

Development Center, Crown Hall, 199 Sixth Street, Coronado, CA 92118.

4. Jacksonville, Florida: Wednesday, April 9, 2008, Howard Johnson Inn, Clay Duval Room, 150 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic Division, 6506 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23508-1278, Attn: MMA PM, fax 757-322-4805.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Navy has prepared and filed with the EPA the DEIS for the introduction of P-8A MMA into the U.S. Fleet in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. Sections 4321-4345) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). A Notice of Intent for this DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2006 (FR27DE06-48). Navy is lead agency for the proposed action. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide facilities and functions to support the homebasing of P-8A MMA at established maritime patrol homebases. This would allow the Navy to efficiently and economically retire P-3C aircraft and transition P-8A MMA into the Fleet while maintaining a maritime patrol capability that sustains national defense objectives and policies.

The Navy proposes to replace maritime patrol P-3C aircraft with P-8A MMA at established P-3C maritime patrol installations beginning no later than 2012. Established maritime patrol installations are Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, Florida; NAS Whidbey Island, Washington; NAS Brunswick, Maine; NAS North Island, California; and Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) Kaneohe Bay. However, for the purposes of the proposed action, NAS Brunswick has been eliminated from consideration as a potential homebase because its aircraft and supporting functions are being transferred in their entirety to NAS Jacksonville by 2011 in accordance with the recommendations of the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC).

Introduction of the P-8A MMA would begin no later than 2012 and is scheduled to be complete by 2019, when full P-3C retirement from the Fleet is to occur.

The following installations have been identified as receiving sites for the P-8A MMA: NAS Whidbey Island, Washington; NAS Jacksonville, Florida; MCBH Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; and a training detachment site at NAS North Island, California. The Navy evaluated a

range of alternatives in the DEIS based on the number of squadrons homebased at each site, placement of the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), and the number of main operating bases.

The EIS addresses environmental impacts of the proposed action pertaining to the basing and operation of P-8A MMA and the associated construction and/or renovation of buildings and other support facilities. In addition, the EIS assesses impacts on each local community and economy associated with relocation of military and contract personnel to or from the area to support the operation and maintenance of P-8A MMA squadrons.

The EIS addresses any potential environmental impacts associated with: Water resources; air quality; biological resources; threatened and endangered species; land use; noise exposure levels; socioeconomic resources; infrastructure; and cultural resources. The analyses include direct and indirect impacts, and account for cumulative impacts from other foreseen federal activities at the homebase and detachment sites.

The Navy conducted the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that should be addressed in the EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties provided written comments to the Navy and identified specific issues or topics of environmental concern that should be addressed in the EIS. The Navy considered these comments in determining the scope of the EIS.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. In addition, copies of the DEIS have been distributed to the following libraries and publicly accessible facilities for public review:

1. Oak Harbor City Library, 1000 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, WA.
2. Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA.
3. Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Branch, Jacksonville Public Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL.
4. Kaneohe Public Library, 45-829 Kamehameha Highway, Honolulu, HI.

An electronic copy of the DEIS is available for public viewing at <http://www.MMAEIS.com>. Requests for single copies of the DEIS (on CD-ROM) or its Executive Summary may be made online at <http://www.MMAEIS.com>. Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested parties, are invited and encouraged to be present or represented at the hearings. To ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements presented orally at the public hearings should be submitted in writing.

All comments will become part of the public record and will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Equal weight will be given to oral and written statements. In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to give an oral statement at the public hearings have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to three minutes. If a longer statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing and the full text submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed or faxed to:

Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, Attn: MMA PM, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508-1278, Fax 757-322-4805.

Residents from the county where the public hearing is being held will be given first priority to speak publicly, to ensure that county's residents have an opportunity to make verbal comments. Residents will be required to sign in to speak. Comments can be made in the following ways: (1) Oral statements/written comments at the public hearings or (2) written comments mailed or faxed to address/fax number in this notice or (3) comments submitted via the Web site at <http://www.MMAEIS.com>. All written comments postmarked by April 18, 2008, will become a part of the official public record and will be responded to in the FEIS.

