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Availability of the Draft Integrated City of Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study Report/Environmental Impact Statement, Norfolk, VA

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Norfolk District, in cooperation with our non-federal sponsor, the City of Norfolk, announce the availability of a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft IFR/EIS) for the City of Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, for review and comment. The study evaluates identified flood risks and develops and evaluates coastal storm risk management measures for the City of Norfolk. These measures were formulated to reduce flood risk to residents, industries and businesses which are critical to the Nation’s economy in ways that support the long-term resilience due to sea level rise, local subsidence and storms, within the City of Norfolk. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the USACE determined that the project has the potential to have significant environmental impacts, and developed the draft EIS to examine and assess the impacts of all proposed action.

DATES: The Draft IFR/EIS is available for a 45-day review period, pursuant to the NEPA. Written comments pursuant will be accepted until the close of public review on the close of business on December 29, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Questions or comments concerning the Draft IFR/EIS may be directed to: Ms. Kathy Perdue, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, VA 23510 or NorfolkCSRM@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathy Perdue, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District phone number (757) 201–7218, or NorfolkCSRM@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of the public involvement process, notice is hereby given by the USACE, Norfolk District, of a public review meeting that will be held on November 16, 2017, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Attucks Theater located at 1010 Church Street, Norfolk, VA 23510. The public meeting will allow participants the opportunity to comment and ask questions on the Draft IFR/EIS. Attendance at the public meeting is not necessary to provide comments. Written comments may also be given to the contact listed under ADDRESSES.

The document is available for review at the following locations: (1) The Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Study Web site: http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/NCFSRM. (2) Copies at all City of Norfolk, Virginia Public Libraries.

Proposed Action. The Study Area is the City of Norfolk. The Proposed Action will include construction of the following measures within the City: Storm surge barriers with gate openings near the mouths of four waterways: The Lafayette River, Pretty Lake, The Hague, and Broad Creek; floodwalls flanking the barriers and near waterways at locations from Lamberts Point to Broad Creek; berms; tide gates at various points to prevent storm surge; generator buildings and pumps; nonstructural measures and ringwall components to protect existing structures; and Natural and Nature-Based features.

Implementation of the Proposed Action would impact floodplains, wetlands, mudflats, federally listed threatened or endangered species, and marine mammals, and other resources. The Proposed Action must be located in a floodplain in order to reduce flood risk behind the flood protection system. The Proposed Action will adhere to the 8-step process as outlined under Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, including consideration of sea level rise.

Alternatives. The Draft IFR/EIS considers a full range of nonstructural and structural flood risk management alternatives that meet the Proposed Action’s purpose and need and incorporate measures to avoid and minimize impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Alternatives included: (1) The No Build/Future Without Project Alternative, (2) a Structural Only Project Alternative, (3) a Nonstructural Only Project Alternative, and (4) a dual Structural and Nonstructural Project Alternative, which is the Preferred Alternative/Proposed Action.

Public Involvement. A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published on April 29, 2016, in the Federal Register (81 FR 25656). A public scoping meeting was held on May 25, 2016, and a following public meeting was held on June 8, 2017, both in the City of Norfolk. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency serves as a cooperating agency for this project.

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Army Education Advisory Subcommittee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open Subcommittee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) Board of Visitors, a subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The DLIFLC Board of Visitors Subcommittee will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 6 and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on December 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, 1759 Lewis Road, Monterey, CA 93944.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Detlev Kesten, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer for the subcommittee, in writing at Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, ATTLAP, Bldg. 634, Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944, by email at detlev.kesten@dli.edu, or by telephone at (831) 242–6670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subcommittee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Subcommittee with briefings and information focusing on the Institute’s accreditation effort through the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. The Subcommittee will also address administrative matters.

Agenda: December 7—The Subcommittee will receive briefings on the Institute’s ongoing self-study to reaffirm its academic accreditation. The Subcommittee will complete administrative procedures and appointment requirements. December 8—The Subcommittee will have time to discuss and compile observations pertaining to agenda items. General deliberations leading to provisional findings will be referred to the Army Education Advisory Committee for deliberation by the Committee under the open-meeting rules.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first to arrive basis. Attendees are requested to submit their name, affiliation, and daytime phone number seven business days prior to the meeting to Mr. Kesten, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

Because the meeting of the Subcommittee will be held in a Federal Government facility, security screening is required. A photo ID is required to enter the facility. Please note that security officers have the right to inspect vehicles and persons seeking to enter and exit the installation.