

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Maynard, (202) 606-6713 or by e-mail at smaynard@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are expected to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses).

Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service is committed to fostering civic engagement through service and volunteering. As part of its efforts to inspire all Americans to serve their communities, the Corporation conducts public service campaigns and awareness activities to recruit participants for its programs—Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America—as well as volunteers for its special initiatives such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. In order to be more effective in its marketing and recruitment efforts, the Corporation proposed the creation of a uniform marketing survey for all its programs and initiatives. Survey findings will educate the Corporation about how best to reach potential volunteers with information about volunteer and national service opportunities.

Current Action

The Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed marketing questionnaire to help inform volunteer and member recruitment efforts for its various programs and initiatives. The survey, which would be completed voluntarily by current and prospective volunteers or program participants (for example, AmeriCorps members or RSVP volunteers), would be conducted online with visitors to the Corporation's website domains and in focus groups and public discussions with current and prospective volunteers

and program participants. Completion of the survey is voluntary.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: CNCS Marketing and Recruitment Questionnaire.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Corporation program participants and volunteers.

Total Respondents: 1000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 50 hours

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 27, 2006

Sandy Scott,

Director of Public Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Enzymatic Template Polymerization

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 7,001,996 B1 entitled "Enzymatic Template Polymerization" issued February 21, 2006. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, Phone: (508) 233-4928 or e-mail: Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.

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 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Project

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice of intent (NOI) is for the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration (LACPR) Project. This notice of intent addresses the coastal area of southern Louisiana from the state boundary of Louisiana and Mississippi at the Pearl River in the east to the state boundary of Louisiana and Texas at the Sabine River in the west as identified in the Coast 2050 coastal Louisiana restoration plan.

ADDRESSES: Scoping meeting comments regarding the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for the LACPR may be provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings; sent via e-mail to LACPR_EIS@mvn02.usace.army.mil; sent via the worldwide Web at <http://www.lacpr.usace.army.mil/>; or sent via letter postmarked not later than the close of the scoping comment period to the LACPR EIS Environmental Manager, CEMVN-PM-R, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267. Comments will not be accepted if submitted by facsimile (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LACPR EIS Environmental Manager, Bruce Baird, (504) 862-2526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Background:* On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a major hurricane (sixth strongest Atlantic basin cyclone on record), made landfall in southeast Louisiana and left in its path the costliest natural disaster recorded in the relatively young history of the United States of America. On September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita (fourth strongest Atlantic basin cyclone on record), made landfall in southwest Louisiana leaving in its path a trail of severely impacted communities and infrastructure.

Congress has directed the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, in

close coordination with the State of Louisiana, to begin a six-month endeavor, titled the South Louisiana Comprehensive Coastal Protection and Restoration Report, also referred to as the LACPR Report, to identify, describe and propose a full range of flood control, coastal restoration, and hurricane protection measures for south Louisiana. A preliminary technical report for comprehensive Category 5 protection is due within six months from December 30, 2005, while a final technical report for Category 5 protection is due within 24 months from December 30, 2005. A final PEIS, without a Record of Decision, will be submitted in conjunction with the 24-month final technical report.

Applicable legislation includes Corps of Engineers—Civil Investigations, The Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109–103), November 19, 2005, Section 5009, The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109–148), December 30, 2005, and Chapter 3, The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109–148), December 30, 2005, for assessment of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration.

The DPEIS will document the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act of 1969) process identifying and assessing reasonable alternatives to proposed actions that will avoid or minimize adverse effects of these actions upon the quality of the human environment. Specifically, the DPEIS will analyze the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of implementing flood control, coastal restoration, and hurricane protection measures for south Louisiana.

