

and other related matters. Written comments for scoping will be accepted until June 15, 2018. The USACE has prepared a scoping announcement to familiarize agencies, the public, and interested organizations with the proposed Project and potential environmental issues that may be involved. Copies of the scoping announcement will be available at the public scoping meetings or can be requested by mail. The public Scoping meetings will include an 'open house' format and a presentation of information. Although written comments are encouraged, no formal public statements or public testimony will be taken at this time.

The applicant is proposing to construct and operate a new 227,127 acre-foot reservoir, with a proposed surface area of 6,635 acres at conservation pool and an additional 2,151 acres at flood pool formed by an approximately 5,200-foot long earthen dam. Proposed impacts to waters of the United States at the project site include fill and inundation of 29-miles of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River and inundation of 43 miles of intermittent and ephemeral tributaries to the Clear Fork. In addition, the proposed project would result in downstream impacts associated with hydrologic alterations. As part of the proposed project, other facilities to be constructed include two spillways, a multi-level outlet works, a pump station and 34-mile pipeline, roadways, and construction areas. The pump station and pipeline would affect areas that may be waters of the United States. Construction of the dam and associated facilities would require the placement of approximately 16,000 cubic yards of fill material below the ordinary high water mark of the river and a small amount of fill in an ephemeral tributary. The construction of the dam and spillways would require 117 acres of land. Temporary and permanent construction of the pump station, pipeline, access roadways, laydown areas, and borrow areas could impact an estimated 1,100 acres of land area.

The proposed project would be located primarily in northwest Shackelford County on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River with small portions located in adjacent Haskell, Jones, and Throckmorton counties in West Central Texas. The southern limit of the proposed reservoir would be approximately 25 miles northeast of Abilene, TX, near the town of Lueders, TX. The upstream limit of the reservoir would be located 0.4 river miles upstream from the State Highway (SH) 6 bridge over the Clear Fork near

Lueders, TX. The downstream limit of the reservoir would be approximately 15 aerial miles downstream of the SH 6 bridge.

The EIS would be prepared according to the USACE's procedures at 33 CFR 230 and 325 Appendix B for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), and consistent with the USACE's policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency proposals. As part of the EIS process, the need for and purpose of the proposal as well as a full range of reasonable alternatives, including the proposed Project and no action, would be evaluated. Alternatives considered by the Applicant include developing new reservoirs at other locations including South Bend Reservoir, Double Mountain Reservoir (east or west sites), and Breckenridge Reservoir. Non-reservoir alternatives include securing additional water via a pipeline from Possum Kingdom reservoir, developing a scalping operation from Clear Fork to Hubbard Creek reservoir, water purchases, additional development of groundwater resources, and water reuse. The initial resource categories anticipated to be evaluated for direct, indirect and cumulative effects from the construction and operation of the project include soils, geology, mineral resources, geomorphology, surface and groundwater, hydrology, water rights and water use, air quality, noise, climate change, wetlands, water quality, fisheries, aquatics, vegetation, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, state sensitive species, transportation, visuals and aesthetics, cultural resources, paleontological resources, land use, energy use, property ownership, recreation, socioeconomics, hazardous materials, health and safety, and environmental justice.

The USACE has invited the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, and the Texas Historical Commission to be cooperating agencies in the formulation of the EIS.

At this time it is projected that a Draft EIS could be released by Fall 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry, as the Board shall deem necessary, into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy.

**DATES:** The open session of the meeting will be held on April 23, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The executive session held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be the closed portion of the meeting. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Designated Federal Officer, the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning the meeting on April 23, 2018, of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors.

Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. The meeting will be handicap accessible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Lawrence Heyworth IV, USN, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, 410-293-1503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The executive session of the meeting from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 23, 2018, will consist of discussions of new and pending administrative/minor disciplinary infractions and non-judicial punishments involving midshipmen attending the Naval Academy to include but not limited to, individual honor/conduct violations within the Brigade, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. For this reason, the executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public, as the discussion of such information

cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. Accordingly, the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because the discussions during the executive session from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be concerned with matters protected under sections 552b(c)(5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States Code.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: April 6, 2018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **Applications for New Awards; Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools; Amendment and Extension of Deadline for Transmittal of Applications**

**AGENCY:** Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice; Amendment and Extension of Deadline for Transmittal of Applications.

