

of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Headquarters U.S. Army, ROTC Cadet Command, Marketing Directorate, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651, Attn: (CPT Eric Miller, Jr.). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Army ROTC Referral Information, ROTC CDT CMD Form 155-R.

Needs and Uses: The Army ROTC Program produces approximately 75 percent of the newly commissioned officers for the U.S. Army. Army ROTC must have the ability to attract quality men and women who will pursue college degrees. Currently, there are 13 Recruiting Teams (Goldminers) located in various places across the United States aiding in this cause. Their mission is to refer quality high school students to colleges and universities offering Army ROTC. Goldminers, two officer personnel, will collect ROTC Referral information at a high school campus and document it on ROTC Cadet Command Form 155-R.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden hours: 4,075.

Number of Respondents: 16,300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the information is to provide prospect referral data to a Professor of Military Science to contact individuals who have expressed an interest in Army ROTC. If Goldminers did not collect referral information, we would suffer a negative impact on the recruiting effort

and subsequent commissioning of new officers for the U.S. Army.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Naval Station (NAVSTA) Brooklyn, NY

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a DEIS for the disposal and reuse of NAVSTA Brooklyn, New York, New York. Public hearings will be held for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearings.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held on October 21, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Ostermueller, telephone (610) 595-0759.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a DEIS for the disposal and reuse of NAVSTA Brooklyn, New York, New York.

A Notice of Intent for this DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 1997. A public scoping meeting was held in Brooklyn, New York, on February 13, 1997.

The proposed action is the disposal of Navy property for subsequent reuse and redevelopment, in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended, and the 1988 Defense Secretary's Commission recommendation that NAVSTA Brooklyn be closed and its functions be relocated to the new NAVSTA New York on Staten Island. Approximately 23.8 acres of land are available for disposal and are the focus of this DEIS. Naval Station Brooklyn was operationally closed on May 1, 1993 and

approximately 5.0 acres of the total 28.8 acres of land have been transferred to the Department of Justice.

With respect to the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and its 1994 amendment, the City of New York has reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to enable HELP Homeless Service Corporation develop transitional housing and support services at the Manhattan Children's Psychiatric Center on Wards Island, instead of the NAVSTA Brooklyn site. In March 1996, the New York City Mayor's Office of Planning and Community Relations, acting as the local reuse authority (LRA), adopted a proposed reuse plan titled Redevelopment Plan for Naval Station Brooklyn, New York. This plan is presented as the preferred reuse alternative that, along with its alternatives, is analyzed in the DEIS.

The DEIS evaluates four reuse alternatives: the Reuse Plan (Preferred Alternative), the Residential Alternative, the Museum Alternative, and the As-of-Right Alternative. A fifth alternative, the No Action Alternative, assumes no disposal of property and retention of the property by the U.S. Navy in caretaker status.

The Reuse Plan Alternative, prepared by the LRA, capitalizes on NAVSTA Brooklyn's assets in terms of its industrial facilities and proximity to the rest of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and seeks to minimize any impacts on the historic campus of the hospital. No new construction is proposed; rather, the plan calls for the reuse, for industrial or commercial activity, of buildings used by the Navy for such purposes, and the adaptive reuse of residential and hospital facilities for community institutional purposes.

Potential impacts evaluated in the DEIS include, but are not limited to: Land use, socioeconomic, community facilities/services, transportation, air quality, noise, infrastructure, cultural resources, natural resources, petroleum and hazardous substances. Issue analysis includes an evaluation of the direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts; and irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources associated with the proposed action.

No decision on the proposed action will be made until the NEPA process has been completed and the Secretary of the Navy, or a designated representative, releases the Record of Decision.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, and special interest groups and public libraries. The

DEIS is also available for public review at the following libraries:

- Brooklyn Public Library, Central Library, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, New York.
- Brooklyn Public Library, Williamsburg Branch, 240 Division Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Navy will conduct one public hearing to receive oral and written comments concerning the DEIS. A brief presentation will precede a request for public information and comments. Navy representatives will be available at the hearing to receive information and comments from agencies and the public regarding issues of concern. Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearing. Those who intend to speak will be asked to submit a speaker card (available at the door). Oral comments will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer.

To assure accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to Commanding Officer, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 202, 10 Industrial Highway, Lester, Pennsylvania 19113, (Attn. Mr. Robert Ostermueller, telephone (610) 595-0759, facsimile (610) 595-0778). Written comments are requested not later than Monday, November 15, 1999.

Dated: October 4, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

ACTION: Notice of upcoming meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming partially closed meeting of

the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

DATES AND TIMES: Tuesday, November 2, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m., but closed from approximately 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, November 3, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Wyndham City Center Hotel, New Hampshire III Room, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 601, Washington, DC 20202-7582 (202) 708-7439.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the Committee has been charged with providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students; conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program; assisting with activities related to the 1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965; conducting a third-year evaluation of the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993; and assisting Congress with the 1998 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Committee traditionally approaches its work from a set of fundamental goals: promoting program integrity, eliminating or avoiding program

complexity, integrating delivery across the Title IV programs; and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has provided the Advisory Committee with a significantly expanded agenda in six major areas, such as, Performance-Based Organization (PBO); Modernization; Technology; Simplification of Law and Regulation; Distance Education; and Early Information and Needs Assessment. In each of these areas, Congress has asked the Committee to: monitor progress toward implementing the Amendments of 1998; conduct independent, objective assessments; and make recommendations for improvement to the Congress and the Secretary. Each of these responsibilities flows logically from and effectively implements one or more of the Committee's original statutory functions and purposes.

The proposed agenda includes—(a) presentations and discussion sessions by congressional members and staff, Department of Education officials (ED), and presidential associations regarding progress to date on the implementation of the PBO and modernization; (b) presentations and discussion sessions focusing on distance education and GearUp; and (c) a planning session on the Committee's agenda for fiscal year 2000 and other Committee business (e.g., personnel matters, the budget, etc). Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at ADV_COMSFA@ED.gov or Tracy_Deanna_Jones@ED.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 708-7439. The registration deadline is Monday, October 25, 1999.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Washington, DC on November 2, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 6:00 p.m., and on November 3, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public on November 2, from approximately 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The ensuing discussions will relate to internal personnel rules and practices an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by