

equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$1.2 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of Saudi Arabia which has been, and continues to be, an important force for stability in the Middle East. This sale of Mark V patrol boats will give the Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF) an effective combat and threat deterrent capability to protect maritime infrastructure in the Saudi littorals. This acquisition will enhance the stability and security operations for boundaries and territorial areas encompassing the Saudi Arabian coastline.

The purchase of Mark V patrol boats represents an upgrade and modernization of the RSNF's existing patrol boat capability. The proposed sale will enhance interoperability between the U.S. and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and will contribute to the stability in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the region. The Mark V patrol boats will provide additional capability to rapidly identify, engage, and defeat maritime security threats in the near-offshore region of the Saudi littorals. The boats will be used primarily to patrol and interdict intruders in Saudi territorial seas, and recognized economic exclusion zones. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing these additional boats.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor for this effort has not yet been determined. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require an additional three to four U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia for a period of seven years to provide logistics and technical support and warranty work during delivery of the boats.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Quarterly Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), DoD.

ACTION: Quarterly meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following meeting of the Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

DATES: Tuesday, July 30, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Open Session) and 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Closed Session).

ADDRESSES: Everett Alvarez Jr. Board of Regents Room (D3001), Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Leeann Ori, Designated Federal Officer, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; telephone 301-295-3066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of the meeting is to review the operations of USU, particularly the academic affairs and provide advice to the USU President and the Director of Tricare Management Activity. These actions are necessary for the University to pursue its mission, which is to provide outstanding healthcare practitioners and scientists to the uniformed services, and to obtain institutional accreditation.

Agenda: The actions that will take place include the approval of minutes from the Board of Regents Meeting held May 17, 2013; recommendations regarding the approval of faculty appointments and promotions in the School of Medicine; recommendations regarding the awarding of master's and doctoral degrees in the biomedical sciences and public health; approval of awards and honors; a review of the USU mission, vision and values; and a Board recommendation regarding the DoD civilian hiring freeze. The President, USU will provide a report and information from both academic and administrative University officials will be presented during the meeting. A closed session will be held to discuss personnel actions and to conduct the

annual assessment of the USU President.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to Federal statute and regulations (5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165) and the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact S. Leeann Ori at the address and phone number in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mrs. Ori can also provide base access procedures.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), the Department of Defense has determined that a portion of the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), in consultation with the Office of the DoD General Counsel, has determined in writing that a portion of the committee's meeting will be closed as it contains information related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the agency and the subject matter involves personal and private observations.

Written Statements: Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Board of Regents. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. If such statement is not received at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting, it may not be provided to or considered by the Board of Regents until its next open meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will compile all timely submissions with the Board of Regents Chairman and ensure such submissions are provided to Board of Regents Members before the meeting.

Dated: July 10, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of

1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces a Federal advisory committee meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council. The purpose of the Council meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding policy and plans; monitor requirements for the support of military family readiness by the Department of Defense; and evaluate and assess the effectiveness of the military family readiness programs and activities of the Department of Defense.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space. Persons desiring to attend may contact Ms. Melody McDonald at 571–372–0880 or email FamilyReadinessCouncil@osd.mil no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday, July 19, 2013 to arrange for escort inside the Pentagon to the Conference Room area.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Council. Persons desiring to submit a written statement to the Council must notify the point of contact listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 19, 2013.

DATES: August 5, 2013, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Pentagon Conference Center B6 (escorts will be provided from the Pentagon Metro entrance).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melody McDonald or Ms. Betsy Graham, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy), 4800 Mark Center Drive Alexandria, VA 22350–2300, Room 3G15. Telephones (571) 372–0880; (571) 372–0881 and/or email: FamilyReadinessCouncil@osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to refine the Council recommendations that will be included in the 2013 Military Family Readiness Council report to the congressional defense committees and the Secretary of Defense.

Monday, August 5, 2013—Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Administrative Remarks
 Overview of the DoD efforts to make Military Family Programs accessible to the National Guard, Reserve and geographically dispersed military members and their families
 Update on the Quality of Life working group

Overview of Military Financial Readiness Programs
 Closing Remarks

Note: Exact order may vary.

Dated: July 10, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Office of Economic Adjustment; Notice of Cooperative Agreement

Federal Funding Opportunity Title: Research and Technical Assistance.

Announcement Type: Cooperative Agreement.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 12.615.

Key Dates: The proposal submission deadline is thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice.

Executive Summary: This notice announces the opportunity to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) for Research and Technical Assistance (RTA) and invites proposals to continue to provide economic data to Defense-impacted communities. The OEA is authorized by 10 U.S.C. 2391 to make grants to, or conclude cooperative agreements or enter into contracts with, a State or local government or any private entity to conduct research and provide technical assistance in support of the Defense Economic Adjustment Program, and to assist communities, businesses and workers responding to Defense changes under 10 U.S.C. 2391 and Executive Order 12788, as amended. OEA is the Department of Defense's primary source for assisting communities that are adversely impacted by Defense program changes, including base closures or realignments and contract or program reductions or cancellations. Awards provided under this announcement support the Defense Economic Adjustment Program by providing: (1) Analysis and dissemination of information; and (2) support to innovative approaches.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

OEA, a Department of Defense (DoD) Field Activity, is authorized to make grants to, or conclude cooperative agreements or enter into contracts with, state or local governments or any private entity, to conduct research and provide technical assistance in support of its

program activities under 10 U.S.C. 2391 and Executive Order 12788, as amended.

On December 31, 2008, OEA published a Federal Funding Opportunity in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 80369–80371), and through a competitive process selected the University of Illinois—Chicago (University) to provide economic data for 56 Defense-impacted communities. The University conducted a multi-phase approach to provide data and analysis for these communities. Phase I entailed identification, collection, and preliminary analysis of baseline indicators that collectively formed the backbone of the project. Phase II entailed reaching out to communities and refining the baseline data indicators based on community needs. The University also produced a broad array of reports and analytical products; developed tools for the systematic analysis of communities' development trends and challenges; and provided detailed customized data and reports to communities. The University designed, manages, and hosts on their server the Web site

www.defensecommunitydata.com, to share the baseline data tracked through the current cooperative agreement with the target communities, as well as Federal, state, and local agencies.

1. Description of opportunity— Pursuant to the Research and Technical Assistance program, OEA is soliciting proposals that will result in a cooperative agreement to provide economic indicators on a recurring basis to approximately 80 Defense-impacted locations engaged in defense economic adjustment. OEA works with communities/regions experiencing base closure, realignment, and reductions in or cancellations of DoD spending. Implementation of a community's plan to redevelop surplus property (base closure) or address reductions in defense procurement may be impacted by changing economic conditions, including, but not limited to, declining home values, rising unemployment, declining tax revenue, and housing/business starts. Specifically, OEA is seeking proposals to continue to provide information to its program customer base on: (1) Adjusted monthly and quarterly economic data for approximately 80 communities with Defense impacts; and (2) a national baseline for identified economic indicators. This information was and will continue to be developed with and for the affected communities, and posted on the Internet to further assist OEA's community, state, and other customers in the coordination and