

mentioned above should recognize the nature and character of documents addressing each criterion need not be the same. For example, an applicant may establish employment with TWA through official employment records, but find that proving assignment to an ATC contract crew outside the continental United States more difficult. In such a case, an applicant may be able to prove assignment and service at that location through other evidence, such as, dated, postmarked (or other sign of authenticity) correspondence (official or personal) to or from the applicant at that assignment outside the United States.

Upon confirmation of an applicant's eligibility, the DD Form 214 will be passed from AFPC/DPPRP to the Awards and Decorations office to determine which ribbons the applicant is eligible to receive (campaign ribbons, theater ribbons, victory medal, etc.). Specific awards (*i.e.*, Silver Star, Purple Heart, etc.) need separate justification detailing the act, achievement, or service believed to warrant the appropriate medal/ribbon.

DD Forms 2168 are available from VA offices or from the U.S. Air Force offices in this notice. An electronic version is also available in Adobe Acrobat (the reader is free) on the Internet at "DefenseLINK, publications."

For further information contact Mr. James D. Johnston at the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAFPC), 1535 Command Drive, EE Wing, 3d Fl., Andrews AFB, MD 20762-7002.

#### Benefit Information

A determination of "active duty" under Public Law 95-202 is "for the purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs" (Sec. 106, 38 U.S.C.). Benefits are not retroactive and do not include such things as increased military or Federal Civil Service retirement pay, or a military burial detail, for example. Entitlement to state veteran's benefits varies and is governed by each state. Therefore, for specific benefits information, contact your nearest Veterans Affairs Office and your state veterans service office after you have received your Armed Forces discharge documents.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Active Duty Service Determinations for Civilian or Contractual Groups

On February 21, 2003, the Secretary of the Air Force, acting as Executive Agent of the Secretary of Defense, determined that the service of the group known as the "Uniformed Aviation Industry Contract Technical Specialists Assigned to Extended Duty at Ladd Field, Alaska, to Test Army Air Force Airplanes as Part of the Cold Weather Testing Detachment from February 1, 1942, through February 22, 1944" shall not be considered "active duty" for purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Rough Terrain Cargo Parachute Assembly

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 6,520,453 B1 entitled "Rough Terrain Cargo Parachute Assembly" issued February 18, 2003. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone: (508) 233-4928 or E-mail: [Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil](mailto:Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Located on the Missouri River from Sioux City, IA to the Mouth Near St. Louis, MO in the States of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This announces the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project located on the Missouri River in the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri. The Mitigation Project was first authorized by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, which included the development of 48,100 acres of aquatic and terrestrial habitat for fish and wildlife along the 735 miles of the Missouri River between Sioux City, IA and St. Louis, MO. The WRDA of 1999 modified the Mitigation Project by increasing the amount of habitat development by 118,650 acres to a total of 166,750 acres. The FSEIS assesses the potential environmental impacts of the modified Mitigation Project, which includes the development, restoration, or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat on an additional 118,650 acres on individual sites purchased from willing sellers and through easements. The purpose of the Mitigation Project is to restore fish and wildlife habitat losses resulting from the construction and development of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project (BSNP). Seven alternatives are considered in the FSEIS and three alternatives are analyzed in detail including a Preferred Action, No Development alternative, and No Action alternative.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kelly Ryan, Civil Works Branch ATTN: CENWK-PM-CJ, U.S. Army Engineer District, Kansas City, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO, 64106-2896, Phone: 816-983-3324.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 1. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and the Missouri Department of Conservation are serving