

Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The mission of the DIB is to provide the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense independent advice and strategic insights on the emerging technologies landscape, adoption of commercial sector innovation best practices, and the impact of disruptive and emerging technologies and their relevance to DoD. The DIB focuses on (a) technology and capabilities, (b) practices and operations, (c) people and culture, and (d) other research and analysis of topics raised by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering towards achieving National Defense goals. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate information related to the DIB's mission.

*Agenda:* The DIB's meeting will begin in closed session on October 17, 2022 at 12 p.m. eastern time with opening remarks by Ms. Colleen Laughlin, the Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and Mr. Michael Bloomberg, the DIB Chair. The DIB will participate in classified discussions on matters related to national defense. These discussions will focus on senior DoD leader's defense innovation priorities and challenges and the broader innovation and national security landscape. The DFO will then adjourn the closed board meeting at 3:45 p.m.

The DFO will reconvene the DIB in an open meeting from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., with opening remarks by the DFO and the DIB Chair. The DIB will then do member introductions, followed by a discussion of DIB tasks and mandate. The DFO will review comments submitted by the public; those will be provided to the DIB Chair and Members in advance and will be posted to the DIB website as part of the public record. The meeting will conclude with closing remarks by the DIB Chair and adjournment of the open meeting by the Designated Federal Officer at 5 p.m. The latest version of the agenda will be available on the Board's website at: <https://innovation.defense.gov>.

*Meeting Accessibility:* In accordance with Section 10(d) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.155, it is hereby determined that portions of the October 17, 2022 meeting of the DIB will include classified information and other matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public on October 17, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. This determination was made in writing by the Under

Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in consultation with the DoD Office of General Counsel, based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout this period will involve classified matters of national security. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of these portions of the meeting. To permit these portions of the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DIB's findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

Pursuant to section 10(a)(1) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.140, the portion of the meeting on October 17, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. is open to the public virtually. Members of the public wishing to receive a link to the livestream webcast should register on the DIB website listed in this notice no later than October 14, 2022. Members of the media should RSVP to the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), at [osd.pentagon.pa.list.dop-atl@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.pa.list.dop-atl@mail.mil). Requests to attend the virtual public session must be received no later than 12 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022.

*Special Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact the DFO (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for contact information) no later than Friday, October 14, 2022 so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

*Written Comments and Statements:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the DIB in response to the stated agenda of the meeting or in regard to the DIB's mission in general. Written comments may be submitted to the DFO via electronic mail (the preferred mode of submission) to the address [osd.innovation@mail.mil](mailto:osd.innovation@mail.mil) in either Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) or Microsoft Word format. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. The DFO will compile all written submissions and provide them to DIB members for consideration. Written comments or statements received after 12 p.m. October 14, 2022 may not be provided to the DIB until its

next scheduled meeting. Please note that because the DIB operates under the provisions of the FACA, all submitted comments and statements will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including but not limited to being posted on the DIB's website.

*Oral Presentations:* Individuals wishing to make an oral statement to the DIB at the virtual public meeting may be permitted to speak for up to two minutes. Anyone wishing to speak to the DIB should submit a request by email at [osd.innovation@mail.mil](mailto:osd.innovation@mail.mil) no later than October 14, 2022 for planning purposes. Requests for making oral comments should include a copy or summary of planned remarks for archival purposes and must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. Individuals may also be permitted to submit a comment request at the public meeting; however, depending on the number of individuals making prior requests to speak, the schedule may limit participation. Webcast attendees will be provided instructions with the livestream link if they wish to submit comments during the open meeting.

Dated: October 11, 2022.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability and Virtual Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Land Acquisition at the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, District of Columbia

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, the DoN prepared and filed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that evaluates the potential environmental effects associated with the acquisition of land at the Southeast Federal Center (SEFC), at the Washington Navy Yard (WNY), Washington, DC. The Navy proposes to obtain 6 acres of land on the SEFC (the SEFC E Parcels) to improve the overall Antiterrorism (AT) posture of the WNY.

By obtaining the SEFC E Parcels, the Navy would: (1) improve the WNY AT posture by reducing the encroachment threat posed by planned, private development on the SEFC E Parcels; (2) protect mission-critical activities conducted at the WNY from visual surveillance, and acoustic and electronic eavesdropping; and (3) enhance the overall safety of personnel, facilities, and infrastructure at the WNY.

Should the Navy obtain ownership of the SEFC E Parcels, the Navy is considering three alternative uses for the acquired property: construction and operation of a relocated Navy Museum, construction of administrative facilities, or maintaining the status quo (no new development).

