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ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision

AGENCY: Armed Forces Retirement Home.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Master Plan for its campus located at 3700 North Capital Street, NW., in Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.* and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500–1508), the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) announces the availability of a Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Master Plan for its campus located at 3700 North Capital Street, NW., in Washington, DC. On February 26, 2008, the Chief Operating Officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home approved the Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Master Plan for the AFRH-Washington campus. Specifically, AFRH has chosen to implement Alternative 3A (Selected Alternative) from the Final Environment Impact Statement for the creation of a master plan for AFRH-W that will sustain the AFRH and its primary source of funding, the AFRH Trust Fund. The Record of Decision (ROD) documents the specific components of AFRH's decision and the rationale for the decision. This decision is based on analyses contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued in May 2005; the Final EIS issued in November 2007; the comments of Federal and state agencies, members of the public, and elected officials; and other information in the administrative record.

The decision to implement the Selected Alternative involved balancing resource concerns and public interests. AFRH reached its decision after careful consideration of the environmental analysis of the effects of the build alternatives and the no build alternative, in concert with its needs. The Selected Alternative includes key measures to avoid and minimize impacts including (1) Minimizing impacts to the historic components of AFRH-W including adaptive re-use of buildings which contribute to the historic character of the site and retention of key landscape features, such as the meadow on the southern portion of the site; (2) providing new construction that is compatible with surrounding land uses, including placement of retail and commercial development along North Capitol and Irving Streets, low scale residential development along Park Place, and institutional uses around the AFRH-W administrative and residential areas; (3) providing park and open space amenities for AFRH-W residents and the surrounding community; (4) providing affordable housing; and (5) providing commercial and retail opportunities to serve the surrounding community.

The Record of Decision includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process, and identification of the specific mitigation measures that will be pursued as of the selected alternative. This decision is the result of a public planning process that began in 2004. The official responsible for this decision is the Chief Operating Officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

ADDRESSES: The Record of Decision and other information may be obtained from the contacts listed below, or may be viewed online at <http://www.afrhdevelopment.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Woo, AFRH, 3700 N. Capitol St, P.O. Box 1303, Washington, DC 20011-8400, (202) 202-730-3038, or Tim Sheckler, GSA, 301 7th Street, SW., Room 7709, Washington, DC 20407, (202)-401-5806.

Dated: February 29, 2008.

Timothy Cox,

Chief Operating Officer Armed Forces Retirement Home.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.
Title: Census Participation Survey.
Form Number(s): None.
OMB Control Number: None.
Type of Request: New collection.
Burden Hours: 1,667.
Number of Respondents: 4,000.
Average Hours per Response: 25 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau is constitutionally and congressionally mandated, pursuant to Title 13 U.S.C. Section 141, to count everyone (citizens and non-citizens) residing in the United States. An accurate count is critical for many reasons including but not limited to:

- Congressional reapportionment;
- Redistricting congressional boundaries;
- Community planning; and
- Distribution of public funds and program development.

To facilitate the data collection effort for the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau is developing an Integrated Communications Plan (ICP). Toward that end, the Census Bureau has contracted with DraftFCB to develop and implement an integrated communications campaign for the 2010 Census. DraftFCB had contracted with MACRO International, Inc. (who in turn has subcontracted with Human Resources Research Organization) to conduct a nationwide quantitative data collection to understand the barriers and motivators underlying participation (or lack thereof) in Census 2010. This data collection is critical to ensure the utility and effectiveness of the ICP.

The role of the ICP is to increase public awareness and motivate people

to respond to the census promptly, saving millions of taxpayer dollars. The specific objectives of the ICP are:

- Increase mail response;
- Improve cooperation with enumerators; and
- Improve overall accuracy and reduce differential undercount.

From 1970—the first year questionnaires were mailed to households—to 1990, the mail response rate declined from 78 percent to 65 percent. To halt the declining mail response rate, the Census Bureau ran a paid advertising campaign to support data collection activities for the 2000 Census. This campaign was considered a very successful initiative and one of several reasons cited with helping to reverse declining mail response rates.

The target mail response rate for the 2010 Census has been set at 69 percent, higher than the 67 percent obtained in Census 2000. To support this goal, the ICP includes a communications campaign based on behavior during the 2000 Census and current knowledge, attitudes, perceptions, barriers, and motivations specific to 2010 Census participation.

The Census Bureau is requesting clearance for DraftFCB's subcontractor, MACRO International, Inc. to conduct the Census Participation Survey to gain an in-depth understanding of the public's opinions about the 2010 Census. Collecting this information allows the Census Bureau to explore underlying factors contributing to public views of the 2010 Census; identify census related behavioral drivers and barriers; determine communication channels for reaching historically hard-to-count populations; and analyze messages they should convey to motivate the public to participate—potentially saving hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars used to collect the census data.

The primary purpose of the Census Participation Survey is to inform tactical and strategic decisions for the ICP. This research is designed to complement previous participation research conducted for Census 2000 as well as the Census Planning Database (a geographic summary file with Census 2000 response information) to inform the strategic direction of the 2010 Census Integrated Communications Plan (ICP). The data collected will not be used to produce official Census Bureau estimates of the population.

When possible, respondents to the Census Participation Survey will be matched to the Census Planning Database (PDB) by tract number to link to Census 2000 census participation and hard-to-count data. In cases where a link

to tract can be made, we will further roll cases back up into an eight-cluster segmentation scheme based on the PDB. The Census Participation Survey will make use of three different sampling frames described below:

Address Frame: No address information is collected from the respondent. The selected addresses are sampled from the USPS's Delivery Sequence File (DSF) and geo-coded to link to census tract.

RDD Landline Frame: No address information is collected from the respondent. Telephone numbers will be reverse matched to local telephone directories to identify as many addresses as possible. These addresses will be geo-coded to link to census tract. For those with no match (unlisted telephone numbers), we use the estimated census tract based on the telephone exchange and geographic associations.

RDD Cell Phone Frame: For cell phone respondents, we cannot determine geographic location since cell phone area codes are not always geographically associated. Instead, we will rely on demographic data such as age, marital status, mobility, tenure, and whether the household is cell-phone only to assign interviews into segment.

The combined data will be used to measure census awareness, attitudes, knowledge, and likelihood to respond to the census. This data will be used to further define the audience segmentation clusters to inform the communications strategy. Further, the data will be used to evaluate census messaging alternatives and analyze media consumption by audience segmentation.

The Census Participation Survey also serves as a baseline measure of 2010 Census for monitoring change in awareness and intent to participate during the build-up and execution of Census 2010.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: The legal authority under which this information is being collected is the general authority of the Census Bureau to undertake the decennial Census in 2010, Title 13 U.S.C. 141.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington,

DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: March 5, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Procedures for Acceptance or Rejection of Rated Orders.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0092.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 21,389.

Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Average Hours per Response: 1 to 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Under the Defense Priorities Allocation System regulation, timely delivery goods and services, to meet current national defense, energy, and emergency preparedness program requirements in support of approved national defense programs, is critical. The order information is used by the customer who placed the rated order with a supplier to help track the status from initial receipt by the supplier to its shipment or performance of the needed goods or services. The information will also be used by the Department of Defense and its associated agencies, Department of Energy, and Department of Commerce, as part of the information required to provide assistance to the customer in the event that the supplier cannot or will not make timely delivery or performance of the needed goods or services.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.