

member of the public may attend and provide information. An announcement of the dates, times, and locations of those sessions will be posted in the docket, available as described above. After consideration of the assessment report and public comments on it, the FHWA will file in the same docket a summary of its review of the results of the OAC program neutral conflict assessment.

Information on the FHWA OAC program is available online at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realstate/out_ad.htm or by contacting the FHWA at the address listed above. Additional OAC resources include: National Alliance of Highway Beautification Agencies, <http://www.nahba.org/>; Outdoor Advertising Association of America, <http://www.oaaa.org/>; and Scenic America, <http://www.scenic.org/>.

Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, the FHWA also will continue to file in the docket relevant information that becomes available after the closing date, and interested persons should continue to examine the docket for new material. Names of persons or entities that the assessors should consider contacting as part of the assessment that are received by the U.S. Institute after the comment closing date also will be considered to the extent practicable.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 131; 20 U.S.C. 5601 *et seq.*)

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 06-046]

National Environmental Policy Act; Crew Exploration Vehicle

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Development of the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as

amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR part 1216 subpart 1216.3), NASA has prepared and issued a Draft EA for the Development of the CEV. The Proposed Action is to develop a new human-rated space vehicle, the CEV, which would be the U.S. vehicle to transport humans to Low-Earth Orbit and to the International Space Station, Moon, Mars, and to destinations beyond. The Draft EA addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with the development of the CEV, including its design, component fabrication, and assembly. However, it does not cover flight testing and operation of the CEV, which will be the subject of future NEPA documentation. The only alternative to the Proposed Action discussed in detail is the No Action Alternative where NASA would not develop the CEV.

The CEV would be able to transport up to six humans and cargo to space after the Space Shuttle is retired, which is currently scheduled to occur no later than 2010. First human flight involving the CEV is planned for no later than 2014 with initial access to Low-Earth Orbit and to the International Space Station. Human missions to the Moon are planned for no later than 2020 with missions to Mars and other destinations in the following decades. The CEV would likely be launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EA must be received by NASA on or before August 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Mario Busacca, Mail Stop: TA-C3, Lead, Planning and Special Projects, Environmental Program Office, NASA, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899. Although hardcopy comments are preferred, comments may be sent by electronic mail to Mario Busacca at mario.busacca-1@nasa.gov or by facsimile at 321-867-8040.

The Draft EA can be reviewed at the following NASA locations:

- (a) NASA Headquarters, Library, Room 1J20, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546-0001;
- (b) Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Visitors Lobby, Building 249, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91109.

Hard copies of the Draft EA also may be reviewed at other NASA Centers (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below).

Limited hard copies of the Draft EA are available, on a first request basis, by contacting Mr. Mario Busacca at the

address or telephone number indicated below. The Draft EA is also available at http://exploration.nasa.gov/documents/cev_draftea.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mario Busacca, Mail Stop: TA-C3, Lead, Planning and Special Projects Environmental Program Office, NASA, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899; telephone 321-867-8456, electronic mail mario.busacca-1@nasa.gov, or facsimile 321-867-8040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In his January 14, 2004 address to the Nation, President George W. Bush announced a new vision for space exploration. In pursuing this new vision, NASA has been tasked with developing the spacecraft, launch vehicles, and related technologies necessary to travel and explore the solar system. The CEV represents an important building block in this future exploration architecture.

The CEV, an Apollo-like capsule, would consist of a Crew Module, a Service Module, and a Launch Escape System. If NASA proceeds with CEV development, the Agency would contract with a commercial firm to serve as the prime contractor, with specific design, component fabrication, and assembly activities to be clarified as the CEV Project matures. CEV development activities would occur at multiple NASA facilities including, but not necessarily limited to, Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas; Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California; Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama; Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio; Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia; and Kennedy Space Center; and at yet to be named commercial facilities throughout the United States. These activities would be expected to be consistent with each facility's mission statement and scope of normal operations.

