

public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.htm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the VCAT, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899, via fax at 301-216-0529 or electronically by e-mail to [gail.ehrlich@nist.gov](mailto:gail.ehrlich@nist.gov).

All visitors to the NIST site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Stephanie Shaw no later than Friday, June 4, 2010, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Shaw's e-mail address is [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-2667.

Dated: May 19, 2010.

**Katharine Gebbie,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Federal Advisory Committee; Department of Defense Wage Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on June 15, 2010.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at 1400 Key Boulevard, Level A, Room A101, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense

Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting meets the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT*) concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Dated: May 19, 2010.

**Mitchell S. Bryman,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Federal Advisory Committee; National Defense Intelligence College Board of Visitors; Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** Defense Intelligence Agency, National Defense Intelligence College, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the Defense Intelligence Agency, National Defense Intelligence College Board of Visitors will be held on June 15 and 16, 2010, in Washington, DC.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 (from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 (from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Defense Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. David R. Ellison, President, DIA National Defense Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100 (202) 231-3344.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in section 552b(c)(1), title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed. The

Board will discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, as to the successful accomplishment of the mission assigned to the National Defense Intelligence College.

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**Mitchell S. Bryman,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability for Donation as a Museum/Memorial, the Battleship ex- IOWA (BB 61)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy (DON) hereby gives notice of the re-opening of availability for donation as a museum/memorial the battleship ex-IOWA (BB 61), located at the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet, Benecia, CA. The previous notice of availability for ex-IOWA was published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 71, No. 60, dated March 29, 2006. This current notice is intended for organizations who have not previously submitted a ship donation application to the Navy for ex-IOWA.

The availability of this battleship for donation is in compliance with Public Law 109-163, the FY06 National Defense Authorization Act, and under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 7306. The Secretary of the Navy requires, as a condition of transfer, that the donee locate ex-IOWA within the State of California.

The transfer of ships for donation under 10 U.S.C. 7306 shall be made at no cost to the United States Government. The donee will be required to maintain the ship as a static display in a condition that is satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy.

In accordance with Public Law 109-163, the 30-day Congressional notification of donation was waived for ex-IOWA. It is in the best interests of the DON to donate this ship as soon as possible. Therefore, a Letter of Intent will be required within 45 days from the date of this notice and all ship donation applications must be received within six months from the date of this notice.

Prospective donees must submit a Letter of Intent to the Navy Inactive Ships Program office within 45 days of this notice. The Letter of Intent must:

a. Identify the specific ship sought for donation;

b. Include a statement of the proposed use for the ship;

c. Identify the proposed berthing location;

d. If the applicant is not a State, territory or possession of the United States, or a political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof, or the District of Columbia, provide a copy of a determination letter by the Internal Revenue Service that the applicant is exempt from tax under the Internal Revenue Code, or submit evidence that the applicant has filed the appropriate documentation in order to obtain tax exempt status;

e. If the applicant asserts that it is a corporation or association whose charter or articles of agreement denies it the right to operate for profit, provide a properly authenticated copy of the charter, certificate of incorporation, and a copy of the organization's by-laws;

f. Provide a notarized copy of the resolution or other action of the applicant's governing board authorizing the person signing the application to represent the organization and to sign on its behalf for the purpose of obtaining a vessel; and

g. Provide written affirmation that the prospective donee can submit a complete ship donation application to the DON, compliant with the DON's application requirements, within six months of this notice. If the applicant is incapable of meeting this deadline, specific rationale must be provided along with identification of the events that must be achieved and the timeline necessary in order to submit a complete ship donation application to the DON. The DON reserves the right to provide a reasonable extension for receipt of applications, or to reject a request for extension and to proceed with other applications received within the six-month deadline.

Upon receipt of the Letter of Intent, the DON will contact the prospective donees to ensure a full understanding of the application requirements.

