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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal and Meeting of the Board of Visitors for the Department of Defense Centers for Regional Security Studies

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee act," notice is hereby given of the renewal of the Board of Visitors for Department of Defense Centers for Regional Security.

The Board will provide advice on matters related to mission, policy, faculty, students, curricula, educational methods, research, facilities, and administration of the (1) George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, (2) Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, (3) Inter-American Center for Defense Studies, and (4) any other similar regional security studies centers subsequently established by the Department of Defense.

The Board will consist of a balanced membership of approximately 25 accomplished individuals from government, academia, business, industry, research, the military and other professions closely related to national security affairs, appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Board will meet in closed session at the Pentagon on September 9, 1998, from 0900 to 1330.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Board of Visitors to provide advice on the role the Regional Centers for Regional Security play in the broader U.S. national security context. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Smith, 703-693-0482.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0033]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Contractor's Signature Authority

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Contractor's Signature Authority. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 33055, June 17, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before September 21, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Nelson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-1900.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Entities doing business with the Government must identify those persons who have the authority to bind the principal. This information is needed to ensure that Government contracts are legal and binding. The information is used by the contracting officer to ensure that authorized persons sign contracts.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 minute per completion, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 4,800 responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 4,800; preparation hours per response, .017; and total response burden hours, 82.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS:

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0033, Contractor's Signature Authority, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 18, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB)

AGENCY: Office of The Surgeon General, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this announces the forthcoming AFEB Infectious Disease Subcommittee meeting. This subcommittee will meet from 0800-1630 on Friday, 18 September 1998. The purpose of the subcommittee meeting is to address several pending subcommittee issues and to provide briefings for subcommittee members on topics related to ongoing and new issues. The meeting location will be at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, DC.

The Infectious Disease Subcommittee meeting will be open to the public, but limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COL Benedict Diniega, AFEB Executive Secretary, Armed Forces

Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/4.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, for a Test Beach Fill Using a Foreign Source of Carbonate Sand

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, for a Test Beach Fill Using a Foreign Source of Carbonate Sand. The study is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), the non-Federal sponsor for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Dugger, 904-232-1686, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection (BEC & HP) Project for Dade County, Florida was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1968. The Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1985 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-662) provided authority for extending the northern limit of the authorized project to include the construction of a protective beach along the 2.5 mile reach of shoreline north of Haulover Beach Party (Sunny Isles) and for periodic nourishment of the new beach.

Offshore borrow sources of beach quality sediment along the Dade County shoreline have been almost completely depleted, and alternative sources of material will be required in the near future to provide continued renourishment of the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane

Protection Project. Although carbonate sediment from offshore borrow sites has traditionally been used for project renourishment, the use of oolitic aragonite or other carbonate sand from non-domestic sources may provide an effective alternative for future renourishment requirements.

Virtually unlimited supplies of beach-quality material are available in the Bahamas Bank, located 65 miles east of the project site, in the Turks and Caicos Islands located approximately 500 miles to the southeast, and possibly other locations. The proposed test fill will be constructed using aragonite from one of these sources. The purpose of the test fill, in addition to providing nourishment to an eroded portion of the Federal project along northern Miami Beach, is to evaluate the physical and environmental performance of aragonite on the beach erosion control project.

The proposed test fill site would be located along northern Miami Beach, and would extend along approximately one mile of shoreline which has been an erosional area since the project was constructed. The proposed site is located far from adjacent inlets, and no significant structures exist in this vicinity to disrupt the "natural" coastal processes. The total volume of the test fill is expected to be approximately 500,000 cubic yards. The currently proposed location for the test fill is between 65th and 80th Streets in Miami Beach (DNR monuments DNR-39 to DNR-44). The exact source of aragonite (or other non-domestic carbonate sand) for the test beach would be determined during the procurement process. Sand sources proposed by contractors would have to meet a set of generic and specifications and pass a screening process for sand characteristics and possible introduction of undesirable benthic organisms or other environmental impacts.

The different properties of the material being placed in the test fill will allow the sediment to be used as a natural tracer material, and data on longshore and cross-shore transport can be gained by studying the movement of this material. In order to evaluate the performance of the test fill, a monitoring program will be established. This monitoring program would consist of four areas of field data acquisition: physical surveys, sediment sampling and analysis, aerial photography, and wave data collection. The field data would be collected over a minimum 5-year period following project construction. The wave gage would be installed and activated prior to construction. Physical surveys, sediment samples, and aerial

photography would be taken immediately before and after project construction, and quarterly for the first year, semi-annually for the second year, and annually thereafter for the remainder of the 5-year monitoring period. Physical surveys, sediment samples, and aerial photography would therefore be taken a total of 11 times during the monitoring program, while the directional wave gauge would be operated continuously during the entire 5-year monitoring period.

In addition, environmental monitoring of the test fill would be performed. The environmental studies would focus mainly on the impacts of the non-native material on sea turtle nesting and benthic infaunal communities.

Alternatives: At this time, the only known alternative to performing the test beach fill is not performing the test or the no-action alternative.

Issues: The EIS will consider impacts on coral reefs and other hardbottom communities, endangered and threatened species, shore protection, water quality, aesthetics and recreation, fish and wildlife resources, cultural resources, energy conservation, socio-economic resources, and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

Scoping: A copy of this notice will be sent to interested parties to initiate scoping. All parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures, and other matters related to the scoping process. At this time, there are no plans for a public scoping meeting.

Public Involvement: We invite the participation of affected Federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties.

Coordination: The proposed action is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the FWS under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the State Historic Preservation Officer. In addition, we have coordinated with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the dredging industry, certain foreign government representatives, academic experts, and other interests on this matter.

Other Environmental Review and Consultation: The proposed action would involve evaluation for compliance with guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act;