. The Manchester Transit Authority will provide public transportation.

No significant adverse affects to local medical, emergency, fire and police services are anticipated. The primary medical provider located closest to the proposed Job Corps parcel is the Catholic Medical Center, approximately 3.2 miles from the proposed Job Corps Center. Security services at the Job Corps will be provided by the center's security staff. Law enforcement services are provided by the City of Manchester Police Department—located approximately 3.8 miles from the proposed project site. The City of Manchester Fire Department will provide fire protection. Manchester Fire Department Station #6, which operates 24 hours a day, is located approximately 3.1 miles from the site.

The proposed project will not have a significant adverse sociological affect on the surrounding community. Similarly, the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the area.

The alternatives considered in the preparation of this FONSI were as follows: (1) No Action; and (2) Continue Project as Proposed. The No Action alternative was not selected. The U.S. Department of Labor's goal of improving the Job Corps Program by improving the learning environment at Job Corps Centers would not be met under this alternative. Due to the suitability of the proposed site for establishment of a new Job Corps Center, and the absence of any identified significant adverse environmental impacts from locating a Job Corps Center on the subject property, the "Continue Project as Proposed" alternative was selected.

Based on the information gathered during the preparation of the EA, no environmental liabilities, current or historical, were found to exist on the proposed Job Corps Center site. The construction of the Job Corps Center at Dunbarton Road, Manchester, New Hampshire will not create any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Dated: January 28, 2008.

**Esther R. Johnson,**

*National Director of Job Corps.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Job Corps: Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Job Corps Center Located at College Avenue and 6th Street, Ottumwa, IA**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Job Corps Center to be Located at College Avenue and 6th Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500-08) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Labor, Office of the Secretary (OSEC) in accordance with 29 CFR 11.11(d), gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for a proposed new Job Corps Center to be located in Ottumwa, Iowa and that the proposed plan for a new Job Corps Center will have no significant environmental impact. This Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by February 15, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Any comment(s) are to be submitted to Edward C. Campbell, Realty Officer Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4460, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-2834 (this is not a toll-free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the EA are available to interested parties by contacting Michael F. O'Malley, Architect, Unit Chief of Facilities, National Office of Job Corps, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4460, Washington, DC 20210, (202) 693-3108 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject property for the proposed Job Corps Center (JCC) consists of 28.68 acres of undeveloped land, owned by Indian Hills Community College. The subject property is located east of the College Avenue and 6th Street intersection approximately five miles north of downtown Ottumwa in an unincorporated area of Wapello County, Iowa. The property is located at the eastern edge of the Ottumwa Industrial Airport district which is characterized by industrial and commercial uses, as well as vacant land used primarily for row crop farming.

The proposed Ottumwa JCC will be new construction, which will utilize a campus setting. The facility will consist of seven buildings, which will support approximately 300 resident students with 104 staff members. The proposed buildings include an administrative/wellness center/maintenance building, two dormitories, an educational/vocational building, a cafeteria/warehouse building, a student services/welcome center building and a recreation building. The proposed site also includes outdoor recreation fields and courts and associated paved parking areas and drives. The gross area of all of the proposed buildings will be approximately 150,000 square feet.

The proposed Ottumwa JCC is not expected to have any negative impact on the demographics of the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposed Ottumwa JCC is expected to have a positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged youths living in the Ottumwa and southeast Iowa areas. The purpose of the JCC is to provide basic education, vocational skills training, health care, and work experience, to allow disadvantaged persons from Ottumwa and surrounding communities to improve their position in the workplace and society. The goal of the JCC is to allow the disadvantaged to obtain a better education and to allow participants to reach a level of economic security above the poverty line. If these goals are reached, the JCC will have a positive impact by increasing the current educational and employment levels in the surrounding communities.

No proposed or listed endangered or threatened species, critical habitat or wetlands are known to exist within the proposed project area. The proposed project is not expected to have an adverse effect on any archaeological or historical properties since there are no documented historic or cultural sites within a one mile radius.

The JCC is also not expected to have an impact on the overall population numbers in the community based on the estimated 300 students that will live at the facility. City services, such as Police, Fire and Emergency Services will not expect additional stress to their current capabilities since these services are currently providing respective services to the area. Utility services, such as water, electric, gas and sanitary sewer, would be able to absorb the additional loads from the JCC with little to no impact. The development of the project will involve construction of

new water, sanitary and storm sewer lines. The proposed JCC is not expected to have negative impacts on air quality in the area, since it does not involve industrial or commercial processes.

Temporary aesthetic impacts and minor noise impacts are anticipated during construction activities. Aesthetic impacts will be mitigated with the development of the property and the noise impacts will be short-termed and not significant.

The proposed Ottumwa JCC development is not expected to result in a significant increase in vehicular traffic, since many of the JCC students will either live in the dormitories or use public transportation. While some JCC students may use personal vehicles, the roadway infrastructure in the area is capable of absorbing the additional traffic.

Based on the information gathered during the preparation of the NEPA Environment Assessment, no environmental concerns were found to exist on the proposed JCC site other than the proposed site is considered "prime farmland" that is currently being used for row crop farming. Based on the size of the proposed development and the significant amount of defined prime farmland in the surrounding areas, the proposed development of the property is not considered a significant impact to the agricultural output for the area.

The alternatives considered in the preparation of this FONSI were as follows: (1) No Action; and (2) Continue Project as Proposed. The No Action alternative was not selected. The U.S. Department of Labor's goal of improving the Job Corps Program by improving the learning environment at Job Corps Centers would not be met under this alternative. Due to the suitability of the proposed site for establishment of a new Job Corps Center, and the absence of any identified significant adverse environmental impacts from locating a Job Corps Center on the subject property, the "Continue Project as Proposed" alternative was selected.

Based on the information gathered during the preparation of the EA, no environmental liabilities, current or historical, were found to exist on the proposed Job Corps Center site. The construction of the Job Corps Center at College Avenue and 6th Street, Ottumwa, Iowa will not create any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Dated: January 28, 2008.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

### **Employment and Training Administration**

#### **Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance**

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than February 11, 2008.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than February 11, 2008.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of January 2008.

**Ralph DiBattista,**

*Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*