

physical environments. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the preparation of an EIS for proposals that are subject to federal funding, control, responsibility and permitting, and which have the potential for significant impacts.

2. Briefly describe reasonable alternatives. The basic purpose of the proposed project is to provide for regional transportation needs. As such, the proposed project does not require siting within a special aquatic site to fulfill its basic purpose and therefore practicable alternatives that do not involve special aquatic sites are presumed to be available, unless clearly demonstrated otherwise. Including the "no build" alternative the applicant evaluated 18 alternatives. Based on information provided by the applicant, all alternatives considered could potentially impact special aquatic sites over which the Corps has jurisdiction. Rough estimates of potential direct wetland impacts range from 75 to 475 acres. The applicant also determined that all alternatives were practicable based on cost, existing technology, and logistics. However, in light of the applicant's project purposes, the applicant deemed only six alternatives to be practicable.

3. Briefly describe the Corps' scoping process which is reasonably foreseeable for the DEIS under consideration. The description:

a. The Corps invites full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the proposal. All Federal, State, and local agencies, and other persons or organizations that have an interest are urged to participate in the NEPA scoping process. A public meeting will be held to help identify significant issues and to receive public input and comment into the scoping process.

b. The DEIS will analyze the potential social, economic, and natural environmental impacts to the local area resulting from the proposed project. Specifically, the following major issues will be analyzed in depth in the DEIS: drain patterns, air quality, water quality, suspended particulates/turbidity, flood control functions, special aquatic sites, fish and wildlife habitat, endangered or threatened species, biological availability of possible contaminants, floodplain use, aesthetics, traffic/transportation patterns, land use changes, economic impacts, public safety, noise, consideration of private property, cultural resources, alternatives, secondary and cumulative impacts, environmental justice (effect on minorities and low income groups),

and protection of children (Executive Order 13045).

c. The Corps will serve as the lead Federal agency in the preparation of the DEIS. It is anticipated that the following agencies will be invited and will accept cooperating agency status for the preparation of the DEIS: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

d. The Corps will use a "third party contractor" to prepare all or part of the EIS or to obtain required information (40 CFR 1500-1508). "Third party contract" refers to the preparation of an EIS by a contractor paid by the applicant but who is selected and supervised directly by the district engineer. Contractor election by the Corps for a Regulatory Program EIS will be as follows: The Corps will select from the applicant's list the first contractor that is fully acceptable to the Corps, using the applicant's order of preference; this selection is finalized by the applicant's selection of the same contractor. The procedures outlined in 40 CFR 1500-1508 and CEQ's forty questions must be followed. Furthermore, the Corps is responsible for final acceptance of the draft and final EIS.

4. The date, time and location of the scoping meeting have not been determined. The public will be notified of the scoping meeting information by separate public notice posted on the New Orleans District web page (<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/ops/regulatory/publicnotices.asp>).

5. The earliest that the DEIS is expected to be available for public review is January of 2010.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 5018(b) of the Water Resources Act of 2007, announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee.

Date: December 16-18, 2008.

Time: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (December 16, 2008).

8 a.m.-7 p.m. (December 17, 2008).

7 a.m.-1 p.m. (December 18, 2008).

Place: Doubletree Hotel Downtown, Omaha, NE 68102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Roth, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Suite 365, Omaha, NE 68102-4909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the second meeting of the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (Committee). Members of the public may attend the meeting in person. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Participation by the public is scheduled for 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on December 16th and 17th and 12 p.m.-12:30 p.m. on December 18th.

Proposed Agenda: The goals of the meeting are to: take steps on selecting a Committee Chair and Vice-Chair; take steps on selecting a Third Party facilitation team and notetaker; provide an update on the Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Plan and determine how the MRRIC fits into the process; gather information on the Missouri River Recovery Program, the Corps' Work Plan Process, and learn about opportunities for the MRRIC to have input on the 2010 and 2011 Work Plans; learn about the Corps' Integrated Science Program, especially as it relates to the Pallid Sturgeon; learn about the Biological Opinion, the Endangered Species Act, and recovery goals; hear workgroup updates; and establish a date, location, and draft agenda for the next MRRIC meeting.

Members of the public may make oral comments at the meeting or submit written comments. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to five minutes, and total oral comments will be limited to one-half hour each day. Written comments received far enough in advance of the meeting may be provided to the Committee prior to the meeting; comments received too near the meeting date to allow for distribution will be provided to the Committee at the meeting. Comments submitted during or after the meeting will be accepted but may not be provided to the Committee until after the meeting.

Any member of the public who desires further information concerning the meeting or wishes to submit oral or written comments should contact Mary Roth at the address shown in (*see ADDRESSES*). Requests to make oral comments must be in writing (or by

e-mail to mary.s.roth@usace.army.mil) and received by Ms. Roth no later than 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time on December 12, 2008.

Dated: November 12, 2008.

Lawrence J. Cieslik,

Deputy Director, Programs—Missouri River, Chief, Missouri River Basin Water Management, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 January 20, 2009.

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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 10, 2008.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Annual Vocational Rehabilitation Program/Cost Report (RSA-2).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 80.

Burden Hours: 385.

Abstract: The Annual Vocational Rehabilitation Program/Cost Report (RSA-2) collects data on the vocational rehabilitation (VR) and supported employment (SE) program activities for agencies funded under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act). The RSA-2 captures:

- Expenditures for the VR and SE programs by category;
- Expenditures for the VR and SE programs by provider;
- Expenditures for the VR and SE programs by numbers of individuals served;
- The costs of types of services provided;
- A breakdown of staff of the VR agencies;
- A breakdown of grant funds used from the current grant year;
- Funds carried over from prior years; and
- Funds carried over to future years.

These data are used to evaluate and monitor the financial performance and programmatic achievements of VR agencies.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3909. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW.,

LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.372A; Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice reopening the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems fiscal year (FY) 2009 competition.

SUMMARY: On June 26, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 36305) a notice inviting applications for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems FY 2009 competition. That notice established a September 25, 2008, deadline date for eligible applicants to apply for funding under this program. As a result of the notice published on June 26, 2008, 34 eligible entities submitted applications. A number of applicants, however, experienced difficulty with submitting their applications electronically, and, as a result, a few applications were received shortly after the original deadline.

In order to ensure fairness and afford as many eligible applicants as possible an opportunity to be considered for funding under this program, we are reopening the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems FY 2009 competition to eligible applicants that were not able to submit applications by the original deadline date. Thus, we will consider as received timely, all of the applications we received through Grants.gov to this date, and will consider as timely any additional applications or amendments submitted through paper submission by the new deadline date established in this notice. All information in the June 26, 2008 notice remains the same for new applications and revisions to previously submitted applications submitted in response to this reopening notice, except for the following updates to the **DATES** section and section V. *Submission of Applications.*