SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has prepared and filed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). GSA is the lead agency; cooperating agencies are U.S. Department of State (DOS), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, and National Guard Bureau. The Draft EIS was prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts of site acquisition and development of the DOS, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) at the Virginia Army National Guard’s Maneuver Training Center at Fort Pickett and Nottoway County’s Pickett Park in Nottoway County, Virginia. The project would be developed on land currently operated or owned by the Virginia Army National Guard and Nottoway County. The purpose of the proposed FASTC in Nottoway County is to consolidate existing dispersed training functions into a single suitable location to improve training efficiency and enhance training operations. More detailed information on the FASTC program is available at http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc.

DATES: Comment date: The public may submit comments on the Draft EIS during a 45-day public review and comment period beginning October 26, 2012 with publication of this notice and ending on December 10, 2012.

Instructions for submitting comments may be found under the heading “Supplemental Information” in this notice.

Public Meeting: A public information meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2012, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center located at 707 Fourth Street, Blackstone VA, 23824.

Informational posters will be on display in the Dining Hall, and representatives from GSA and DOS will be available to explain the proposed project, answer questions, and receive comments from the public. An informational presentation followed by an informal question and answer session will take place in the Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Comments cards and a stenographer will be available for the public to provide formal written comments.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by mail to: Ms. Abigail Low, GSA Project Manager, 20 N 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Abigail Low, GSA Project Manager, email: FASTC.info@gsa.gov or telephone: (215) 446–4815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the proposed FASTC at Fort Pickett is to consolidate existing dispersed training functions into a single suitable location to improve training efficiency and enhance training operations. The proposed FASTC is needed to establish a facility from which DOS Bureau of Diplomatic Security may conduct a wide array of law enforcement and security training to meet the increased demand for well-trained personnel. A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the Federal Register on October 4, 2011 (Volume 76, No. 192). A 30-day public scoping comment period was held from October 4, 2011 to November 3, 2011. Two build alternatives and a no action alternative have been evaluated in the Draft EIS. The Preferred Alternative is Alternative 2; construction of the FASTC program, including driving tracks, firing ranges, mock urban environments, explosives ranges, classrooms, simulation labs, a fitness center, administrative offices, dormitories, and a dining hall, on four adjacent parcels at Fort Pickett and Pickett Park in Nottoway County, VA. The Draft EIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies. The Draft EIS is available for review on the project Web site http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc. A printed copy of the Draft EIS is available for viewing at the following libraries:• Nottoway County Library—Louis Spencer Epes Memorial Library, 415 South Main St, Blackstone, VA
• Amelia County—James L. Hamner Public Library, 16351 Dunn Street, Amelia, VA
• Brunswick County—Brunswick County Library, 133 W. Hicks Street, Lawrenceville, VA
• Dinwiddie County—Dinwiddie Library, 14103 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, VA
• Lunenburg County—Ripberger Library, 117 South Broad St., Kenbridge, VA
• Prince Edward County—Farmville—Prince Edward Community Library, 1303 West 3rd Street, Farmville, VA
• Chesterfield County—Central Library, 9501 Lori Road, Chesterfield, VA
• Mecklenburg County—Southside Regional Library, 316 Washington Street, Boydton, VA

Federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested parties, are invited and encouraged to be present or represented at the public meeting on November 7, 2012. All formal comments will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS. Comments on the Draft EIS can be submitted three ways: (1) Submit comments via the FASTC email address: FASTC.info@gsa.gov, (2) provide written or oral (recorded by a stenographer) comments during the public meeting, or (3) mail a comment form or letter to: Ms. Abigail Low, GSA Project Manager, 20 N 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Written comments postmarked by December 10, 2012 will become part of the official public record.


Leonard Purzycki,
Director of FM&SP, GSA Mid Atlantic Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Abigail Low, GSA Project Manager, email: FASTC.info@gsa.gov or telephone: (215) 446–4815.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Renewal of Charters for Certain Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby announcing that the charters have been renewed for the following federal advisory committees for which Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health provides management support: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (CFSAC); President’s Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition (PCFSN); Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP); and Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability (ACBSA). Functioning as federal advisory committees, these committees are governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Under FACA, the charter for a federal advisory committee must be renewed every two years in order for the committee to continue to operate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Olga B. Nelson, Committee Management Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 714B, Washington, DC 20201; (202) 690–5205.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CFSAC was established on September 5, 2002 as a discretionary federal advisory committee. The Committee was established to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, on a broad range of topics including (1) The current state of knowledge and research about the epidemiology and risk factors relating to chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), and identifying potential opportunities in these areas; (2) current and proposed diagnosis and treatment methods for chronic fatigue syndrome; and (3) development and implementation of programs to inform the public, health care professionals, and the biomedical, academic, and research communities about chronic fatigue syndrome advances.

