DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7312]

Notice of Certification; Foreign Military Financing, and International Military Education and Training; Guatemala

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of State hereby provides notice that on July 23, 2009, and May 14, 2010, the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources signed certifications under Section 7045(d) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts of 2009 and 2010 respectively, concerning the Guatemalan Air Force, Navy, and Army Corps of Engineers.

The certifications state that for the relevant fiscal year, “(A) the Guatemalan Air Force, Navy, and Army Corps of Engineers are respecting internationally recognized human rights; (B) the Guatemalan Air Force, Navy, and Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating with civilian judicial investigations and prosecutions of current and retired military personnel who have been credibly alleged to have committed violations of such rights, including protecting and providing to the Attorney General’s office all military archives pertaining to the internal armed conflict; and (C) the Guatemalan Air Force, Navy, and Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating with the International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG) by granting access to CICIG personnel, providing evidence to CICIG, and allowing witness testimony.”

True and correct copies of the certifications are published as Appendix A and Appendix B to this notice.

Dated: January 5, 2011.

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[Appendix A]

Certification Related to Guatemalan Armed Forces Under Section 7045(D) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Deputy Secretary of State, including under Section 7045(d) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Div. H, Pub. L. 111–117) (“the Act”) and Delegation of Authority No. 245–1, I hereby certify that:

(A) The Guatemalan Air Force, Navy, and Army Corps of Engineers are respecting internationally recognized human rights;

(B) The Guatemalan Air Force, Navy, and Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating with civilian judicial investigations and prosecutions of current and retired military personnel who have been credibly alleged to have committed violations of such rights, including protecting and providing to the Attorney General’s office all military archives pertaining to the internal conflict; and

(C) The Guatemalan Air Force, Navy, and Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating with the International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG) by granting access to CICIG personnel, providing evidence to CICIG, and allowing witness testimony.

This Certification shall be published in the Federal Register, and copies shall be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

[Appendix B]

Certification Related to Guatemalan Armed Forces Under Section 7045(d) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Deputy Secretary of State, including under Section 7045(d) of the Department of State, Foreign
archives pertaining to the internal armed conflict; and
(C) The Guatemalan Air Force, Navy, and Army Corps of Engineers are cooperating with the International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG) by granting access to CICIG personnel, providing evidence to CICIG, and allowing witness testimony.

This Certification shall be published in the Federal Register, and copies shall be transmitted to the appropriate committees of Congress.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Airfield Improvement Program at Palm Beach International Airport, West Palm Beach, FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Location of Proposed Action: The Palm Beach International Airport (PBIA) is located in east Palm Beach County, Florida, adjacent to the City of West Palm Beach and immediately east of the Town of Haverhill.

SUMMARY: The FAA announces that the FEIS for the proposed Airfield Improvement Program (AIP) at PBIA is available for public review.

The FEIS includes the Section 106 consultation with the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places (Keeper) regarding the National Register eligibility of properties within the EIS Area of Potential Effect (APE) and the proposed action’s potential effect to historic resources eligible for, or listed-in, the National Register of Historic Places. Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, proposed AIP is being evaluated in the FEIS for consistency with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP). Comments regarding the compatibility of the No-Action Alternative, the AIP, and Alternative 2 with regard to Section 106 resources and the Florida’s Coastal Management Program are encouraged by the FAA.

The FAA is seeking comments on those sections of the FEIS that have been updated and/or contain information that has become available since the release of the DEIS. Please see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below for more information.

Updated information regarding the forecasts of aviation operations at PBIA became available and was published following the public availability of the September, 2008 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Also, Palm Beach County (the Airport Sponsor) submitted to the FAA a revised implementation plan and schedule for the proposed AIP after the publication of the DEIS. The FAA determined that this information should be considered by the agency and be disclosed to the public in the FEIS.

All comments on the FEIS are to be submitted to Mr. Bart Vernace of the FAA, at the address shown in the section below entitled For Further Information or to Submit Comments Contact. The FAA is providing a forty-five (45) day comment period for the public to comment on the FEIS. The comment period begins on the date of the publication of this Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register, and will close on March 21, 2011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA, as the lead Federal agency, has prepared the EIS for the proposed AIP at PBIA. The FAA published a DEIS in September, 2008. The DEIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The DEIS comparatively assessed and disclosed the potential future impacts of the No-Action Alternative (no development at PBIA besides that which has already been planned, environmentally reviewed, and/or that are needed for safety, security or maintenance reasons), and two proposed action alternatives, designated as the Airport Sponsor’s AIP (Proposed Project) and Alternative 2. The primary capacity enhancement elements of these two proposed action alternatives consists of the following:

AIP—relocate existing Runway 10R/28L 100 feet south of its existing location and expand the runway to a length of 8,000 feet and a width of 150 feet; Alternative 2—construct new Runway 10L/28R located 800 feet north of existing Runway 10L/28R to a length of 10,000 feet and a width of 150 feet. Both the AIP and Alternative 2 include other less substantial airport-related projects that are either associated with the primary airfield development components of each alternative or are stand-alone projects that could be constructed by the Airport Sponsor outside of the EIS process.

Since the publication of the DEIS, the economic recession has resulted in a decrease in aviation activity at PBIA and changes in the FAA’s forecasts of aviation activity for both PBIA and for the national system. The actual and forecast decrease in aircraft operations at PBIA have been, and are expected to continue to be, substantial enough to bring into question the initially proposed timing for implementation of the airport improvement program studied in the DEIS. As a result, the FAA made a determination that the 2006 PBIA Master Plan Update forecasts approved for use in the DEIS, and which were used as the basis for the justification for the airport capacity enhancement component of the Airport Sponsor’s AIP, were no longer appropriate for use in determining the timing for the implementation of the AIP and Alternative 2. After the publication of the DEIS, and the review of comments on the DEIS, the FAA determined that a more recent forecast of aviation activity that is representative of the changed conditions at PBIA should be used for the FEIS.

Subsequently, the FAA decided that the agency’s own 2009 Terminal Area Forecast (2009 TAF) would be the most applicable forecast of aviation activity...