Environmental impacts associated with the development of the CEV would be expected to be minor (i.e., within the permitted quantities of airborne emissions, waterborne effluents, and waste disposal at each of the involved facilities) and consequently both the short- and long-term environmental impacts are expected to be within the limits of all applicable environmental statutes, regulations, permits, and licenses. No adverse impact on the local infrastructure (e.g., utilities, roadways) near the involved facilities is anticipated. There should be little incremental impact on employment levels at the facilities involved in CEV development. Thus little or no

incremental socioeconomic impacts to regional economies are anticipated.

The Draft EA may be examined at the following NASA locations by contacting the pertinent Freedom of Information Office:

(a) NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035 (650-604-3273);

(b) NASA, Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA 93523 (661-276-2704);

(c) NASA, Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, OH 44135 (216-433-2755);

(d) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301-286-4721);

(e) NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058 (281-483-8612);

(f) NASA, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899 (321-867-2745);

(g) NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681 (757-864-2497);

(h) NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812 (256-544-1837); and

(i) NASA, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529 (228-688-2118).

If and when developed, the CEV would undergo testing and flight certification prior to operational use. These actions would be the subject of future NEPA documentation.

Written public input and comments on alternatives and environmental issues and concerns associated with the development of the CEV are hereby requested.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Proposed Collection, Comment Request; Partnership for a Nation of Learners (PNL) Evaluation: Applicants

AGENCY: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Museum and Library Services as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3508(s)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is currently soliciting comments concerning proposed evaluation research of Partnership for a Nation of Learners (PNL) Round I grant applicants.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before September 18, 2006.

IMLS is particularly interested in comments that help the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
 - Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collocation of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 - Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
 - Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through 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.
- ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Karen Motylewski, Evaluation Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1800 M Street, NW., 9th Floor, Washington, DC. Ms. Motylweski can be reached by telephone: 202-653-4686; fax: 202-653-8625; or e-mail: kmotylewski@imls.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is an independent Federal grant-making agency authorized by the Museum and Library Services Act, Public Law 104-208. IMLS is charged with promoting the improvement of library and museum services for the benefit of the public. Through grant-making and museum services, IMLS seeks to assure that libraries and museums are able to play an active role in cultivating an educated

and engaged citizenry. IMLS builds the capacities of libraries and museums by encouraging the highest standards in management, public service, and education; leadership in the use of technology; strategic planning for results, and partnerships to create new networks that support lifelong learning and the effective management of assets. According to its strategic plan, IMLS is dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities. Libraries and museums are key resources for education in the United States and promote the vision of a learning society in which learning is seen as a community-wide responsibility supported by both formal and informal educational entities.

Current Actions: The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) are partnering under a Memorandum of Understanding to make competitive grants and support capacity-building for community partnerships among museum, library and public broadcasting outlets and other community organizations to meet locally identified community needs in an initiative titled Partnership for a Nation of Learners (PNL). The initiative includes professional development resources such as videoconferences and Web-based materials for potential applicants, grantees, and their partners. IMLS administers the grants process and CPB contracts for and manages the professional development and initiative-level evaluation functions. IMLS seeks clearance for the partnership to collect and analyze information related to evaluation of the PNL initiative.

Overall, IMLS and CPB expect that as a result of PNL, museums, libraries, and public broadcasters will:

1. Collaborate more frequently.
2. Design and deliver projects that contribute significantly to solving or addressing community needs.
3. Develop skills and knowledge required for effective collaboration.
4. Increase community knowledge of the public value created by library, museum, and public broadcasting initiatives.

PNL awards were made in September 2005 and 2006. As part of the PNL evaluation, a survey will be sent to applicants who did not receive funding.

This survey will give unsuccessful applicants an opportunity to provide feedback to IMLS and CPB on the application process. The evaluation will also yield information on what applicants learned through the application process, their current partnering activity, and their future