2. Proposed Action and Reasonable Alternatives. Four alternatives, including the no-action alternative, have been preliminarily proposed for further evaluation in the six and 24-month technical reports. Those alternatives are as follows: (1) A structural alternative, which is flood protection consisting of a continuous line of earthen or concrete walls, along southern coastal Louisiana connected at various locations, as needed, by floodgates and other devices to provide protection against a storm surge originating from the Gulf of Mexico produced by a catastrophic Category 5 hurricane; (2) a structural alternative with coastal restoration commensurate to the level of structural fortification to provide protection against a storm surge originating from the Gulf of Mexico produced by a catastrophic Category 5 hurricane; (3) and a non-structural alternative consisting of environmental or coastal restoration measures only to provide

protection against a storm surge originating from the Gulf of Mexico produced by a Category 5 hurricane. Other non-structural measures such as, raising or moving structures to meet existing or revised flood plain base elevations, would be a part of any proposed action alternative. The no-action alternative would maintain current levels of flooding protection against a major Category 3 hurricane.

3. Scoping Process. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the NEPA process directs federal agencies that have made a decision to prepare an environmental impact statement to engage in a public scoping process. The scoping process is designed to provide an early and open means of determining the scope of issues (problems, needs, and opportunities) to be identified and addressed in the draft environmental impact assessment. Scoping is the process used to: (a) Identify the affected public and agency concerns; (b) facilitate an efficient EIS preparation process; (c) define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in detail in the EIS; and (d) save time in the overall process by helping to ensure that the draft statements adequately address relevant issues. Scoping is a process, not an event or a meeting. It continues throughout the planning for a draft EIS and may involve meetings, telephone conversations, and/or written comments. Public scoping meetings will be conducted during a two-week scoping meeting comment period. Locations for public scoping meetings are as follows: New Orleans, Thibodaux, Lafayette, and Lake Charles, Louisiana. Dates, times, and physical locations of the public scoping meetings are to be determined. Public scoping meeting comments will be accepted up to seven business days following the final scoping meeting.

4. Request for Scoping Comments. The Corps will conduct scoping meetings to determine the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the DPEIS for the LACPR project. Notices will be mailed to the affected and interested public once the dates and locations of the scoping meetings have been established. The Corps invites scoping input concerning the following scoping focus questions: Question #1: What are the critical natural and human environmental problems and needs that should be addressed in the DPEIS? Question #2: What are the significant resources that should be considered in the DPEIS? Question #3: What are the reasonable restoration alternatives that should be considered in the DPEIS?

Interested parties are encouraged to provide their input and recommendations for all significant issues of the study.

Scoping comments will be compiled, analyzed, and utilized in the plan formulation process. A Scoping Report, summarizing the comments, will be made available to all scoping participants and published on the LACPR Web site (<http://www.lacpr.usace.army.mil/>). Scoping comments will be accepted throughout the scoping comment period.

5. Public Involvement. Scoping is a critical component of the overall public involvement program. An intensive public involvement program will continue throughout the study to solicit input from affected Federal, state, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties.

6. Interagency Coordination and Cooperation. Pursuant to section 1501.6 of the NEPA (30 CFR parts 1500–1508), the following agencies have been invited to participate in the study as cooperating agencies on the EIS: Minerals Management Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Service, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report. Coordination will be maintained with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding threatened and endangered species under their respective jurisdictional responsibilities. Coordination will be maintained with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding essential fish habitat. Coordination will be maintained with the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding prime and unique farmlands. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will be consulted regarding the “Swampbuster” provisions of the Food Security Act. Coordination will be maintained with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concerning compliance with Executive Order 12898, “Federal Action to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.” Coordination will be maintained with the Advisory Counsel on Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Officer. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources will be consulted regarding consistency with the Coastal Zone

Management Act. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be contacted concerning potential impacts to Natural and Scenic Streams.

7. *Availability of DPEIS.* It is anticipated that the DPEIS will be available for public review May 2007. A 45-day review period will be provided so that all interested agencies, groups and individuals will have an opportunity to comment on the DPEIS. In addition, public meetings will be held during the review period to receive comments and address questions concerning the DPEIS.