**DATES:** The DoN is initiating a public comment period beginning on October 14, 2022 and extending through December 2, 2022. Comments submitted during the public comment period, including comments on alternatives, information and analysis, and the summary thereof, will become part of the public record, and substantive comments will be considered in the Final EIS. All comments must be postmarked or received electronically by 11:59 p.m. eastern standard time (EST) on December 2, 2022, for consideration in the Final EIS. The Navy will hold two virtual public meetings to receive comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, per section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (36 CFR part 800.2(5)(d)), this undertaking has the potential to have effects on historic resources associated with the WNY. The public will be able to submit comments on the analysis pursuant to section 106 of the NHPA.

The meetings will be held:

- November 15, 2022, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- November 16, 2022, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Information on how to participate in the virtual public meetings is available on the Navy project website at: <https://ndw.cnic.navy.mil/WNY-Land-Acquisition/1/>.

Notices of the virtual public meetings will also be published in The Washington Post and through a press release.

The Navy will receive comments on the Draft EIS and pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act:

- Verbally during each of the two virtual public meetings.
- Electronically via email: [NAVFACWashNEPA1@navy.mil](mailto:NAVFACWashNEPA1@navy.mil).
- By mail, postmarked no later than December 2, 2022, to the following address: Naval Facilities Engineering

Systems Command Washington, Washington Navy Yard, ATTN: Navy EIS Project Manager, 1314 Harwood Street SE, Washington, DC 20374.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Washington, Washington Navy Yard, ATTN: Nik Tompkins-Flagg, Navy EIS Project Manager, 1314 Harwood Street SE, Washington, DC 20374, 202-685-8437, [NAVFACWashNEPA1@navy.mil](mailto:NAVFACWashNEPA1@navy.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Notice of Intent to prepare this EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 2022 (**Federal Register** (FR) Document Number 2022-03632). The WNY continues to be the “Quarterdeck of the Navy” and serves as the Headquarters for Naval District Washington, where it houses numerous support activities for fleet and aviation communities. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to improve the overall WNY AT posture (*i.e.*, increase physical security and antiterrorism mitigation measures), as well as protect mission-critical activities at the WNY from visual surveillance, and acoustic and electronic eavesdropping. The need for the Proposed Action is to protect the WNY from encroachment that would result from proposed private development located adjacent to the northwest perimeter of the WNY.

The DoN is considering two action alternatives that meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action, as well as a no action alternative. The two action alternatives are: Alternative 1, Land Acquisition through Land Exchange, and Alternative 2, Direct Land Acquisition. Both action alternatives have the same three sub-alternatives that address reuse of the acquired property. The three sub-alternatives are: (A) construct and operate a relocated National Museum of the United States Navy; (B) construct and operate Navy administrative facilities; and (C) bring property within the WNY fence line, but leave the parcels in their current underdeveloped state.

Under the No Action Alternative, the Proposed Action would not occur. The Navy would not acquire or reuse the SEFC E Parcels. Instead, the private development on the SEFC E Parcels would proceed as planned. Private development on the SEFC E Parcels has already been approved by local government in accordance with zoning ordinances and is currently scheduled to begin construction as early as 2023.

Under Alternative 1, the Navy would exchange certain underutilized properties within the WNY Southeast

Corner with a private developer to obtain acquisition rights and ownership of the approximately 6-acre SEFC E Parcels. GSA would then transfer ownership of the SEFC E parcels to the Navy via a federal-to-federal transfer. In exchange for acquisition rights, the Navy would transfer and/or lease underutilized assets (approximately 15 acres) at the WNY Southeast Corner to the developer. Land exchange of the SEFC E Parcels for the WNY Southeast Corner would require relocation of functions, including the Hazardous Waste Storage Site from the WNY Southeast Corner to other areas on the WNY. This alternative would also include future development on the WNY Southeast Corner by the private developer, and in-kind considerations at the WNY to be provided by the developer.

Under Alternative 2, the Navy would acquire the rights to the SEFC E Parcels from the developer through purchase or condemnation, and would receive the SEFC E Parcels from GSA through a federal-to-federal transfer. No WNY property would transfer to the developer, and no missions or tenants would need to be relocated under this alternative.

In the EIS, the DoN analyzes potential environmental impacts of the alternatives. Additionally, the DoN will conduct all coordination and consultation activities required by the National Historic Preservation Act and other laws, regulations, and Executive Orders determined to be applicable to the project. The DoN could implement mitigation and monitoring measures to avoid or reduce environmental impacts, as determined in cooperation with the appropriate regulatory agencies and consulting parties.

The DoN distributed the Draft EIS to federal agencies, other parties with which the DoN is consulting, and to other stakeholders, in accordance with 40 CFR 1503.1. Further, the DoN provided a press release to the local newspaper and distributed letters to stakeholders and other interested parties. The Draft EIS is also available for electronic viewing or download at: <https://ndw.cnic.navy.mil/WNY-Land-Acquisition/1/>.

Dated: October 7, 2022.

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