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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Fort Sam Houston Master Plan, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is updating components of the Real Property Master Plan for Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This series of documents is referred to in the aggregate as the Real Property Master Plan or the installation Master Plan. As a part of its efforts to manage the overall mission of Fort Sam Houston, the Army will prepare a PEIS on proposed revisions resulting from master planning activities at Fort Sam Houston in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Public Law 91-190 (42 U.S.C. 4341). The PEIS will evaluate potential impacts for Fort Sam Houston should the installation adopt revisions to the installation's Master Plan.

ADDRESSES: Direct written questions or comments concerning the scope of the Fort Sam Houston Master Plan PEIS to: Ms. Jackie Schlatter, PEIS Project Manager, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Fort Sam Houston ATTN: MCGA-PW-ENR, 2202 15th Street (bldg. 4196), Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-5007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jackie Schlatter at (210) 221-5093.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Sam Houston is an integral part of the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM). Fort Sam Houston has approximately 31,000 acres distributed among the Fort Sam Houston Military Reservation (3,150 acres), the Camp Bullis Military Reservation (CBMR) (27,994 acres) and the Canyon Lake Recreation Area (CLRA) (110 acres). The CBMR is located 18 miles northwest of Fort Sam Houston and provides land for training areas and ranges. The CLRA is leased by Fort Sam Houston from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the recreation of its permanent and temporary duty personnel.

The overall mission of Fort Sam Houston includes several discrete

activities including the capacity to function as: a major U.S. Army command and control operation; a center for premier medical training facilities; Brooke Army Medical center (BAMC); a Garrison headquarters providing administrative support for the installation and its tenants; a major mobilization station for the U.S. Army in the event of a national or regional emergency requiring a Reserve call-up; and an established military complex with the capability to support other unforeseen national contingencies.

The normal operations associated with the daily functions of Fort Sam Houston and its associated properties are diverse and encompass nearly all the activities of a small city, but with the addition of military training functions. The broad categories of activities associated with Fort Sam Houston can be broken down into the following eight basic functions: administration and support; construction (including demolition); operation and maintenance; light industry; research, development, test and evaluation; medical services; recreation; and training.

The largest organizational occupants of Fort Sam Houston include five major tenants and the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Sam Houston (Garrison), which provides the headquarters function for the installation itself. The five major tenants are: Headquarters, U.S. Army MEDCOM; Brooke Army Medical Center, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S); Headquarters, Fifth U.S. Army; and Headquarters, U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade. There are also numerous other smaller tenants and service agencies located on or supported by the post.

Alternatives: The PEIS will describe the master planning process, existing master plan, and proposed revisions to the existing master plan for Fort Sam Houston. The PEIS will describe the existing environment, cultural and natural resources, social, economic, and environmental justice conditions and impacts to those existing conditions associated with the revised master plan for Fort Sam Houston. The alternatives will wither be status quo, reuse through Military Construction, Army project, reuse through leasing, sale for off-site removal, or demolition.

A significant issue that will be addressed is the reuse and/or disposition of property that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Scoping: A public scoping meeting in connection with this PEIS will be held at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting time and location

will be published in local newspapers. This meeting will provide the opportunity for the public to become aware of the PEIS and for the Army to gather public input regarding the scope of the study. Those unable to attend the scheduled scoping meeting may submit written comments regarding the scope of the PEIS throughout the scoping period. A mailing list has been prepared for public scoping and review throughout the preparation process of this PEIS. This list includes local, state, and Federal agencies with jurisdictions or other interests in the project. In addition, the mailing list includes all adjacent property owners, affected municipalities and other interested parties such as conservation organizations. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list should contact the person identified above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Restricted Eligibility Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).

ACTION: Notice of restricted eligibility.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (grants) to U.S. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Other Minority Institutions (OMI) in support of innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. Applications will be subjected to a review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a select number of applicants based on the scientific merit of the application, relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds. Collaboration with private industry is encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Debra A. Duncan, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-107, Pittsburgh PA 15236-0940, Telephone:

412-386-5700, FAX: 412-386-6137, E-mail: duncan@netl.doe.gov. The solicitation (available in both Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows and Portable Document Format (PDF)) will be released on DOE's NETL World Wide Web Server Internet System (<http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit>) on or about January 7, 2000. If applicants do not have Internet capability, a 3.5" double sided/high density diskette copy of the solicitation will be available, upon receipt of a written request submitted via fax or e-mail to Mrs. Duncan. No telephone requests will be honored for request of diskettes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Solicitation: "Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions."