Dated: February 21, 2006.

Richard P. Wagenaar,

Colonel, U.S. Army, District Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Adopt a Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps), has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), dated July 2004, for the proposed "Route Location, Adoption, and Construction of State Route 905 Between the Otay Mesa Port of Entry and Interstate 805 in the County of San Diego, California." The Corps intends to adopt the FEIS for purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This notice only solicits comments on the Corps' intent to adopt the FEIS.

DATES: Written comments must be received by March 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CESPL-CO-R, San Diego Regulatory Field Office, 168885 West Bernardo Drive, Suite 300A, San Diego, California 92127. Comments may also be submitted, via electronic mail, to: terrence.dean@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Terry Dean, San Diego Regulatory Field Office, at (858) 674-5386.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project is to construct State Route 905 from Interstate 805 (I-805) to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry (POE) with Mexico, a distance of approximately 10

kilometers (6.2 miles). Each of the proposed alternatives would include six travel lanes (three in each direction) and each would have a wide median for possible, future high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. Local interchanges would be constructed at Caliente Avenue, Heritage Road, Britannia Boulevard, and La Media Road, as would a freeway-to-freeway interchange at State Route 125. The project purpose is to provide for effective transportation of people, goods, and services between I-805 and the Otay Mesa POE. Project objectives include alleviating existing traffic congestion, improving safety on Otay Mesa Road, providing adequate transportation facilities for the associated growth from planned and approved developments, and completing a major transportation corridor between Interstate 5 and the POE. Alternatives assessed in the FEIS issued by FHWA include: A no-build alternative and six build alternatives. The Freeway-Central Alignment Alternative has been identified as the Preferred Alternative and the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA).

On August 10, 2005, the Caltrans submitted an application for a Department of the Army permit under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) to discharge fill material into 7.68 acres of jurisdictional waters of the United States to construct State Route 905 as a six-lane controlled access highway from I-805 to the Otay Mesa POE with Mexico in San Diego County, California. The project includes: (1) Constructing local interchanges at Caliente Avenue, Heritage Road, Britannia Boulevard, La Media Road, (2) a freeway-to-freeway interchange at State Route 125, and (3) constructing a bridge structure at Spring Canyon.

A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published by FHWA in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 1995. Prior to the development of the draft EIS (DEIS), several scoping meetings were held by the FHWA/California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to identify local issues and areas of concern. On July 27, 2001, the DEIS was filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The DEIS was circulated for public review from August 13, 2001 to October 16, 2001. During the public review period, a public hearing was held by FHWA/Caltrans on September 20, 2001. The FEIS was signed by the FHWA on July 23, 2004, and distributed to the public. On September 24, 2004, the FHWA signed the Record of Decision.

The Corps' regulations at 33 CFR parts 320-331 requires compliance with the

NEPA, the EPA's CWA section 404(b)(1) Guidelines, and a public interest evaluation. Accordingly, for purposes of the Corps' compliance with the NEPA and to prevent duplication of effort, the Corps intends to adopt the FEIS issued by the FHWA. This notice solicits comments on the Corps' intent to adopt the FEIS only.

However, we have determined further analysis is necessary to document compliance with our public interest requirements and the CWA 404(b)(1) Guidelines. We initially distributed a notice to the public of the receipt of a permit application by the Caltrans and to solicit comments on the proposed project. This initial notice solicited comments from August 17 to September 18, 2005. As a result of our election to adopt the FEIS, we will be distributing a second notice to the public seeking comments on the proposed project as analyzed in the FEIS. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared to address the additional analysis and comments received in response to both public notices.

Comments concerning the Caltrans' proposed project must be provided in response to the Los Angeles District Second Public Notice, which we anticipate, will be circulated on February 21, 2006. The public notice can be obtained by submitting a written request to Mr. Terry Dean at the address or e-mail above or by accessing our Internet Web page at <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory>.

Mark R. Blackburn,

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Acting District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th