

other matters relating to the Academy. Specific topics for this meeting include a Superintendent's Update; a USAFA Non-profit Financial Support Briefing; a classroom visit and a tour of the Center for Character and Leadership Development. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, one session of this meeting shall be closed to the public because it involve matters covered by subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b. Public attendance at the open portions of this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the meeting room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements must address the following details: the issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the Air Force address detailed below at any time. However, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the BoV until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairman and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials presented during the open portions of this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

If after review of timely submitted written comments and the BoV Chairman and DFO deem appropriate, they may choose to invite the submitter of the written comments to orally present the issue during an open portion of the BoV meeting that is the subject of this notice. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairman to allow specific personnel to make oral presentations before the BoV. In accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(d), any oral presentations before the BoV shall be in accordance with agency guidelines provided pursuant to a written invitation and this paragraph. Direct questioning of BoV members or

meeting participants by the public is not permitted except with the approval of the DFO and Chairman.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or to attend this BoV meeting, contact Maj Mark Cipolla, Accessions and Training Division, AF/A1PT, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330, (703) 695-4066.

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the introduction of two additional EA-18G Growler expeditionary squadrons (10 aircraft) and the addition of three EA-18G Growler aircraft to the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) when added to baseline conditions, including ongoing EA-18G Growler airfield operations, at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville.

**DATES:** *Dates and Addresses:* Three open house information sessions will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on:

1. Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at Coupeville High School Commons Area, 501 South Main Street, Coupeville, Washington 98239.
2. Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at Oak Harbor High School Student Union Building, 1 Wildcat Way, Oak Harbor, Washington 98277.
3. Thursday, December 5, 2013, at Anacortes Middle School Cafeteria, 2202 M Avenue, Anacortes, Washington 98221.

Each of the three open house information sessions will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by DoN representatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NAS Whidbey Island is the home of all Navy tactical electronic attack (VAQ) squadrons flying the EA-6B Prowler and EA-18G Growler. In 2005 and 2012, the DoN prepared environmental analyses pursuant to NEPA for the replacement of the EA-6B Prowler aircraft with the newer EA-18G Growler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island. The 2005 Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated the environmental consequences of transitioning fleet squadrons and the FRS from the EA-6B to the EA-18G aircraft. The 2012 EA evaluated the environmental consequences of retaining and transitioning the three expeditionary squadrons currently home based at NAS Whidbey Island from EA-6B to EA-18G aircraft and the relocation of a reserve expeditionary squadron from Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

To meet current and future requirements, the DoN proposes to: (1) Continue and increase the existing VAQ airfield operations at NAS Whidbey Island complex, which includes Ault Field and OLF Coupeville; (2) Add two new Expeditionary VAQ squadrons (10 additional aircraft) and augment the VAQ FRS (3 additional aircraft) to support an expanded expeditionary Department of Defense (DoD) mission (total increase of 13 aircraft); (3) Construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field over a three-year period to accommodate additional aircraft; and (4) Station up to 860 additional personnel at and relocate approximately 2,150 family members to NAS Whidbey Island and surrounding community.

The purpose of the proposed action is to sustain the Navy's electronic attack aircraft capabilities at NAS Whidbey Island. The proposed action is needed to maintain electronic attack operational readiness to support national defense requirements under Title 10 United States Code Part 5062. The VAQ community of personnel, aircraft, equipment and mission related Navy functions have been performed almost entirely at NAS Whidbey Island since 1971. With the disestablishment of U.S. Marine Corps capabilities, the DoD Expeditionary VAQ mission is single-sited at NAS Whidbey Island which

maximizes operational capabilities and efficiencies without duplicating facilities and functions at another location.

In addition to the No Action Alternative, this EIS will assess the potential environmental effects of action alternatives to be developed by DoN for different operational scenarios.

The environmental analysis in the EIS will focus on several aspects of the proposed action: Aircraft operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville; facility construction; and personnel changes. Resource areas to be addressed in the EIS will include, but not be limited to: Air quality, noise, land use, socioeconomics, natural resources, biological resources, cultural resources, and safety and environmental hazards. The analysis will evaluate direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities near the installation. Relevant and reasonable measures that could avoid or mitigate environmental effects will also be analyzed. Additionally, the DoN will undertake any consultation applicable by law and regulation. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the EIS process is completed and a Record of Decision is signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) or designee.

The scoping process will be used to identify community concerns and local issues to be addressed in the EIS. Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide comments to the DoN to identify specific issues or topics of environmental concern that the commenter believes the DoN should consider. All comments provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings or by mail during the scoping period will receive the same consideration during EIS preparation. All comments must be postmarked no later than January 3, 2014.

To be included on the DoN's mailing list for the EIS (or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS, when released), a written request should be submitted to: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0085]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge Annual Performance Report**

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), ED.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 7, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0085 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E115, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions related To collection activities or burden, please call Tomakie Washington, 202-401-1097 or electronically mail [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please do not send comments here.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge Annual Performance Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-NEW.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 21.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,520.

*Abstract:* The Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge program is authorized by Sections 14005 and 14006, Division A, of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as amended by section 1832(b) of Division B of Public Law 112-10, the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, and the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2012 (Title III of Division F of Pub. L. 112-74, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012). This program is jointly managed by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge program is to focus on improving early learning and development programs for young children by supporting States' efforts to: (1) increase the number and percentage of low-income and disadvantaged children in each age group of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers who are enrolled in high-quality early learning programs; (2) design and implement an integrated system of high-quality early learning programs and services; and (3) ensure that any use of assessments conforms with the recommendations of the National Research Council's reports on early childhood. Five key program reform areas representing the foundation of an effective early learning and development reform agenda focused on school readiness and ongoing educational success. These five key reform areas are: (A) successful State Systems; (B) High-Quality, Accountable Programs; (C) Promoting Early Learning and Development Outcomes for Children; (D) A Great Early Childhood Education Workforce; and (E) Measuring