

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Board of Visitors, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Board of Visitors, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

*Date:* December 17-18, 2008.

*Place of Meeting:* December 17: Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (Monterey I Conference Room, Department of Defense Center, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955). December 18: Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (Weckerling Center, Presidio of Monterey, Monterey, CA 93944).

*Time of Meeting:* Approximately 8 a.m. through 4:45 p.m.

*Board Mission:* The DLIFLC Board of Visitors (BoV) is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, as amended, and is a subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee (AEAC). The purpose of the DLIFLC BoV is to provide the Commandant, through the Army Education Advisory Committee, with advice on matters related to the Institute's mission, specifically: academic policies, staff and faculty development, student success indicators, curricula, educational methodology and objectives, program effectiveness, instructional methods, research, and academic administration.

*Board Membership:* The Board is composed of 10 members.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Robert Savukinas, ATFL-APO-AR, Monterey, CA 93944, *Robert.Savukinas@us.army.mil*, (831) 242-5828.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Proposed Agenda:* The Defense Language Institute Board of Visitors will receive briefings and information on the Defense Language Proficiency Test. The Board will deliberate findings and forward recommendations. All proceedings are open to the public. Advance notice of five (5) working days is required to observe the meeting. Please contact Dr. Savukinas (above) for further instructions.

*Public Inquiry at Board Meetings:* Any member of the public is permitted to file

a written statement with the DLIFLC Board of Visitors. Written statements should be sent to the Board Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at ATFL-APO-AR, Monterey, CA 93944 or faxed to (831) 242-5146. Written statements must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration.

By rule, no member of the public attending open meetings will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the Board.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors; Meeting****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the fall meeting of the Board of Visitors (BoV) for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The Board's charter was renewed on January 25, 2008 in compliance with the requirements set forth in Title 10 U.S.C. 2166.

*Date:* Friday, December 5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Location:* WHINSEC, 35 Ridgeway Loop, Room 219, Fort Benning, GA.

*Proposed Agenda:* The WHINSEC BoV will be briefed on activities at the Institute since the last Board meeting on June 4, 2008 as well as receive other information appropriate to its interests.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** WHINSEC Board of Visitors Secretariat at (703) 614-1452.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At the time specified, the meeting is open to the public. Pursuant to the federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), members of the public or interested groups may submit written statements to the advisory committee for consideration by the committee members. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and sent via fax to (703) 614-8920 by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, November 28, 2008 for consideration at

this meeting. In addition, public comments by individuals and organizations may be made from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the meeting. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Anyone desiring to make an oral statement must register by sending a fax to (703) 614-8920 with their name, phone number, e-mail address, and the full text of their comments (no longer than two type-written pages) by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, November 28, 2008. The first ten requestors will be notified by 5 p.m. EST on Monday, December 1, 2008 of their time to address the Board during the public comment forum. All other comments will be retained for the record. Public seating is limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

**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 Environmental Impact Statement for Conveyance and Seepage Control Features Project****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Conveyance and Seepage Control Features (CSCF) project is part of the Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park Project and is authorized by the 1992 General Design Memorandum and Environmental Impact Statement titled *Central and Southern Florida Project for Flood Control and Other Purposes Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park*. The project will address potential features of the L-67A and L-67C levees, the L-67A Borrow Canal, and the L-29 Levee.

The L-67A and L-67C Levees prevent overland flow from Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3A to WCA 3B and are located in north-central Miami-Dade County, FL. The purpose of this project is to improve conveyance through the L-67A and L-67C Levees to allow water to flow from WCA 3A to WCA 3B. The Corps proposes to add conveyance structures to the L-67A Levee, as well as plugs to the L-67A Borrow Canal with a boat channel through the middle of each plug. The proposed modifications for L-67C Levee include

gaps through the levee. The L-29 Levee may have to be modified as a result of increased conveyance through the L-67A and L-67C Levees.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for scoping meeting date.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Susan Conner at (904) 232-1782 or e-mail at [Susan.L.Conner@usace.army.mil](mailto:Susan.L.Conner@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

a. A scoping letter was sent to invite comments on alternatives and issues from Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals. The scoping letter was sent out in November 2008. A public meeting will be held in order to provide information on the proposed project and gather public comments and concerns. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008, 7 p.m. at the South Florida Water Management District, Miami Field Station, 9001 N.W. 58th Street, Miami, Florida 33178.

