

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment****AGENCY:** Office of Special Counsel.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to use four previously approved information collections consisting of three forms for filing complaints and disclosures of information, and an electronic survey form. These collections are listed below. The current OMB approval for Forms OSC-11, OSC-12, OSC-13, and the OSC Survey expires 9/30/12. We are submitting all three forms and the electronic survey for renewal. This will be a reinstatement of the forms, with changes to the Privacy Act Statement for the three forms for filing complaints and disclosures of information and the Consent Statement for Form OSC-12. Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on these information collections for the final time. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Notice and request for public comment on these forms was published in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2012 at 77 FR 22614 and on May 15, 2012 at 77 FR 28638.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before July 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street NW., Attention: Desk Officer for U.S. Office of Special Counsel, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of any comments should be sent to Karl Kammann, Director of Finance, U.S. Office of Special Counsel,

1730 M Street NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Kammann, Director of Finance, either at the address shown above, or by facsimile at (202) 254-3711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSC is an independent agency responsible for, among other things, (1) the investigation and prosecution of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), including protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; (2) providing a safe and secure channel for considering whistleblower disclosures; and (3) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code. OSC is also required to conduct an annual survey of individuals who seek its assistance. Section 13 of Public Law 103-424 (1994), codified at 5 U.S.C. 1212 note, states, in part: "[T]he survey shall—(1) determine if the individual seeking assistance was fully apprised of their rights; (2) determine whether the individual was successful either at the Office of Special Counsel or the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) determine if the individual, whether successful or not, was satisfied with the treatment received from the Office of Special Counsel." The same section also provides that survey results are to be published in OSC's annual report to Congress. Copies of prior years' annual reports are available on OSC's Web site, at http://www.osc.gov/RR_AnnualReportsToCongress.htm, or by calling OSC at (202) 254-3600.

Copies of the OSC Forms 11, 12, and 13 can be found at: http://www.osc.gov/RR_OSCFORMS.htm The survey form for the collection of information is available for review by writing to the point of contact at OSC listed above.

Title of Collections: (1) Form OSC-11 (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice of Other Prohibited Activity) OMB control number 3255-0002; (2) Form OSC-12 (Information about filing a Whistleblower Disclosure with the Office of Special Counsel), OMB control number 3255-0002; (3) Form OSC-13 (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Political Activity (Violation of the Hatch Act)), OMB control number 3255-0002; (4) Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Annual Survey; OMB control number 3255-0003; all four with expiration date of 09/30/12.

Summary of the Collection of Information. OSC is seeking approval of its annual electronic survey, and its three previously approved forms for filing complaints and disclosures of information, that expire on September 30, 2012, with revision of the Privacy Act System of Records Notice applicable to Forms OSC-11, OSC-12 and OSC-13, to reflect new and revised routine uses. See **Federal Register** Notice at 78 FR 24242 (April 23, 2012). The Consent Statement for Form OSC-12 is also revised.

Brief Description of Need for Information and Proposed Use. The OSC forms are used to enable our agency to: (1) Investigate allegations of prohibited personnel practices, (2) provide a safe, secure channel for whistleblower disclosures, and (3) enforce the Hatch Act. The survey is used by government employees and complainants whose cases with OSC were closed during the fiscal year and wish to give us feedback on the quality of our service.

Description of likely respondents, including estimated number of likely respondents and proposed frequency of response. Forms OSC-11 and OSC-12 are used by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to submit allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices and whistleblower disclosures respectively. Form OSC-13 is used for the submission of Hatch Act complaints. The frequency of the use of the three forms, OSC-11, OSC-12, and OSC-13, is daily. The estimated number of respondents is 4,000. The survey form is voluntary and anonymous, and it is used to survey current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment who have submitted allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices. The survey form also surveys complainants alleging Hatch Act violations, whose matter has been closed or otherwise resolved during the prior fiscal year, on their experience at OSC. Specifically, the survey asks questions relating to whether the respondent was: (1) Apprised of his or her rights; (2) successful at the OSC or at the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) satisfied with the treatment received at the OSC. The frequency of the use of this survey is annual, and the estimated number of respondents is 320 per year.

Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden. The estimated average amount of time for a person to respond using the OSC forms is 55 minutes; the estimated annual burden for using the OSC forms is 3,666 hours. The estimated average amount of time

for a person to respond using the electronic survey is 12 minutes. The estimated annual survey burden is 64 hours.

Dated: June 12, 2012.

Mark Cohen,

Deputy Special Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7923]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Dead Sea Scrolls & The Bible Ancient Artifacts—Timeless Treasures”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Dead Sea Scrolls & The Bible Ancient Artifacts—Timeless Treasures” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, from on or about July 2, 2012, until on or about January 13, 2013; and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: June 13, 2012.

J. Adam Ereli,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7922]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meeting

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, the Department of State (DOS) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and initiate the scoping process for the proposed agency action as specified below. The EIS will evaluate the impacts on the affected environment, including, but not limited to, socioeconomic, traffic and transportation, land use, historic and cultural resources, noise, air quality, environmental justice, and cumulative impacts.

DATES: A public Scoping Meeting will be held on July 19, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to inform stakeholders about the project and to receive public comments, questions and concerns regarding the scope of the EIS. The Scoping Meeting will be held at the Tifereth Israel Congregation, Cherner Auditorium, 770 16th Street NW., Washington, DC 20012. The public comment period will run until August 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: All comments and questions on the Scoping Meeting and EIS can be directed by email to FMC.INFO@state.gov, by telephone (202) 471-5032, or by mail to: Geoffrey Hunt, Department of State, A/OPR/RPM, HST Room 1264, Washington DC 20520-1264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The mission of the Department of State (DOS), as the Federal executive agency responsible for international relations of the United States, is to shape and sustain a peaceful, prosperous, just, and democratic world and foster conditions for stability and progress for the benefit of the American people and people around the world. DOS has a number of domestic and international responsibilities associated with the establishment and operation of foreign

missions in the United States. In this regard, DOS is responsible for assisting foreign missions with identifying properties on which they may locate and operate chanceries (commonly referred to as embassies) in the United States.

As one of the smallest capital cities in the world, the availability of adequate space for the construction and operation of modern chanceries by foreign missions has been a longstanding challenge in the District of Columbia. In response, pursuant to the International Chancery Act of 1968, Congress authorized DOS to undertake the development of the International Chancery Center (ICC), located near the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street NW. The ICC has successfully allowed foreign missions to locate their chanceries in a purpose-built community, which was designed to both address the modern needs of such operations, as well as to mitigate to the extent possible negative impacts such facilities may have, or be perceived to have, with respect to neighboring properties and citizens. The ICC has proven to be a highly successful model for balancing the Federal government's need to accommodate foreign missions with the concerns of local citizens about the location and operation of foreign chanceries in the District of Columbia. Because all lots within the ICC are fully assigned, DOS is considering establishing a second location for a similar development.

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to prepare a Master Plan for the long-term development of a Foreign Missions Center on approximately 43.5 acres of the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) site, located at 16th Street NW., between Aspen Street and Alaska Avenue in Washington, DC. The proposed action includes long-term leases of Federal land to foreign governments for the purpose of constructing and operating new chancery facilities. The term “chancery” in this context means the principal offices of a foreign mission (as defined in the Foreign Missions Act) used for diplomatic or related purposes, and any annexes to these offices or support facilities, and includes the site and any buildings on the site. After several years of considering the suitability of other locations throughout the District, the DOS has concluded that the former WRAMC site presents a viable option for undertaking a development of similar size and scale to the existing ICC. The proposed action would be developed in phases and is expected to accommodate several foreign missions