

proposal forms (Standard Forms 1435 through 1440). A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 9813 on March 2, 2004. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before [Enter date 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeritta Parnell, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4082.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000-0012, Termination Settlement Proposal (SF's 1435 through 1440), in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The termination settlement proposal forms (Standard Forms 1435 through 1440) provide a standardized format for listing essential cost and inventory information needed to support the terminated contractor's negotiation position. Submission of the information assures that a contractor will be fairly reimbursed upon settlement of the terminated contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 872.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.4.

Total Responses: 2,092.

Hours Per Response: 2.4.

Total Burden Hours: 5,023.

Obtaining copies of proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000-0012, Termination Settlement Proposal Forms

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement for Expansion of Range Projects Within U.S. Army Training Lands in Alaska

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Army intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed expansion of training ranges within U.S. Army training lands in Alaska. The proposed federal action to be addressed in this EIS involves the construction and operation of a Battle Area Complex (BAX) and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF), and the execution of routine, joint military training at these locations. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide year-round, fully automated, multi-purpose, and realistic training facilities for U.S. Army Alaska and other units. The EIS will analyze the proposed action's impacts upon Alaska's natural and man-made environments.

DATES: Written comments identifying potential impacts to be analyzed in the EIS must be received not later than July 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be forwarded to Mr. Kevin Gardner, Directorate of Public Works, 730 Quartermaster Road, Attn: APVR-RPW-GS (GARDNER), Fort Richardson, AK 99505-6500; fax: (907) 384-3047; e-mail: *kevin.gardner@us.army.mil*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major Dan Hunter, Public Affairs Office, 600 Richardson Drive #5600, Attn: APVR-RPV-O (HUNTER), Fort Richardson, AK 99505-5600; telephone: (907) 384-3306, fax: (907) 384-2060; or at Fort Wainwright, AK; telephone: (907) 353-6701; e-mail: *robert.hunter@richardson.army.mil*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action would result in the construction and operation of ranges and support facilities designed to meet the objectives of established training doctrine. The design of the proposed projects will accommodate training

requirements on ranges designed in accordance with the standards set out in Department of Army Training Circular (TC) 25-8, which include the following:

- Provide multi-echelon training—Support training in a combined arms, task organized element to allow joint training opportunities across the full spectrum of warfare.
- Support battle focused training—Allow units to train:
 - As a Joint Combined Arms Team;
 - For combat proficiency—realistic conditions and performance oriented;
 - To standard;
 - To adapt;
 - To maintain and sustain training readiness levels;
 - Using multi-echelon techniques;
 - To sustain proficiency;
 - To develop leadership.

- Provide mounted and dismounted training opportunities—Afford the opportunity to train in both mounted (in tactical vehicles) and dismounted (on foot) operations.

- Maximizing training efficiencies and synergies—Close siting of individual ranges to allow for simultaneous or independent collective training events on both facilities.

- Realistic training—These facilities can be used either independently or in a combined scenario. These facilities enable combat teams to train in rural (BAX) or urban (CACTF) settings either independently, combined, or in transition from one to the other.

In addition to consideration of a No Action Alternative (maintain existing range infrastructure), several U.S. Army Alaska training areas will be considered as possible alternate locations for the range expansion projects. These include: (1) Black Rapids; (2) Donnelly Drop Zone; (3) Eddy Drop Zone; (4) Fort Richardson; (5) Gerstle River; (6) North Texas Range; (7) Tanana Flats Training Area; (8) West Donnelly Training Area; (9) Yukon Training Area.

Tribes, Federal, state, and local agencies and the public are invited to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS. Scoping meetings will be held in Fairbanks and Delta Junction, Alaska. The scoping process will help identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers.

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