b. A public meeting will be held after release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The exact location, date, and times will be announced in a public notice and local newspapers.

c. The Draft EIS will analyze the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts to the local area resulting from the proposed project and alternatives. Specifically, the following major issues will be analyzed in the Draft EIS: Hydrologic and hydraulic regimes, threatened and endangered species, fish and wildlife habitat, wetlands, essential fish habitat and other marine habitat, air quality, cultural resources, alternatives, secondary and cumulative impacts, socioeconomic impacts, and environmental justice).

d. The Corps will serve as the lead Federal agency in the preparation of the Draft EIS. The Corps intends to coordinate and/or consult with an interagency team of Federal and State agencies during scoping and preparation of during the scoping process whether other agencies will serve in an official role as cooperating agencies.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers**

**Intent To Prepare a Draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Proposed Highway Between Bush, LA and I-12, in St. Tammany Parish**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Regulatory Branch has received a request for Department of the Army authorization from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to construct a modern, high-speed, 4-lane arterial highway from the southern terminus of the current modern 4-lane arterial portion of LA 21 in Bush, LA to I-12 in St. Tammany Parish, a distance of between 17.4 and 21 miles. The project proposes work in wetlands and structural crossings of various waterways in the project area. The EIS will be used to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to determine the least damaging, yet practicable alternative and as a basis for the permit decision.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions about the proposed action and Draft EIS should be directed to: Dr. James A. Barlow, Jr. at (504) 862-2250, New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers, CEMVN ODS, PO Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 1. Briefly describe the proposed action. The proposed project would be designed as a rural arterial highway (RA-3) with a posted speed limit of 65 mph. The exception to this design would be as the proposed project transitions into exiting roadways. The typical cross section will have two, 12-foot travel lanes, an 8-10 foot outside shoulder and a 4-foot inside shoulder in each direction. The median width would vary depending upon highway design class used ranging between 42 and 60 feet, and a minimum right-of-way (ROW) dependent upon what is needed for the design. The initial analysis assumed a minimum of 250 feet. To assure an adequate foundation, existing soils may be excavated and hauled-in earthen fill obtained from an undisclosed source deposited to elevate the highway embankment over natural grades. Roadway embankments would be sloped with inside slopes of approximately 6:1 for 26 feet from edge of shoulder and then 4:1 thereafter.

Roadside ditches would be constructed as required to reduce ponding along the roadway. A typical design of the ditch would be 4 feet below existing grade with a width of 4 feet. Ditches would be employed to divert surface flow to structural highway crossings as required. Drainage structures would be identified so as to have no net impact on the drainage of the area when considering peak run-off flows during the 10-, 50-, and 100-year storms at each of these locations. Drainage structures could include bridges, reinforced concrete boxes, and/or reinforced concrete pipes depending on the flow to be passed through the structure. Limiting access to only existing state highways (LA 1088, LA 36, LA 435 and LA 21/40/41) has been proposed on at least one alternative in response to concerns regarding cumulative effects of the proposed project. No other mitigative measures to avoid or minimize project impacts on the natural, social and physical environments are included in the applicant's project design.

The applicant has stated that the proposed project is needed as an alternative North-South connection that would potentially reduce congestion and delays for those traveling from Northern St. Tammany and Washington Parishes to I-12. The proposed project could increase safety by reducing the amount of traffic on existing routes (LA 41 and LA 21/LA 59/US 190) and thereby reducing the potential for accidents. Additionally, the resulting travel time savings would help support/enhance potential economic development in North St. Tammany and Washington Parishes. Finally, the applicant is obliged to construct a 4-lane or more highway from Bush, LA to I-12, to comply with Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 47:820.2.B (e).

The proposed project would adversely affect wetlands, which are regulated by the Corps, and requires a permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Because the proposed project would require federal involvement, it is subject to NEPA. The Corps prepared an environmental assessment that documented potential direct, secondary and cumulative adverse effects the proposed project would have on the social, physical and natural environments of the project area. Information used in the preparation of the EA was developed by the applicant and/or independently by the Corps. The Corps concluded that the proposed project had the potential for significant impacts to the human, natural and