Qualified organizations in the State of California wishing to apply for ex-IOWA must submit a complete application to the DON within six months of this notice, comprised of a business/financial plan, a technical plan (including a towing plan, mooring plan, maintenance plan and environmental plan), a curatorial/museum plan, and a community support plan (including information concerning support from the community and benefit to the DON). The application must address the following areas:

a. *Business/Financial Plan:* The Business/Financial Plan must detail the estimated start-up and operating costs, and provide detailed evidence of firm financing adequate to cover these costs. Start-up costs include towing, mooring (this includes but is not limited to the cost of acquiring and improving facilities, and dredging if required), ship restoration, museum development, and meeting environmental requirements (including permitting fees and expenses). Operating costs are those associated with operating and maintaining the vessel as a museum/memorial, including rent, utilities, personnel, insurance, periodic dry-docking, etc. Firm financing means available funding to ensure the first five years of operation and future stability for long-term operation. This can include pledges, loans, gifts, bonds (except revenue bonds), funds on deposit at a financial institution, or any combination of the above. The applicant must also provide income projections from sources such as individual and group admissions, facility rental fees and gift shop revenues sufficient to cover the estimated operating expenses.

b. *Technical:* The technical plan is comprised of a Towing Plan, Mooring Plan, Maintenance Plan, and Environmental Plan.

The Towing Plan describes how the ship will be prepared for tow and safely towed from its present location to the permanent display site proposed by the applicant. The Towing Plan must comply with all U.S. Navy Tow Manual requirements, which can be found at <http://www.supsalv.org/pdf/towman.pdf>.

The Mooring Plan describes how the ship will be secured at its permanent display site during normal and extreme weather conditions (including the 100-year storm event) to prevent damage to the ship, its mooring system, the pier, and surrounding facilities. Provide evidence of availability of a facility for permanent mooring of the ship, either by ownership, existing lease, or by letter from the facility owners indicating a statement of intent to utilize such facilities. Address any requirement to obtain site-specific permits and/or municipality approvals required for the facility, to include but not limited to, Port Authority and Army Corps of Engineers approvals/permits, where required. The mooring location must be acceptable to the DON and not obstruct or interfere with navigation.

The Environmental Plan describes how the applicant will comply with all Federal, State and local environmental and public health & safety regulations and permit requirements. The applicant

must also provide information necessary for the DON to complete an environmental assessment of the donation as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including the impact of the donation on the natural and man-made environment, local infrastructure, and evaluation of the socio-economic consequences of the donation.

The Maintenance Plan must describe plans for long-term, short-term, and daily maintenance of the vessel, including preservation and maintenance schedule, underwater hull inspections, emergency response and fire/flood/intrusion control, pest control, security, periodic dry-docking, and qualifications of the maintenance team.

c. The Curatorial/Museum Plan includes two parts: A Curatorial Plan and a Historic Management Plan. The Curatorial Plan must describe the qualifications for a professional curator (and curator staff, if necessary). The plan must also describe how the museum will collect and manage artifacts, including a statement of purpose and description of access, authority, and collection management responsibilities. The Historic Management Plan must describe how the museum will display the vessel and exhibits, including a description of the historical context of the ship, vessel restoration plans, historical subject matter that will be displayed with the ship, and exhibit display plans.

d. The Community Support Plan must include evidence of local support. Evidence of regional support should also be provided. This includes letters of endorsement from adjacent communities and counties, cities or states. Also describe how the location of the ship will encourage public visitation and tourism, become an integral part of the community, and how the ship will enhance community development. The Community Support Plan must also describe the benefit to the DON, including, but not limited to, addressing how the prospective donee may support DON recruiting efforts, the connection between the DON and the proposed berthing location, how veterans associations in the area are willing to support the vessel, how the prospective donee will honor veterans' contributions to the United States, and how the exhibit will commemorate those contributions and showcase Naval traditions.

The relative importance of each area that must be addressed in the donation application is as follows: Business/Financial Plan and Technical Plan are the most important criteria and are equal in importance. Within the

Technical Plan, the Mooring Plan is of greatest importance, and the Towing Plan, Maintenance Plan and Environmental Plan are individually of equal importance but of lesser importance to the Mooring Plan. The Curatorial/Museum Plan and Community Support Plan are of equal importance, but of lesser importance than the aforementioned plans.

Evaluation of the application(s) will be performed by the DON to ensure the application(s) are compliant with the minimum acceptable application criteria and requirements. In the event of multiple compliant applications for the same battleship, the DON will perform a comparative evaluation of the applications to determine the best qualified applicant. The adjectival ratings to be used for each criterion include: Outstanding, Good, Satisfactory, Marginal, and Unsatisfactory. The Secretary of the Navy or his designee will make the final donation decision.

Applicants should review NAVSEAINST 4520.1A for additional requirements on the application process. That instruction can be found at the Navy Inactive Ships Program Web site: <http://www.navsea.navy.mil/teamsips/InactiveShips/donation>.