One amendment was proposed and approved for the new charter. The Committee structure has been expanded to include three non-voting liaison representative positions. These positions will be occupied by representatives from organizations that have interest in, and/or are concerned with, the issues of individuals with CFS. Individuals will be designated by their organizations to serve as non-voting liaison representatives for a term not to exceed two years. The designated federal officer (DFO) for CFSAC or designee will select the organizations to serve in the non-voting liaison representative positions. The non-voting liaison representatives will not receive compensation.

On August 29, 2012, the Secretary of Health and Human Services approved renewal of the CFSAC charter. The new charter was made effective and filed with the appropriate Congressional committees and the Library of Congress on September 5, 2012. Renewal of the CFSAC charter provides authorization for the Committee to continue to operate until September 5, 2014. A copy of the Committee charter is available on the CFSAC Web site at http://www.hhs.gov/advcomcfs.

The PCFSN is a non-discretionary federal advisory committee. The PCFSN was established under Executive Order 13545, dated June 22, 2010. This authorizing directive was issued to amend the purpose, function, and name of the Council, which formerly operated as the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS). The scope of the Council was changed to include nutrition to bring attention to the importance of good nutrition with regular physical activity for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The PCFSN is the only federal advisory committee that is focused solely on the promotion of physical activity, fitness, sports, and nutrition. Since the PCFSN was established by Presidential directive, appropriate action had to be taken by the President or agency head to authorize continuation of the PCFSN. The President issued Executive Order 13585, dated September 30, 2011, authorizing the PCFSN to continue to operate until September 30, 2013.

No amendments were recommended for the PCFSN charter. The charter was approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and filed with the appropriate Congressional committees and the Library of Congress on September 10, 2012. A copy of the Council charter is available on the PCFSN Web site at http://fitness.gov.

SACHRP is a discretionary federal advisory committee. SACHRP provides advice to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, on matters pertaining to the continuance and improvement of functions within the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services concerning protections for human subjects in research.

No amendments were recommended for the SACHRP charter. On September 21, 2012, the Secretary of Health and Human Services approved renewal of the SACHRP charter. The new charter was filed with the appropriate Congressional committees and the Library of Congress on October 1, 2012. SACHRP is authorized to continue to operate until October 1, 2014. A copy of the charter is available on the Committee Web site at http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp/.

The ACBSA is a discretionary federal advisory committee. The Committee was established to provide advice to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, on a range of policy issues around the safety and availability of the blood supply and blood products.

The following amendments were proposed and approved for the ACBSA charter: (1) The Committee title has been changed to Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability (ACB TSA); (2) the scope of work to be performed by the Committee has been clarified. For solid organs and blood stem cells, the Committee’s scope will be limited to policy issues related to donor derived infectious disease complications of transplantation; (3) the Committee’s scope of activities and duties have been expanded to include tissues because the ACB TSA has responsibility for providing advice and making recommendations on transplantation; and (4) the Committee structure has been expanded to increase the number of official representative members to nine to allow representation from the American Association of Tissue Banks, the Eye Bank Association of America, and an organ procurement organization.

On October 9, 2012, the new charter was approved by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and filed with the appropriate Congressional committees and the Library of Congress. ACB TSA is authorized to operate until October 9, 2014. A copy of the charter can be obtained on the ACB TSA Web site at http://www.hhs.gov/ash/bloodsafety/index.html.

Copies of the charters for the designated committees also can be obtained by accessing the FACA database that is maintained by the Committee Management Secretariat under the General Services Administration. The Web site address for the FACA database is http://fido.gov/facadatabase.


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of Intent To Establish the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Committee Membership

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services and Research, Education and Economics.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is working jointly with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC). It is planned for the Committee to be established in the beginning of calendar year 2013. This notice also will serve to announce that an invitation is being extended for nominations of individuals who are interested in being considered for appointment to the Committee.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted no later than close of business November 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Nominations may be submitted by email to