

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force****Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Construction and Operation of a Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS) at the Summit of Mauna Kea, HI**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 United States Code 4321, et. seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Parts 1500–1508), and U.S. Air Force (USAF) policy and procedures (32 CFR part 989), the USAF is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an EIS evaluating potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS) by the University of Hawaii (UH) Institute for Astronomy (IfA). Public scoping meetings will be held to assist in identifying reasonable alternatives, their potential impacts and the relative significance of impacts to be analyzed in the EIS.

Pan-STARRS is a USAF-funded, UH IfA research program to discover, characterize and track Near-Earth Objects (NEOs), primarily asteroids and comets, whose trajectories pass close enough to Earth that they may pose a danger of collision. Pan-STARRS could also map the large-scale structure of the Universe, searching for astronomical objects that move or change such as exploding stars, variable stars, and planets around other stars. The Pan-STARRS design involves four individual wide-field optical systems, each with a dedicated digital camera. The digital cameras would be the largest ever built. Each night Pan-STARRS would image one-fifth of the visible sky, allowing it to survey the entire visible sky once per week. Exposed images would be downloaded through existing data transmission infrastructure to a UH-operated computer facility for processing and analysis. The UH IfA intends to publish the data generated. Since 2002, the USAF has funded UH IfA's research into the technology behind Pan-STARRS, including fabrication of a single optical system prototype unit and its installation into

an existing observatory on Maui. Although the USAF would fund its construction, the Pan-STARRS facility would be owned, operated, and maintained by UH IfA and used for IfA-directed research.

The EIS will analyze three alternatives: rebuilding an existing IfA observatory for Pan-STARRS use at the preferred site on Mauna Kea on the island of Hawaii, constructing a new observatory at an undeveloped site on Haleakala on the island of Maui, and the No Action alternative. The EIS will be prepared as a joint federal-state document in compliance with both NEPA and the State of Hawaii Environmental Impact Statements law (Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes). Biological resources of concern to be addressed in the EIS include the rare Wekiu bug (*Nysius wekiuicola*) on Mauna Kea and the 'ua'u (Hawaiian petrel) on Haleakala. Cultural resources of concern include prehistoric or historic districts, archeological sites, shrines, trails, cultural objects and Traditional Cultural Properties with links to cultural and religious practices of Native Hawaiians; possible human remains issues; sacred sites; landscapes; and broader variables of aesthetics. The USAF intends to use the EIS process and documentation to fulfill its National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 consultation requirements (36 CFR 800.8).

The USAF and UH will host public scoping meetings on the Islands of Hawaii, Maui and Oahu in late January or early February to solicit public participation in this environmental analysis. Exact dates, times and location(s) of meetings will be announced through local media. The scoping process will help identify the full range of reasonable alternatives, potential impacts and key issues to be emphasized in the environmental analysis. Recognizing that open communication of issues is a critical element of the EIS process, the USAF and UH intend to ensure that the scoping experience is meaningful and productive for all participants. Accordingly, the project team is putting strong emphasis on an EIS process that fosters beneficial dialogue and relationship building among all stakeholders, particularly those in the native Hawaiian community. Handicap assistance and translation service will be made available; please provide requests in advance to the point of contact listed below.

Oral and written comments presented at the public scoping meetings, as well as written comments received by the USAF during this scoping period and

throughout the EIS process, will be considered in the preparation of the EIS. To ensure the USAF has sufficient time to consider public input in preparation of the Draft EIS, written comments should be submitted to the address below by 28 Feb 07. Letters and other written or oral comments received may be published in the EIS along with the names of the individuals making the comments. (Personal home addresses and phone numbers will not be published.) As required by law, comments will be addressed in the EIS and made available to the public. Private addresses will only be used to develop a mailing list of those individuals requesting copies of the EIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct any written comments or requests for information to Mr. Juventino Garcia, Office of Public Affairs, AFRL/DEO, 3550 Aberdeen Ave., SE., Kirtland AFB, NM 87117–5776 (Phone: 505–846–4583; e-mail [Juventino.Garcia@kirtland.af.mil](mailto:Juventino.Garcia@kirtland.af.mil)). Handicap assistance and translation service at the public meetings are available in advance through Mr. Garcia.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies**

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of dates of submission of State revenue and expenditure reports for fiscal year (FY) 2006 and of revisions to those reports.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces dates for the submission by State educational agencies (SEAs) of expenditure and revenue data and average daily attendance statistics on ED Form 2447 (the National Public Education Financial Survey (NPEFS)) for FY 2006. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Bureau of the Census (Bureau of the Census) is the data collection agent for the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 2008 appropriated funds.

**DATES:** The date on which submissions will first be accepted is March 15, 2007. The mandatory deadline for the final submission of all data, including any revisions to previously submitted data, is September 4, 2007.

**ADDRESSES AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION:** SEAs may mail ED Form 2447 to: Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800.

SEAs may submit data via the World Wide Web using the interactive survey form at [surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs](http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs). If the Web form is used, it includes a digital confirmation page where a pin number may be entered. A successful entry of the pin number serves as a signature by the authorizing official. A certification form also may be printed from the Web site, and signed by the authorizing official and mailed to the Governments Division of the Bureau of the Census, at the address listed in the previous paragraph. This signed form must be mailed within five business days of Web form data submission.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand deliver submissions by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) to: Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 8905 Presidential Parkway, Washington Plaza II, Room 508, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after September 4, 2007, in order for the submission to be accepted, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Terri Kennerly, Chief, Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800. Telephone: (301) 763-1559. 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 this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to: Frank Johnson, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20208-5651. Telephone: (202) 502-7362.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of section 153(a)(1)(I) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 20 U.S.C. 9543, which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average State per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 7801(2)).

In addition to utilizing the SPPE data as general information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title I of the ESEA, Impact Aid, and Indian Education programs. Other programs such as the Educational Technology State Grants program (Title II of the ESEA, Part D), the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the Teacher Quality State Grants program (Title II of the ESEA, Part A), and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities program (Title IV of the ESEA, Part A) make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In January 2007, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will e-mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and request that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 15, 2007, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data on March 15, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census will be checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. All data, including any revisions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 4, 2007.

Having accurate and consistent information on time is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process and to the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal

education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 4, 2007, as the final date by which the NPEFS Web form or ED Form 2447 must be submitted. If an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs. If an SEA submits revised data after September 4, 2007, the data also may be too late to be included in the final NCES published dataset.

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**Dated:** January 5, 2007.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Engine Emission Defect Information Reports and Voluntary Emission Recall Reports; EPA ICR No. 0282.14, OMB Control No. 2060-0048**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44