

while being economically, environmentally, and socially defensible and technically sound. EWP work can include removing debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges; reshaping and protecting eroded banks; correcting damaged drainage facilities; repairing levees and flood control structures; reseeding damaged areas; and purchasing floodplain easements. EWP work is not limited to any one set of prescribed measures. A case by case investigation of the needed work is made by NRCS. Under current provisions, the work can be done either through Federal or local contracts. NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the construction cost of the emergency measures. The remaining 25 percent must come from local sponsors and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services. Sponsors are responsible for providing landrights to do repair work, for securing the necessary permits, for furnishing the local cost share, and for operation and maintenance of the work installed.

Because the statutory authorities allow funding only for activities required to relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by natural disasters, EWP funds cannot be used to install measures not essential to the reduction of hazards or to solve problems that existed before the disaster. EWP funds cannot be used to improve the level of protection above that which existed prior to the disaster, unless required by current technical standards. In addition, EWP cannot fund operation and maintenance work, repair private or public transportation facilities or utilities. EWP work also cannot affect downstream water rights. Work will not be performed on measures installed by another Federal agency, though EWP funds may be used to perform work on measures installed by a state or local agency.

Description of Preliminary PEIS Alternatives

NRCS has developed a "Proposed Action" alternative and the "No Action" alternative for the draft PEIS to initiate the NEPA process. The proposed action is not necessarily the final alternative, but it may be amended, refined, or supplemented, as appropriate, based on input by the public and agencies during the public scoping process. Additional alternatives also may emerge as well.

Proposed Action Alternative

The proposed action is for NRCS to continue administering the EWP program but with substantial revision for improvement, by providing funding and technical assistance to aid

appropriately sponsored entities in restoring watershed components to pre-disaster conditions.

Some of the changes NRCS is considering as part of the proposed action, and on which comments are requested, include:

1. Use floodplain easements in lieu of recovery work.
2. Dedicate 15 percent of the monies appropriated by Congress for floodplain easements.
3. Eliminate the use of the terms "Exigency" and "Nonexigency".
4. Establish the cost-share rate at up to 75 percent for all but limited resource sponsors who may receive up to 90 percent.
5. Stipulate that measures must be economically, socially, and environmentally defensible to be installed and identify criteria to meet those requirements.
6. Stipulate that urgent and compelling situations should be handled immediately after discovery.
7. Allow organizations certified by the Internal Revenue Service as 501c organizations to become sponsors of floodplain easements.
8. Use of Disaster Assistance Recovery Teams to train NRCS employees.
9. Evaluate ways to better coordinate EWP with other available emergency programs.

No Action Alternative

This alternative would continue NRCS administration of the EWP program as it is now carried out. Under this alternative, NRCS will not make any substantive changes in its role, the mechanisms for review of projects before funding or follow-up after completion, and with no changes in monitoring of exigency and non-exigency situations.

These alternatives are beginning points for discussion and, based upon comments received, modifications may be made to them and others may be added.

Signed in Washington, D.C., on September 3, 1998.

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Deputy Chief for Programs.

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AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Notification of a New System of Records; Privacy Act

AGENCY: American Battle Monuments Commission.

ACTION: Notification of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) is publishing a notice of a new system of records, "Fund Raising Solicitation Files."

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on the proposed routine use must do so by 10 October 1998. ABMC has sent a report of a New System, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a® of the Privacy Act, to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Government Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on 1 September 1998 pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130. The new system will be effective 10 October 1998, unless comments dictate otherwise.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to LTC Theodore Gloukhoff, Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, 22201-3367, Fax: (703) 696-6666. All comments received will be available for public inspection at that address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LTC Theodore Gloukhoff, Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, 22201-3367, Tel: (703) 696-6908, Fax: (703) 696-6666.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Pub. L. 103-32, American Battle Monuments Commission is authorized to solicit and accept private contributions for the establishment of a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II and to commemorate the participation of the United States in that war. ABMC proposes to establish a new system of records: "Fund Raising Solicitation Files." This system of records is being established in order to record responses to requests for contributions, actual contributions, gift acknowledgments and general information provided by contributors in memory of the national World War II effort.

Theodore Gloukhoff,

Director, Personnel and Administration.

American Battle Monuments Commission

SYSTEM NAME:

Fund Raising Solicitation Files.

SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

American Battle Monuments Commission, Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who respond to requests for contributions to the National World War II Memorial.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records documenting contributions, gift acknowledgments and information provided by contributors in memory of the national effort that led to victory in World War II.

Authority for maintenance of the system: 36 U.S.C. 121, et. seq., generally and Pub. L. 103-32.

PURPOSE(S):

Records are maintained for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of the National World War II Memorial authorized by Pub. L. 103-32.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

A record maintained in this system of records may be disseminated as a routine use of such record as follows:

(1) The names, addresses and other information voluntarily provided by contributors and maintained in this system are used to by the Commission to solicit funds from private sources for the construction of the National World War II Memorial authorized by Pub. L. 103-32 and to acknowledge such contributions.

(2) The records may be made available to contractors or other agents of the Commission in the course of comprehensive fund raising efforts.

(3) A record may be disclosed in response to a court subpoena, to appropriate parties engaged in litigation or in preparation of possible litigation such as potential witnesses for the purpose of securing their testimony when necessary to courts, magistrate or administrative tribunals, to parties and their attorneys for the purposes of proceeding with litigation or settlement of disputes, to individuals seeking information by using establishing discovery procedures, whether in connection with civil, criminal or regulatory proceedings.

(4) A record pertaining to an individual may be disclosed to a congressional office, in response to an inquiry which such congressional office presents as being made on behalf of, and at the request of, that individual.

(5) to facilitate processing Freedom of Information and Privacy Act requests for these records, information may be disclosed to another Federal agency to (a) permit a decision as to access, amendment or correction of records to be made in consultation with or by that agency, or (b) verify the identity of an individual or the accuracy of information submitted by an individual who has requested access to, or amendment or correction of records;

(6) information may be released to the news media and the public unless it is determined that release would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(7) a record may be disclosed to the National Archives and Records Administration and the General Services Administration in records management inspections conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

STORAGE:

Manual records are stored in file cabinets and on index cards. Automated records are stored on magnetic disks. The disks are stored on the premises of the Commission or a firm contracted by the Commission in a room designated as a disk library. Two hard copy printouts of the tapes are retained by the Commission or a firm contracted by the Commission in metal cabinets with key locks.

RETRIEVABILITY:

The records are maintained in alphabetical order.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained by the Commission or its contractor so as to permit access only to employees or others acting on behalf of the Commission who have a need to know in connection with their duties.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

The records are updated as contributions are made, or as additional information is otherwise received from contributors and obsolete names and related information is deleted.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Director, Personnel and Administration, American Battle Monuments Commission, Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard Arlington, VA 22201

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Contact the system manager listed above.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Submit in writing all requests for access to the system manager identified

above. Clearly mark the envelope and letter "FOI/PA Request" and provide a return address. The subject of the record should also provide his/her full name and notarized signature, date and place of birth, or other information which may assist in locating the records sought.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals desiring to contest or amend information maintained in the system should direct their request to the system manager listed above. The request should clearly state what information is being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to the information sought.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is obtained from individuals voluntarily making contributions to the National World War II Memorial or providing information on individuals who contributed to the war effort.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the annual certification of nonprofit agencies serving people who are blind (Form 403), to the initial certification of nonprofit agencies serving people with severe disabilities (Form 402), and to record maintenance.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Daniel Werfel, Desk Officer for the Committee for Purchase, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,