

performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance bonuses to the Director, DFAS.

DATES: *Effective date:* November 9, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Hovey, DFAS SES Program Manager, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Arlington, Virginia, (863) 815-3709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(C)(4), the following executives are appointed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service PRB: Brigadier General Jan Eakle, Patrick T. Shine, Leon J. Krushinski, Jerry S. Hinton, Kathleen D. Noe.

Executives listed will service a one-year renewable term, effective November 9, 2005.

Dated: October 4, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for an Annex to the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar (MCAS Miramar) and Department of Veterans Affairs intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and conduct a public scoping meeting for the proposed development and operation of a national veteran's cemetery at MCAS Miramar in San Diego, California. The cemetery will be an annex to the Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

DATES: All written scoping comments must be received by Friday, November 18, 2005. A public meeting to receive comments on the scope of the EIS will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be directed to: Ms. Hiphil S. Clemente (Code OPCE.HC), Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California, 92132. The public scoping meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Miramar, 9335 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hiphil S. Clemente, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command at telephone 619-532-3781, fax 619-532-4160, or E-mail: hiphil.clemente@navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Veterans Affairs operates the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, located on the Point Loma Submarine Base. It is the only national cemetery in San Diego County and has been closed to casketed burials since 1966. It will be closed to cremated remains burials by 2008. About 7 acres of additional land was acquired from the Point Loma Submarine Base in 2002. The National Cemetery Administration constructed columbarium niches to provide a limited number of cremation burial options to the San Diego veteran population. Demand for these columbarium niches as a burial option has been high, resulting in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery being ranked the tenth busiest national cemetery, according to interment workload within the National Cemetery Administration. Accordingly, with this high demand, these columbarium niches are rapidly being depleted at this cemetery and will only provide space until 2008. No additional land is available for expansion at Fort Rosecrans or Point Loma Submarine Base.

The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration has identified a need for additional burial space for the 253,000 San Diego area military veterans. The Department of the Navy offered four potential sites at MCAS Miramar for consideration.

A Siting Study was prepared by the Department of the Navy and Department of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the suitability of the four potential MCAS Miramar cemetery sites. Based on the Siting Study, two sites were determined feasible for use and will be evaluated in detail in the EIS.

The proposed action is development and operation of a national veterans cemetery at MCAS Miramar as part of an annex to the Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. The proposal includes a land use agreement between the Department of the Navy and Department of Veterans

Affairs for development and operation of the cemetery. The proposed site, identified as Site 2, is a 327-acre site located in the northwestern corner of MCAS Miramar across Miramar Road. The site is bounded by Miramar Road to the north, the commuter railway to the south and east, and the western boundary of MCAS Miramar to the west.

An alternative site, identified as Site 4, is a 279-acre site located in the south-central portion of MCAS Miramar in the former Camp Elliott area. The site is completely surrounded by freeways with State Route 163 to the west, State Route 52 to the south, and Interstate 15 to the east. Kearny Villa Road traverses the site in a north-south direction.

The EIS will evaluate potential environmental effects associated with action alternatives and the no action alternative. Potential issues include, but are not limited to, biological resources, historic and archaeological resources, geology and soils, hydrology, air quality, explosive safety and traffic. Relevant and reasonable measures that could alleviate environmental effects will be considered.

The Department of the Navy and the Department of Veterans Affairs will jointly undertake necessary consultations with regulatory entities pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and any other applicable law or regulation. Consultation will include but is not limited to the following Federal, state, and local agencies: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; State Historic Preservation Officer; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board; California Department of Transportation; San Diego Air Pollution Control District; California Department of Toxic Substance Control; and the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health.

The public scoping period begins with the publication of this Notice of Intent and ends November 18, 2005. All scoping comments must be received by November 18, 2005. A public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select Miramar, 9335 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego, California. The public scoping meeting will follow an informal open house format. The public is invited to attend the meeting at their convenience during the meeting hours and can view project-related displays and speak with Department of the Navy and Department of Veterans Affairs representatives. A

court reporter will be available at the meeting to accept oral comments.

Dated: October 4, 2005.

I.C. Le Moyne Jr.,

Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Business and International Education Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.153A

Dates: Applications Available: October 12, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: See the chart listed under section IV. Application and Submission Information, 3. *Submission Dates and Times* (chart). *Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* See chart.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education that enter into agreements with business enterprises, trade organizations or associations that are engaged in international economic activity—or a combination or consortium of these enterprises, organizations, or associations—for the purposes of pursuing the activities authorized under this program.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$2,268,066 for new awards for this program for FY 2006. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$50,000—\$110,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$84,000.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$110,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Estimated Number of Awards: 27.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Business and International Education program provides grants to enhance international business education programs and to expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities.

Priority: In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), this priority is from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 661.32).

Invitational Priority: For FY 2006 this priority is an invitational priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is:

Applications from institutions of higher education that propose educational projects that include activities focused in the targeted world areas of Central and South Asia, the Middle East, Russia, the Independent States of the former Soviet Union, and Africa. These projects should be integrated into the curricula of the home institution or institutions.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1130—1130b.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations in 34 CFR parts 655 and 661.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

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III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education that enter into agreements with business enterprises, trade organizations or associations that are engaged in international economic activity—or a combination or consortium of these enterprises, organizations, or associations—for the purposes of pursuing the activities authorized under this program.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* The matching requirement is described in section 613(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1130a) (HEA). The HEA provides that the applicant's share of the total cost of carrying out a program supported by a grant under this program must be no less than 50 percent of the total cost of the project in each fiscal year. The non-Federal share of the cost may be provided either in-kind or in cash.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address to Request Application Package:* Ms. Tanyelle Richardson, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6017, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7626 or by e-mail: tanyelle.richardson@ed.gov or visit <http://www.ed.gov/HEP/iegps> to download an application.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) by contacting the program contact person listed in this section.

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit, are in the application package for this program.

Page Limit: The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit the section of the narrative that addresses the selection criteria to the equivalent of no more than 40 pages, using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the