**SUMMARY:** On March 2, 2018, we published in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 8974) a notice inviting applications (NIA) for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2018 for the CSP Grants to Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers 84.282B and 84.282E. Since that time, Congress passed and the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Act), which provides funding for the awards under this competition. This document amends the NIA by: (1) Stating that the Secretary may fund out of rank order applications proposing to open a new charter school or replicate or expand a high-quality charter school in underserved, high-poverty, rural areas; and (2) adding definitions related to funding such applications out of rank order.

In addition, we are extending the deadline for transmittal of applications by two weeks, until April 30, 2018.

**DATES:**

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* April 30, 2018.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* June 29, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Following publication of the NIA, Congress passed and the President signed the Act, which provides funding for the awards under this competition. The report accompanying the Act (the Statement of the Managers)<sup>1</sup> includes language reflecting congressional intent that, of these funds, “up to \$7,500,000 [is] for developer grants to establish or expand charter schools in underserved, high-poverty, rural areas.” The Statement of the Managers modifies language in the report accompanying the Senate appropriations committee bill,<sup>2</sup> which indicates congressional intent for CSP appropriations to include “dedicated funding to expand charter schools in rural areas.” Taking into account this language, we are amending the NIA to notify prospective applicants that the Secretary may fund out of rank order applications proposing to open a new charter school or replicate or expand a high-quality charter school in underserved, high-poverty, rural areas; and to add definitions related to funding such applications out of rank order. In addition, we are extending the deadline for transmittal of applications for the competition by two weeks.

All other requirements and conditions stated in the NIA remain the same.

**Amendments**

In FR Doc. No. 2018-04294, in the **Federal Register** of March 2, 2018 (83 FR 8974), we make the following amendments:

(a) On page 8974, in the middle column, after the words “Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:” we are removing the date “April 16, 2018” and replacing it with the date “April 30, 2018”.

<sup>1</sup> See [www.congress.gov/crec/2018/03/22/CREC-2018-03-22-bk3.pdf](http://www.congress.gov/crec/2018/03/22/CREC-2018-03-22-bk3.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> See [www.congress.gov/115/crpt/srpt150/CRPT-115srpt150.pdf](http://www.congress.gov/115/crpt/srpt150/CRPT-115srpt150.pdf).

(b) On page 8974, in the middle column, after the words “Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:” we are removing the date “June 15, 2018” and replacing it with the date “June 29, 2018”.

(c) On page 8978, in the middle of the first column following the definition of “expand”, we are adding the following definition, which we are establishing for FY 2018 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1):

*High-poverty school* means a school in which at least 50 percent of students are from low-income families as determined using one of the measures of poverty specified under section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended. For middle and high schools, eligibility may be calculated on the basis of comparable data from feeder schools. Eligibility as a high-poverty school under this definition is determined on the basis of the most currently available data.

(d) On page 8978, in the middle of the second column, following the definition of “rural local educational agency”, we are adding the following definition, which we are establishing for FY 2018 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of GEPA:

*Underserved community* means a community that has limited access to high-quality educational options.

(e) On page 8981, beginning in the middle column, at the end of section V.2 (Review and Selection Process), we are adding the following paragraph:

Depending upon the number and quality of applications received, the Department may fund out of rank order high-quality applications that propose to open a new *charter school*, or *replicate* or *expand* a *high-quality charter school*, that (a) is located in an underserved community (as defined in this notice); and (b) primarily serves students from rural local educational agencies with at least one high-poverty school (as defined in this notice). To be considered for funding out of rank order, we encourage an applicant to include in its application (i) a statement that it is proposing to open a new *charter school*, or *replicate* or *expand* a *high-quality charter school*, that is located in an underserved community and primarily serves students from rural local educational agencies with at least