

Bering Sea. It also has the largest auklet population in Alaska.

Constructability criteria include geologic stability, availability, and cost effectiveness of an armor rock and fill quarry sources. Environmental issues include effects to sea bird nesting habitat, fish and wildlife resources, social well being, cultural resources and justifiable and practicable mitigation measures. Other resources and concerns will be identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

*Scoping:* A copy of this notice and additional public information will be sent to interested parties to initiate scoping. All parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns, issues, studies, and alternatives that should be considered. A scoping meeting will be held on Little Diomedes Island, AK, in the February/March 2007 time frame. The DEIS is scheduled for release in 2009.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Wilmington Harbor—96 Act, Dredged Material Management Plan, New Hanover and Brunswick Counties, NC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is conducting a study to evaluate the long-term (20-year) dredged material placement needs and opportunities for Wilmington Harbor. The study area encompasses Wilmington Harbor and the Ocean Bar approach channels, which extend from the mouth of the Cape Fear River in Brunswick County, NC to a point just north of the Hilton Railroad Bridge in New Hanover County, near Wilmington, NC. The study will include the preparation of a Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and will identify, evaluate, screen, prioritize, and ultimately optimize placement alternatives resulting in the recommendation of a plan for the

placement of dredged materials for at least the next 20 years.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions regarding the DMMP and DEIS should be directed to: Ms. Jenny Owens; Environmental Resources Section; U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington; Post Office Box 1890; Wilmington, NC 28402-1890; telephone: (910) 251-4757.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USACE, Engineering Regulation (ER) 1105-2-100 mandates that the Corps Districts develop DMMP plans for all Federal navigation projects where there is an indication of insufficient capacity to accommodate maintenance dredging for the next 20 years. The ER further states that the Districts should consider options that provide opportunities for beneficial uses of dredged material. The DMMP process began with a Preliminary Assessment (PA) that was completed in February 1997. The PA identified dredged material placement shortfalls for Wilmington Harbor and recommended the development of a DMMP.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, options for dredged material management will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for the protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal, will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including wetlands; fish and wildlife resources; cultural resources; land use; water and air quality; hazardous, toxic, and radioactive substances; threatened and endangered species; regional geology; aesthetics; environmental justice; and the general needs and welfare of the public.

The alternatives currently being considered for the DMMP include, but are not limited to: offshore disposal in the EPA designated Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS), beach disposal, upland disposal at Eagle Island, dike restoration and wetland creation at existing islands in the Harbor and establishment of sand recycling islands. Additional beneficial uses will also be investigated for the DMMP. The DEIS will address measures, alternatives and impacts to the selected or preferred alternative(s).

All private parties and Federal, State, and local agencies having an interest in the study are hereby notified of the

intent to prepare a DEIS and are invited to comment at this time. A scoping meeting was held on December 8, 2005 and all comments received as a result of the scoping meeting and this notice of intent will be considered in the preparation of the DMMP and DEIS.

The lead agency for this project is the U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington. Cooperating agency status has not been assigned to, nor requested by, any other agency.

The DEIS is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and will address the relationship of the proposed action to all other applicable Federal and State Laws and Executive Orders.

The DMMP and DEIS is currently scheduled to be available in October 2007.

Dated: December 6, 2006.

**John E. Pulliam, Jr.,**

*Colonel, EN, Commanding.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Office of Postsecondary Education, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Educational Services

**ACTION:** Notice Announcing Technical Assistance Workshops for fiscal year (FY) 2007 Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) program.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information about seven one-day technical assistance workshops to assist institutions of higher education interested in preparing grant applications for FY 2007 new awards under the HSI program. Staff will present information about the purpose of the HSI program, selection criteria, application content, submission procedures, and reporting requirements.

Although the Department has not yet announced an application deadline date in the **Federal Register** for the FY 2007 competition, the Department is holding these workshops to give potential applicants guidance for preparing applications for the competition we expect to conduct in FY 2007. Specific requirements for the FY 2007 competition will be published in a separate **Federal Register** notice. This notice announces the technical assistance workshops only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Josephine Hamilton, Team Leader or Carlin Hertz, Developing Hispanic-

Serving Institutions (HSI) program, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6052, Washington, DC 20006-8513. Telephone: (202) 502-7777.

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, audio tape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in this section.

Registration information and the registration form for the technical assistance workshops will be posted on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/idualshsi/index.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The technical assistance workshops will be held as follows:

1. Washington, DC: Wednesday, January 10, 2007. U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Barnard Auditorium, Washington, DC 20202.
2. Santurce, Puerto Rico: Wednesday, January 17, 2007. Sacred Heart University, Avenida Eduardo Conde, Library Conference Room, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00909.
3. Cayey, Puerto Rico: Thursday, January 18, 2007. University of Puerto Rico, Avenida Barcelo, Cayey, Puerto Rico 00736.
4. Norwalk, California: Monday, January 22, 2007. Cerritos College, 11110 Alandra Boulevard, Learning Resource Center, Room LCC 155, Norwalk, California 90650.
5. Santa Fe, New Mexico: Wednesday, January 24, 2007. Santa Fe Community College, 6401 Richards Avenue, Administration Building: Jemez Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508.
6. San Antonio, Texas: Monday, January 29, 2007. University of Texas at San Antonio, One UTSA Circle, Business Building, University Room BB 2.06.04, San Antonio, Texas 78249.
7. El Paso, Texas: Wednesday, January 31, 2007. El Paso Community College, 9050 Viscount Boulevard, Administration Services Center, El Paso, Texas 79927.

All Technical Assistance Workshop sessions will be conducted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Please contact the Department of Education contact persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** if you have any questions about the details of the workshops. You will need to pre-register at our Web site listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**; however, there is no registration fee. We

encourage attendance from those who will be responsible for submitting the application electronically using the Grants.gov Apply site.

#### **Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities Attending the Technical Assistance Workshop**

The technical assistance workshop sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in a workshop (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternative format), notify the person(s) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least two weeks before the scheduled workshop date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make the requested auxiliary aid or service available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Dated: December 20, 2006.

**James F. Manning,**  
*Delegated Authority of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada Test Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires

that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007, 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 7710 West Cheyenne Avenue, Conference Room # 130, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Snyder, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193. Phone: (702) 295-2836; E-mail: [snyderk@nv.doe.gov](mailto:snyderk@nv.doe.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:* Committee updates and discussion of future meeting topics.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Kelly Snyder at the telephone number listed above. The request must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy's Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Kelly Snyder at the address listed above.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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