Dated: February 29, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Early Reading First Program; Notice Reopening the Deadline Date for Transmittal of Pre-Applications and Extending the Deadline Date for Transmittal of Full Applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.359A/B.*  
**SUMMARY:** On December 28, 2007, we published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 73790) a notice inviting applications (Application Notice) for the Early Reading First (ERF) FY 2008 grant competition. The deadline date for eligible applicants to transmit their pre-applications for funding under this competition was February 1, 2008, and the deadline date for full applications was April 18, 2008. We are reopening the pre-application phase of the ERF FY

2008 competition for all eligible applicants, including both local educational agencies (LEAs) and eligible non-LEAs, because the originally posted State lists of eligible LEAs did not include all LEAs that were eligible as of December 28, 2007, and included some LEAs that were ineligible as of that date. We are reopening the pre-application phase of the ERF FY 2008 competition for all eligible LEAs and for eligible entities located in communities served by those LEAs, and extending the full application phase for applicants invited to submit full applications. As a result of the changes in the pre-application and full application deadline dates for the FY 2008 ERF competition, we also are extending the intergovernmental review period required under Executive Order 12372. Applicants must refer to the Application Notice for all other requirements concerning this reopened competition.

*Pre-Applications:* The new deadline date for eligible applicants to submit pre-applications is:

*Deadline for Transmittal of Pre-Applications:* April 7, 2008.

Pre-applications for grants under this competition must be submitted electronically using the *Grants.gov* Apply site (*Grants.gov*). For information about how to submit your pre-application electronically, or by mail or hand delivery if you qualify for an exception to the electronic submission requirement, please refer to the Application Notice. The notice is available at the following Web site: [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov).

We do not consider a pre-application that does not comply with the deadline requirements.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Note:** Applicants that successfully submitted their complete pre-applications on or before the original deadline date of February 1, 2008 are not required to resubmit their applications. In addition, applicants that were not timely because they submitted their pre-applications between 4:30 p.m. and midnight on February 1, 2008 are not required to resubmit their applications. All other applicants must download, complete, and submit an entirely new application package through *Grants.gov* as specified in the Application Notice.

*Full Applications:* The new deadline date for the transmittal of full applications is:

*Deadline for Transmittal of Full Application:* June 10, 2008.

*Intergovernmental Review:* The new deadline date for Intergovernmental Review under Executive Order 12372 is:

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* August 11, 2008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are reopening the pre-application phase of the ERF FY 2008 competition for all eligible applicants, including non-LEAs, because the originally posted State generated lists of eligible LEAs did not include all LEAs that were eligible as of December 28, 2007, and included some LEAs that were ineligible as of that date. We are extending the full application phase of the FY 2008 competition for a commensurate period for applicants we have invited, following the pre-application phase, to submit full applications. Eligibility determinations are made as of December 28, 2007.

*Eligible LEAs.* Eligible LEAs include all LEAs that were current recipients of a Reading First subgrant as of December 28, 2007, as well as all LEAs that were eligible for such a subgrant as of that date, but were not funded.

*Ineligible LEAs.* The originally posted eligible LEA lists included some LEAs that are not eligible. Any LEA that was not eligible for a Reading First subgrant in its State or through the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) as of December 28, 2007 is not eligible to receive an ERF subgrant in this FY 2008 competition. Furthermore, any entity that is not located in a community served by an eligible LEA is not eligible to receive an ERF subgrant in this competition.

For the convenience of applicants, we have posted corrected lists of eligible LEAs by State on the ERF Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/earlyreading/eligibility.html>.

Please note, however, that it is each applicant's own responsibility to verify with the Reading First office in its State or with the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) the eligibility (as of December 28, 2007) of a particular LEA for a Reading First subgrant. A list of State and BIE contacts for this purpose is posted also at the ERF Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/earlyreading/eligibility.html>.

*Application Submission Information.* Information concerning submission of pre-applications for grants under the ERF program (CFDA Number 84.359A) is described in section IV (Application and Submission Information) of the Application Notice, which is available at the following Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister/announce/index.html>.

**Note:** For all applicants submitting a new pre-application in accordance with this notice, please note that you must use the

current pre-application package posted on *Grants.gov*. That is, *Grants.gov* will reject any submission from the earlier application package, which was available on *Grants.gov* through the original pre-application deadline of February 1, 2008.

**Note:** If you wish to exercise the Exception to Electronic Submission Requirements, you must submit no later than March 24, 2008 a statement to the Department requesting an exception to these requirements and explaining the grounds that prevent you from using the Internet to submit your pre-application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pilla Parker, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3C136, Washington, DC 20202-6132. Telephone: (202) 260-3710 or by e-mail: [Pilla.Parker@ed.gov](mailto:Pilla.Parker@ed.gov); or Rebecca Marek, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3C138, Washington, DC 20202-6132. Telephone: (202) 260-0968 or by e-mail: [Rebecca.Marek@ed.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Marek@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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