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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Nationwide TRICARE Demonstration Project

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice Extending Deadline for Demonstration Project.

**SUMMARY:** On November 5, 2001, the Department of Defense (DoD) published a notice of a Nationwide TRICARE Demonstration Project (66 FR 55928-55930). On October 1, 2004, DoD published a notice (69 FR 58895) to extend the demonstration through October 31, 2005. On October 12, 2005, DoD published a notice (70 FR 59320) to extend the demonstration through October 31, 2007. On June 19, 2007, the Department published a notice (72 FR 33742) to extend the demonstration through October 31, 2008. On August 22, 2006, the Department published a proposed rule to implement sections 704 and 705 of the Ronald Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, and is in the process of promulgating the final rule.

The demonstration is also referred to as the Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom Reservist and National Guard Benefits Demonstration. This notice is to advise interested parties of the continuation of the demonstration in which the DoD Military Health System addresses unreasonable impediments to the continuity of health care encountered by certain family members of Reservists and National Guardsmen called to Active Duty in support of a Federal/contingency operation. The demonstration scheduled to end on October 31, 2008, is now extended through October 31, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), TRICARE Management Activity, TRICARE Policy and Operations Directorate, at (703) 681-0039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The continued activation of Reserve Component members in support of Noble Eagle/Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom

warrants the continuation of the demonstration to support the health care needs and morale of family members of activated reservists and guardsmen. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2005 amended existing statutes to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide these benefits permanently by regulation. The demonstration needs to be extended to allow sufficient time to complete the rule-making process. The impact, if the demonstration is not extended before the regulation is completed, includes higher out-of-pocket costs and potential inability of beneficiaries to continue to use the same provider for ongoing care. There are three separate components to the demonstration. First, those who participate in TRICARE Standard will not be responsible for paying the TRICARE Standard deductible. By law, the TRICARE Standard deductible for Active Duty dependents is \$150 per individual and \$300 per family (\$50/\$150 for E-4's and below).

The second component extends TRICARE payments up to 115 percent of the TRICARE maximum allowable charge, less the applicable patient co-payment, for care received from a provider that does not participate (accept assignment) under TRICARE to the extent necessary to ensure timely access to care and clinically appropriate continuity of care.

Third, the demonstration authorizes a waiver of the non-availability statement requirement of nonemergency inpatient care. This demonstration project is being conducted under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1092. This demonstration is extended through October 31, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) Board of Visitors (BoV) will meet in the Rayburn House Building, Washington, DC, on 8 May 2008. The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and

discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy. Meeting sessions will begin at 9 a.m. on 8 May 2008, in room 2105 of the Rayburn House Building, Washington, DC.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that a portion of this meeting shall be closed to the public. The Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Office of the Air Force General Counsel, has determined that one portion of this meeting be closed to the public because it will involve matters covered by subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Public attendance at the open portions of this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the meeting room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements must address the following details: the issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the address detailed below at any time. However, if a written statement is not received at least 10 days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to, or considered by, the BoV until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials presented during open portions of this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

If, after review of timely submitted written comments, the BoV Chairperson and DFO deem appropriate, they may choose to invite the submitter of the written comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of the BoV meeting that is the subject of this notice. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairperson to allow specific persons to make oral presentations before the BoV. Any oral presentations

before the BoV shall be in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, and this paragraph. The DFO and BoV Chairperson may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for BoV review and discussion. Direct questioning of BoV members or meeting participants by the public is not permitted except with the approval of the DFO and Chairperson.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Or to attend this BoV meeting, contact Mr. Scotty Ashley, USAFA Programs Manager, Directorate of Airman Development and Sustainment, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, AF/A1DOA, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1040, (703) 695-3594.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Permanent Stationing of the 2/25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.  
**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-3/5/7 has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Permanent Stationing of the 2/25th SBCT and has made the decision to proceed with all facets of Alternative A. Alternative A permanently stations the 2/25th SBCT at Schofield Barracks Military Reservation (SBMR) while conducting the required training at military training sites in Hawaii. This alternative is summarized in the Army's ROD and described fully in Chapter 2 of the FEIS.

**ADDRESSES:** The ROD can be accessed at <http://www.aec.army.mil>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Building E4460, 5179 Hoadley Road, Attention: IMAE-PA, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401; telephone: 410-436-2556; facsimile: (410) 436-1693. The Public Affairs Office is open during normal business hours Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS assessed the potential environmental consequences of the alternatives on the

biological, physical, and cultural environments. This decision incorporates analyses contained in the FEIS, comments provided during formal public comment and review periods, and an evaluation of the ability of each alternative to meet the Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action. Hawaii was selected primarily because it is best able to meet the Army's strategic defense and national security needs in the Pacific Theater. A fuller rationale for the decision can be found in the Record of Decision.

Dated: April 11, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Availability of the Draft Feasibility Report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Draft State Environmental Impact Report for the Boston Harbor Deep Draft Navigation Improvement Project

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District in partnership with the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) has prepared a joint Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and State Draft Environmental Impact Report (DSEIS/DEIR) examining improvements to deep-draft navigation channels in Boston Harbor, Boston, MA. Four separate improvements were developed. The first examined deepening the outer and lower harbor's existing 40-foot channel system to provide deeper access to Massport's Conley Terminal in South Boston for containership traffic. All depths are referenced to minus mean lower low water (MLLW). Navigation channel depths of between 45 to 50 feet were examined, with a depth of 48 feet recommended, with an additional two feet in the entrance channel. Under this plan the following project features would be improved: the 40-foot lane of the Broad Sound North Entrance Channel would be deepened to 50 feet and widened through the bend at Finn's Ledge. The 40-foot lane of the Main Ship Channel from the Broad Sound North Entrance Channel upstream

through President Roads to the Reserved Channel would be deepened to 48 feet and its 600-foot-wide reaches widened to between 800 and 900 feet, with additional width in the bends. The 40-foot lower reach of Reserved Channel and its turning area would be deepened to 48 feet, with the turning area also widened to 1600 feet. The 40-foot President Roads Anchorage would be deepened to 48 feet. The second improvement would deepen the existing 40-foot lane of the Main Ship Channel from the Reserved Channel Turning Area upstream to just below the Third Harbor Tunnel to a depth of 45 feet, to improve access to the Massport Marine Terminal in South Boston. The third improvement would deepen a portion of the 35-foot Mystic River Channel lane to 40 feet to improve access to Massport's Medford Street Terminal. The fourth and final improvement would deepen the 38-foot Chelsea River Channel to 40 feet, with minor widening in the bridge approaches and the bend between the bridges. In conjunction with work in the Federal channels, the Massachusetts Port Authority would deepen vessel berths at the Conley Terminal and Marine Terminal. Terminals on the Chelsea River would also deepen their berths to match the new channel depth. A total of about 12.1 million cubic yards (cy) of parent material, and 1.2 million cy of rock, would be removed by dredging and placed at the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site (MBDS). Beneficial use opportunities for the dredged material have been identified and would be considered further during final design of the project. Those beneficial use opportunities include: creation of rock reefs in Massachusetts Bay and Broad Sound, and using the non-rock material as cover at the former Industrial Waste Site, which overlaps the MBDS. This joint Federal and State document builds on the lessons learned from the final EIR/S prepared in June of 1995 for the previous navigation improvement project in Boston Harbor.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to Colonel Curtis L. Thalken, District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Catherine Rogers, (978) 318-8231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is authorized to conduct this Feasibility Study by a Senate Subcommittee on Public Works Resolution dated September 11, 1969.