Objectives: Through Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-00FT40760, the Department of Energy seeks applications from HBCU and OMI and HBCU/OMI-affiliated research institutes for innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. The resultant grants are intended to maintain and upgrade educational, training, and research capabilities of our HBCU/OMI in the fields of science and technology related to fossil energy resources; to foster private sector participation, collaboration, and interaction with HBCU/OMI; and to provide for the exchange of technical information and to raise the overall level of HBCU/OMI competitiveness with other institutions in the field of fossil energy research and development. Thus, the establishment of linkages between the HBCU/OMI and the private sector fossil energy community is critical to the success of this program, and consistent with the Nation's goal of ensuring a future supply of fossil fuel scientists and engineers from an previously under-utilized resource.

Eligibility: Eligibility for participation in this Program Solicitation is restricted to HBCU and OMI recognized by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education, and identified on the OCR's U.S. Department of Education list of U.S. Accredited Postsecondary Minority Institutions list in effect on the closing date of the program solicitation. *Applications submitted by any institution not on OCR's aforementioned list are ineligible for technical evaluation and award.* For information regarding the qualification criteria and process of becoming recognized by the Education

Department's OCR as a "Minority Institution," institutions should contact the Education Department directly at the following address: Mr. Peter A. McCabe, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington DC 20202, Telephone 202-205-9567. Note: The Education Department should only be contacted on matters related to Institutional status; questions regarding the Program Solicitation should be directed to Mrs. Duncan at DOE.

Applications from HBCU/OMI-affiliated research institutes must be submitted through the college or university with which they are affiliated. The university (not the university-affiliated research institute) will be the recipient of any resultant DOE grant award. Applications submitted in response to the solicitation must meet the following two criteria: the Principal Investigator or a Co-Principal Investigator must be a teaching professor at the submitting university listed in the application; and a minimum of 30% of personnel time invoiced under the grant is to pay for student assistance for each year of the grant. Although it is not required as an application qualification criterion, collaboration with the private sector is encouraged, and applications proposing private sector collaboration may be evaluated more favorably. The solicitation will contain a complete description of the technical evaluation factors and relative importance of each factor. Collaboration by the private sector with the HBCU/OMI may be in the form of cash cost sharing, consultation, HBCU/OMI access to industrial facilities or equipment, experimental data and/or equipment not available at the university, or as a subgrantee/subcontractor to the HBCU/OMI.

Areas of Interest: In order to develop and sustain a national program of HBCU/OMI research in advanced and fundamental fossil fuel studies, the Department of Energy is interested in innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil fuel conversion and utilization limited to the following seven (7) technical topics:

- Topic 1—Advanced Environmental Control Technologies for Coal
- Topic 2—Advanced Coal Utilization
- Topic 3—Clean Fuels Technology
- Topic 4—Heavy Oil Upgrading and Processing
- Topic 5—Advanced Recovery, Completion/Stimulation, and Geoscience Technologies for Oil
- Topic 6—Natural Gas Supply, Storage, and Processing

Topic 7—Faculty/Student Exploratory Research Training Grants

Note: Technical Topic No. 7, *Faculty/Student Exploratory Research Training Grants*, is the *only* topic under this Program Solicitation wherein the inclusion or exclusion of private sector collaboration will not affect the technical evaluation of the application.

Awards: DOE anticipates issuing financial assistance (grants) for each project selected. DOE reserves the right to support or not support, with or without discussions, any or all applications received in whole or in part, and to determine how many awards may be made through the solicitation subject to funds available in this fiscal year. The limitation on the maximum DOE funding for each selected grant to be awarded under this Program Solicitation is as follows:

	Maximum award
Topics 1-6: Award 0-12 months grant duration	\$85,000
13-24 months grant duration	150,000
25-36 months grant duration	200,000
Topic 7: 0-12 months grant duration	20,000

Approximately \$900,000 is planned for this solicitation. The total should provide support for four to eight research and development application selections (Topics 1-6), and approximately two to twelve faculty/student exploratory research training application selections (Topic 7).

Solicitation Release Date: The Program Solicitation is expected to be ready for release on or about January 7, 2000. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the Program Solicitation. To be eligible, applications must be *received* by the designated DOE office by the closing time and date specified in the Program Solicitation (anticipated to be on or about February 18, 2000, at 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time).

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