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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive or Partially Exclusive Licensing of Invention

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 404.4, the Department of the Air Force announces the availability for licensing of the invention described in Provisional Patent Application no. 61/123,566, entitled *Object with Durably Bonded Lubricant Layer or Other Functional Coating*, filed on 1 April 2008, in the USPTO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The response time to this Notice runs 15 days from the date of publication hereof in the **Federal Register**. Written response should be sent to: the Air Force Material Command Law Office, AFMC LO/JAZ, 2240 B. Street, Bldg. 11, Wright-Patterson AFB 45433-7109, attention, Thomas C. Stover. Telephone (937) 255-2838; fax (937) 255-3733.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Grow the Army Actions at Fort Carson, CO

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of a DEIS for the implementation of the decision to station a new Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) and smaller combat support units at Fort Carson, and the potential stationing of a Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) at Fort Carson in the future.

DATES: The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: For specific questions regarding the DEIS, please contact Ms. Deb Owings or Ms. Robin Renn, Fort Carson and Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site National Environmental Policy Act Coordinators, 1638 Elwell Street, Building 6236, Fort Carson, CO 80913-4000. Written comments may be mailed to that address or e-mailed to CARSDECAMNEPA@conus.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dee McNutt, Fort Carson Public Affairs Office, at (719) 526-1269, during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action and analysis in the DEIS includes constructing new facilities at Fort Carson to support an IBCT and other combat support units (approximately 3,900 additional Soldiers and their dependents) and the potential stationing of a CAB (approximately 2,800 Soldiers and their dependents). Additional actions evaluated as part of the Proposed Action include upgrading ranges at Fort Carson and increased use of live-fire training ranges and maneuver areas at Fort Carson and the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS). Implementation of the Proposed Action is anticipated in 2009 and would begin following the completion of a Final EIS and signing of a Record of Decision (ROD). The Proposed Action does not include the expansion of PCMS or any construction at PCMS.

The stationing of additional BCTs and other force structure realignment actions across the Army was analyzed in the 2007 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment. The ROD determined that Fort Carson would receive an additional IBCT and other units contingent on site-specific NEPA analysis. The DEIS is that site-specific analysis of the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of alternatives for implementing the Army's previous stationing decision. The DEIS also analyzes the potential stationing of a CAB.

The DEIS analyzes the impacts of several alternatives for construction of the IBCT facilities and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the stationing of a new IBCT and CAB at Fort Carson would not be implemented. The No Action Alternative provides the baseline conditions for comparison to the Proposed Alternative.

Impacts analyzed include a wide range of environmental resource areas: Land use, air quality, noise, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources,

socioeconomics, transportation, utilities, hazardous and toxic substances, sustainability, and cumulative environmental effects. Additional concerns or impacts may be identified as a result of comments received on this DEIS.

The Army invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision making, including comment on the DEIS and participation in public meetings which will be announced in advance in local news media. The DEIS is available at local libraries surrounding Fort Carson and PCMS, and the document may also be accessed at <http://www.aec.army.mil>. Comments from the public will be considered before any decision is made regarding implementation of the Proposed Action.

Dated: October 3, 2008.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort McPherson, Georgia

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army announces the availability of the DEIS, which evaluates the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the disposal and reuse of Fort McPherson, Georgia, pursuant to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendation.

DATES: The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments on the DEIS to: Victor Bonilla, BRAC Environmental Division, 2053 North D Avenue, Building 400, Fort Gillem, GA 302975161. E-mail comments should be sent to victor.manuel.bonilla@conus.us.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Victor Bonilla, BRAC Environmental Division by telephone at (404) 469-3557, or by e-mail at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2005 BRAC Commission recommended the closure of Fort McPherson no later than 15 September 2011 and the relocation of tenant headquarters organizations to Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Eustis, Virginia; Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina; and Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. The actions at those places are subject to separate NEPA analysis.

