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Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

FLETC—Cheltenham, MD; Notice of Decision—Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of decision—finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Department of the Treasury Directive 75-02 (Department of the Treasury Environmental Quality Program), has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) related to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the renovation of the former Naval Communications Detachment Cheltenham, MD to provide a law enforcement training and requalification facility (FLETC—Cheltenham) for use by a wide variety of federal, state, and local agencies located in the metropolitan Washington, DC area. The proposed action includes demolition and renovation of existing buildings for use as classrooms, simulators, locker facilities, storage, etc., and construction of a free-standing, completely enclosed, environmentally safe indoor firearms training range and an outdoor vehicle training range. Vegetation manipulation will occur for aesthetic purposes, wildlife habitat improvement, wildfire hazard control, and insect/disease reduction.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with NEPA and Department of the Treasury requirements, to determine whether or not significant environmental impacts are anticipated from the Proposed Action and to assess mitigation measures utilized to avoid potential adverse impacts. No substantive comments have been received from the public, community organizations, or agencies following the public comments period for the EA that ended on January 16, 2002. Based on the analysis of the EA, the Department of

the Treasury has determined that the proposed development of the FLETC—Cheltenham facility at Cheltenham, Maryland, utilizing the Proposed Action, does not constitute a “major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment” when considered individually or cumulatively in the context of the referenced Act, including both direct and indirect impacts. The project will not significantly impact soils, air quality, water resources, vegetation, biological resources, noise, threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat, transportation systems, or the surrounding population. Therefore, a FONSI has been issued for this project, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

DATES: The FONSI was signed on March 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: FLETC—Cheltenham, 9000 Commo Road, Cheltenham, MD 20623-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Shaw, NEPA Coordinator/Project Manager, FLETC, at (912) 261-4557. Ms. Shaw's e-mail address is sshaw@fletc.treas.gov. Information is also available from Bob Smith, Chief, Cheltenham Operations at (301) 868-5830. Mr. Smith's e-mail address is rsmith@fletc.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center has a mission of providing high quality, cost-effective training of federal law enforcement personnel. Providing these requalification services in the Washington, DC area will significantly reduce the need for Washington, DC area law enforcement agencies to travel to the FLETC—Glynco, GA facility, reducing associated costs and time demands.

The FLETC—Cheltenham facility is located approximately 15 miles southeast of Washington, DC, in Prince George's County, MD. The facility is situated east of Maryland Route 5 and west of Maryland Route 301, approximately 3 miles south of Andrews Air Force Base.

Authority: The Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR parts 1500 *et seq.*

Dated: March 1, 2002.

Bruce Bowen,

Assistant Director, Office of Compliance, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 21, 2002; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

LOCATION: 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

STATUS: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection 1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

AGENDA: March 2002 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the One Hundred Third Meeting (January 24, 2002) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Consideration of fellowship applications and consideration of list of recommended Grants; Other General Issues.

CONTACT: Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director, Office of Communications, Telephone: (202) 457-1700.

Dated: March 4, 2002.

Harriet Hentges,

Executive Vice President, United States Institute of Peace.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Service

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Annual Report From Federal Contractors

AGENCY: Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is soliciting comments on methodologies for calculating the maximum and minimum number of employees for the Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Norman Lance, Chief, Investigations and Compliance Division, (VETS), by regular mail at the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Federal Contractor Program Comments—Notice, 6101 Stevenson Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304, or by e-mail at Lance-Norman@dol.gov. Written

comments limited to 10 pages or fewer also may be transmitted by facsimile (FAX) at (202) 693-4755. Receipt of submissions, whether by U.S. mail, e-mail or FAX transmittal, will not be acknowledged; however, the sender may request confirmation that a submission has been received, by telephoning VETS at (202) 693-4731 (VOICE), or (800) 670-7008 (TTY/TDD).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Norm Lance, Chief, Investigations and Compliance Division, VETS, at (202) 693-4731 or by e-mail at Lance-Norman@dol.gov. Individuals with hearing impairments can call (800) 670-7008 (TTY/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 4212(d).

Background

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, (VEVRAA) contains affirmative action and reporting requirements for Federal contractors and subcontractors regarding several classes of protected veterans. One VEVRAA requirement is that covered Federal contractors and subcontractors file an annual Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100 (VETS-100 Report). Prior to 1998 covered contractors were required to show in their VETS-100 report the number of protected veterans in their work force by job category, hiring locations, and number of new hires, including protected veterans hired during the reporting period covered by the report. The amendments to the VETS-100 reporting requirements made by the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 (VEOA) included adding the requirement that the maximum number and minimum number of persons employed during the reporting period be included in a VETS-100 Report.

VETS published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (65 FR 59684, October 5, 2000) to implement the provisions of the VEOA, including the requirement

for reporting the minimum and maximum number of employees. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking did not contain guidance on how covered contractors were to determine the minimum and maximum number of employees. A commenter asserted that the proposed rule was unclear about when the minimum and maximum number of employees had to be determined, and asked for clarification. To respond to the concerns of the commenter, VETS clarified the regulation language by adding the following language to the final rule:

The minimum and maximum number of employees reportable at each hiring location during the period covered by the report must be determined as follows: Contractors must review payroll records for each of the pay periods included in the report. The minimum number of employees is the total number of employees paid in the payroll period in which the contractor had the fewest number of employees. The maximum number of employees is the total number of employees paid in the payroll period in which the contractor had the greatest number of employees.

This new language was inserted in section 61-250.10(a)(3), and also in section 61-250.11 under the paragraph entitled "Maximum and minimum number of employees." (66 FR 52004-52005, October 11, 2001).

After publication of the rule, it was brought to the attention of VETS that the revised language might have inadvertently increased the record keeping burden on some contractors because contractors might have difficulty matching up payroll periods, employees, and physical VETS-100 reporting locations in the way contemplated by the final rule. To permit contractors flexibility in how they determine the maximum and minimum number of employees, VETS published an Interim Final Rule (66 FR 65452, December 19, 2001) amending section 61-250.10(a)(3) by withdrawing the above quoted language that specified how contractors were to determine the maximum and minimum number of employees and withdrawing the

language quoted above which appears as a paragraph entitled "Maximum and minimum number of employees" under section 61-250.11. The basic statutory requirement to report the maximum and minimum number of employees remains.

In the preamble to the interim final rule, VETS requested comments about the methods covered contractors and subcontractors intend to use to calculate the minimum and maximum number of employees. VETS requested this information in order to gain additional information on which to issue guidance or regulations on methodology(s) for contractors to determine the maximum and minimum number of employees. VETS is concerned that the request for comments solely within the preamble to the interim final rule could be overlooked. Consequently, VETS is publishing today's notice reiterating the request for comments about how to determine the maximum and minimum number of employees.

Specifically, VETS requests comments on the methodology contractors would prefer to use to calculate the minimum and maximum number of employees. Additional information including how a methodology interacts with organizational structure, payroll or pay systems for particular types of employers (e.g., nature of industry, single or multiple establishments), and how employees on extended leave of absence are counted, is solicited. Comments on record keeping burden incurred and other information you feel will clarify the process for determining the maximum and minimum number of employees also are requested. VETS will consider this information when preparing guidance or regulations for contractors' future reporting cycles.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of February, 2002.

Frederico Juarbe, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

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