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Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

Dated: February 25, 2000.

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Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a Contract Market for Futures and Options on the FORTUNE e-50 Index™

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and options contracts.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market for futures and options on the FORTUNE e-50 Index™. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to *secretary@cftc.gov*. Reference should be made to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) for futures and options on the FORTUNE e-50 Index™.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Thomas Leahy of the Division of Economic Analysis,

Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC (202) 418-5278. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: *t Leahy@cftc.gov*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitted written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

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Richard A. Shilts,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Future Development and Operations at Fort Meade, MD

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will address the future development and operations of

Fort Meade's Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) for the Years 2000-2004. The planned projects which will occur during this time include the following: construction of new facilities that will consolidate tenants from dilapidated World War II structures and off post leased facilities into more cost efficient and effective facilities, demolition and construction of barracks and mess halls and providing on post development opportunities for tenants on installations that are currently faced with Base Realignment and Closure. It is the purpose of this EIS to further assess the impacts, most specifically to air and traffic, that were identified in the Environmental Assessment entitled "Future Development and Operations Environmental Assessment" dated April 1999.

ADDRESSES: Questions or written comments may be forwarded to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Planning Division, Planning and Environmental Services Branch (Attn: Ft. Meade EIS), 10 South Howard Street, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, Telephone (410) 962-4939.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Gebhardt, Environmental Engineer, Directorate of Public Works Environmental Management Office, at (301) 677-9365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fort Meade RPMP has the potential to significantly impact certain natural, economic, social and cultural resources of the Fort Meade community. The objective is to prepare a comprehensive EIS which will serve as a planning tool, a public information source and a reference for mitigation tracking.

Alternatives may consist of alternate locations for specific projects, partial implementation of the specific project or modifications to the specific project. The alternatives will be developed during the preparation of the Draft EIS (DEIS) as a result of public input and the environmental analysis of the proposals within the plan. The objective Fort Meade's DEIS is to identify and evaluate any environmental implications that may result from developing the Master Plan. The DEIS will describe the impacts of existing environmental, cultural and natural resources, social, economic and environmental justice conditions associated with the proposed projects at Fort Meade.

The Army will initiate a scoping process to discuss significant issues related to the DEIS through public meetings and local publications. These efforts are designed to encourage public