Following closure, the property (approximately 487 acres) will be excess to Army needs. Accordingly, the Army proposes to dispose of its real property interests at Fort McPherson. The Army has recognized the McPherson Planning Local Redevelopment Authority (MPLRA) as the local reuse authority for reuse planning associated with Fort McPherson. The MPLRA released the Fort McPherson Outreach and Land Use Plan in September 2007. The plan is available electronically at http://www.mcphersonredevelopment.com/comprehensive_reuse.html.

The DES analyzed four alternatives: (1) Early Transfer—under which transfer and reuse of the property would occur before environmental remedial action has been completed; (2) Traditional Disposal—under which transfer and reuse of the property would occur once environmental remediation is complete for individual parcels of the installation; (3) Caretaker Status—would begin following the closure of the installation in the event that the Army is unable to dispose of the property. The maintenance of the property would be reduced to minimal activities necessary to ensure security, health, and safety, and to avoid physical deterioration of facilities; and (4) No Action, under which the Army would continue operations at Fort McPherson at levels similar to those occurring prior to the BRAC Commission's recommendation for closure. Three reuse scenarios, based on medium, medium-high, and high intensity levels of reuse, are evaluated as secondary actions of disposal of Fort McPherson. These reuse scenarios encompass the level of reuse expected under the MPLRA's reuse plan and higher and lower levels of reuse.

For either of the transfer alternatives, moderate adverse effects would be expected to occur to aesthetics and visual resources, noise, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, transportation, and utilities. Reuse analyzed in the DEIS could result in significant adverse effects in the areas of land use, air quality, socioeconomics, transportation, and utilities. The McPherson Implementation Redevelopment Authority is authorized to redevelop the installation in

accordance with the Reuse Plan. Disposal of the property for reuse in accordance with the Reuse Plan would mitigate to less than significant the direct and cumulative impacts of disposal and reuse.

The Army invites the public, tribal governments, local governments, and state and federal agencies to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the alternatives and analyses presented in the DEIS. The public and government agencies also are invited to participate in a public meeting where oral and written comments and suggestions will be received. A public meeting will be held at a convenient location near Fort McPherson. The date, time, and location will be announced in the local news media. Copies of the DEIS will be available for review at several local libraries prior to the public meeting. The DEIS may also be viewed at <http://www.mcphersonredevelopment.org> and http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/bractnepa_eis_docs.htm.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 1-4 p.m.

PLACE: National Press Club of Washington, 529 14th St., NW., 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20045, (202) 662-7500 (Metro Stop: Metro Center).

AGENDA: Commissioners will meet and hold a panel discussion to examine key issues facing election officials and journalists in reporting election results, particularly in competitive states. Some of the topics include: (1) Voting systems technology; (2) non-traditional ballots such as provisional and absentee ballots and ballots of military and overseas citizens; (3) time and procedures for getting election results; (4) post-election issues such as recounts and audits; (5) time zones, poll closings and reporting exit polls and election results. Participants will include media representatives, state election officials and a discussion moderator.

This meeting will be open to the public.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Sarah Litton, Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

Rosemary E. Rodriguez,

Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Record of Decision and Floodplain Statement of Findings—Nevada Rail Alignment for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: In July 2008, the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) issued the "Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada—Nevada Rail Transportation Corridor" (DOE/EIS-0250F-S2) (hereafter referred to as the final Nevada Rail Corridor SEIS), the "Final Environmental Impact Statement for a Rail Alignment for the Construction and Operation of a Railroad in Nevada to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada" (DOE/EIS-0369) (hereafter referred to as the final Rail Alignment EIS), and the "Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada" (DOE/EIS-0250F-S1) (hereafter referred to as the final Repository SEIS). The final Nevada Rail Corridor SEIS analyzed the potential impacts of constructing and operating a railroad for shipments of spent nuclear fuel, high-level radioactive waste, and other materials in the Mina corridor, and DOE concluded that the Mina corridor warranted further analysis at the alignment level. This further, more detailed analysis is presented in the final Rail Alignment EIS, which analyzed the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating a railroad along rail alignments in both the Caliente and Mina rail corridors. The final Rail Alignment EIS also analyzed the potential environmental impacts from shipments of general freight (also referred to as common carriage