The Letter of Intent and donation application must be submitted to the Navy Inactive Ships Program Office in hard copy and electronically on a CD-ROM in either a MS Word document or word-searchable PDF format. The complete application should be mailed to: The Columbia Group, 1201 M Street, SE., Suite 020, Washington, DC 20003; marked for the Ship Donation Project Manager within six months of this notice. As stated above, the DON reserves the right to provide a reasonable extension for receipt of applications, or to reject a request for extension and to proceed with other applications received within the 6-month deadline. The DON also reserves the right to re-open the solicitation process at any point prior to donation of the vessel if doing so is in the DON's best interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ship Donation Project Manager: Ms. Angela Rexrode; telephone number 202-781-4847 or e-mail at [angela.rexrode@navy.mil](mailto:angela.rexrode@navy.mil).

Dated: May 13, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Preferred Supplier Program (PSP)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed policy letter.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Acquisition and Logistics Management (DASN (A&LM)), is soliciting comments that the Department of the Navy (DON) may use in drafting a policy that will establish a Preferred Supplier Program (PSP). Under the PSP, contractors that have demonstrated exemplary performance, at the corporate level; in the areas of cost, schedule, performance, quality, and business relations would be granted Preferred Supplier Status (PSS). Contractors that achieved PSS would receive more favorable contract terms and conditions in DON contracts. Upon approval of the policy by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, DON will initiate the pilot phase of the PSP.

**DATES:** DON invites interested parties from both the public and private sectors to provide comments to be considered in the formulation of the final policy letter. In particular, DON encourages respondents to offer their views as discussed below, in Section D, "Solicitation of Public Comment."

Interested parties should submit comments, in writing, to the address below, on or before July 23, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*E-mail:* [preferredsupplier@navy.mil](mailto:preferredsupplier@navy.mil).

*Facsimile:* 703-614-9394.

*Mail:* DASN (A&LM), Attn: Clarence Belton, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room BF992, Washington, DC 20350-1000.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite "Proposed DON PSP Policy Letter" in all correspondence. All comments received will be posted, without change or redaction, to [https://acquisition.navy.mil/rda/home/acquisition\\_one\\_source/business\\_opportunities/preferred\\_supplier](https://acquisition.navy.mil/rda/home/acquisition_one_source/business_opportunities/preferred_supplier), so commenters should not include information that they do not wish to be posted (for example, personal or business-confidential).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Clarence Belton, 703-693-4006 or

[clarence.belton@navy.mil](mailto:clarence.belton@navy.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### A. Background

Companies in the private sector that have implemented PSPs have

significantly improved performance. Cash flow, profit, and contract terms and conditions that reduce contractor costs and risk are powerful incentives that can be used to motivate contractors to perform at a high level. DON and its contractors negotiate these key components of the business arrangement contract by contract. As a result of this decentralized and individual approach, DON loses an extremely important opportunity. This policy would establish the PSP to recover that opportunity through the use of favorable contract terms and conditions that would be available to Preferred Suppliers (*i.e.*, suppliers that have demonstrated exemplary performance, at the corporate level, in the areas of cost, schedule, performance, quality, and business relations).

The proposed policy is now in the conceptual stage. After consideration of the comments, DON may publish a draft proposed policy letter for additional public comments.

#### B. Proposed Policy Letter Concepts

The general outline of the pilot phase of the PSP, to be established under the proposed policy letter, is set forth below.

DASN (A&LM) shall be responsible for the assessment of contractors under the PSP. DASN (A&LM) will confer PSS at the corporate level, and will not rate individual affiliates or subdivisions of corporations.

DASN (A&LM) shall use the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) as the baseline data during the pilot phase of the PSP. In the course of the pilot phase, DON also will identify other sources of data, including information available to Navy program offices and government contract administration organizations that the Department may use to supplement CPARS data in implementing the PSP. The factors that DASN (A&LM) will use to assess contractors during the pilot phase include, at a minimum, the following CPARS areas:

- Technical (Quality of Product);
- Schedule;
- Cost Control;
- Management Responsiveness;
- Management of Key Personnel;
- Utilization of Small Business;
- Other CPARS Factors As Appropriate.

DASN (A&LM) shall assess Energy Efficiency for all contractors as an "excellence factor," in addition to the areas above.

During the pilot phase of the PSP, DON will use a 5-star system based upon the 5-color ratings used in CPARS, as follows: