

parking structure to replace existing parking that would be displaced by development of the CVN nuclear propulsion plant maintenance facilities. The projects necessary to create the capacity to support CVN homeporting could be completed as early as 2014. No CVN homeport change will occur before operational, maintenance, and support facility projects are completed.

Selection of the CVN to be homeported at NAVSTA Mayport would not occur until approximately one year prior to the ship's transfer to NAVSTA Mayport. Selection of a specific CVN for homeporting at NAVSTA Mayport will be based upon then current operational needs, strategic considerations, and maintenance cycles.

The DON environmental analysis included extensive studies regarding impacts associated with dredging, facility construction, and homeport operations. The environmental analysis undertaken by the DON included lengthy and detailed consultations with regulatory agencies, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), regarding impacts to endangered and threatened species, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding dredging operations and the in-water disposal of dredged materials. Public awareness and participation were integral components of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Record of Decision (ROD) has been distributed to all those individuals who requested a copy of the Final EIS and agencies and organizations that received a copy of the Final EIS. The complete text of the Navy's ROD is available for public viewing on the project Web site at <http://www.mayporthomeportingeis.com>, along with copies of the FEIS and supporting documents. Single copies of the ROD will be made available upon request by contacting Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southeast, Attn: Mr. Royce Kemp, Building 903, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL 32212-0030 Phone: 904-542-6899.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Supplemental Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Employment of Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) Sonar.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Executive Order 12114, the Navy is announcing its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Supplemental Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (SOEIS) for the employment of SURTASS LFA sonar.

DATES: Written comments regarding the scope of this environmental document must be submitted within 45 days of January 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the SURTASS LFA Sonar SEIS/SOEIS should be addressed to: Chief of Naval Operations, Code N872A, c/o SURTASS LFA Sonar SEIS/SOEIS Program Manager, 4100 Fairfax Drive, Suite 730, Arlington, Virginia 22203; or e-mail: eisteam@mindspring.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief of Naval Operations, Code N872A, c/o SURTASS LFA Sonar SEIS/SOEIS Program Manager, 4100 Fairfax Drive, Suite 730, Arlington, Virginia 22203; or e-mail: eisteam@mindspring.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final Overseas Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS/EIS) for the Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) Sonar was completed in January 2001 and supplemented in April 2007 by the SURTASS LFA Sonar Supplemental EIS (SEIS). The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment) (ASN(I&E)) reviewed the SURTASS LFA Sonar SEIS and, based upon review of the comparative analysis of the potential for environmental and socioeconomic effects from the five alternatives presented in the Final SEIS, announced the decision to employ up to four SURTASS LFA sonar systems with certain geographical restrictions and other mitigation designed to reduce adverse effects on the marine environment. This decision implemented the preferred alternative, Alternative 2, identified in the Final SEIS.

ASN (I&E) found that the analysis in the SEIS had taken the requisite "hard look" at the environmental consequences of the decision to employ the SURTASS LFA sonar and issued the Record of Decision (ROD) on August 15, 2007.

However, in recognition of continued concerns raised in litigation over employment of the SURTASS LFA sonar system, to support issuance of a new Final Rule under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) for the taking of marine mammals incidental to employment of SURTASS LFA sonar systems, and to continue the Navy's commitment to responsible stewardship of the marine environment, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Environment) (DASN(E)) has determined that the purposes of NEPA would be furthered by the preparation of an additional supplemental analysis related to employment of the system. This analysis will focus on potential offshore (i.e., greater than 12 nautical miles (nm) (22 kilometers (km)) from any coastline) biologically important areas (OBIA) in regions of the world where the Navy intends to use the SURTASS LFA sonar systems for routine training, testing, and military operations. The new SEIS/SOEIS will also include further analysis of whether, in some locations, using a larger coastal standoff distance, where the continental shelf extends farther than the current 12 nm standoff distance, is practicable for SURTASS LFA sonar. Further analysis of the potential for cumulative impacts involving other active sonar sources will also be addressed in the new SEIS/SOEIS. Once completed, information developed from these analyses will be used to assist the Navy in determining how to employ SURTASS LFA sonar, including the selection of operating areas that the Navy requires for routine training, testing, and military operations in requests for MMPA Letters of Authorization (LOAs) submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NMFS will be a cooperating agency under NEPA regulation (40 CFR 1501.6) for the development of the SEIS/SOEIS. The SEIS/SOEIS will comply with both NEPA and Executive Order 12114.

The Navy and NMFS are soliciting scoping comments on the above topics. With respect to any potential offshore biologically important areas in regions of the world where SURTASS LFA sonar may operate, for purposes of this NEPA analysis these areas are defined in the SURTASS LFA Final OEIS/EIS as areas outside of 12 nm (22 km) from any coastline, including islands, where marine animals of concern (those

animals listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and/or marine mammals) congregate in high densities to carry out biologically important activities. Such areas may include migration corridors; breeding and calving grounds; and feeding grounds. To facilitate evaluation of any proposed area, any comment should provide the geographic boundaries of the area, a list of species of concern in the area, the basis or rationale for considering the area (e.g., the biologically important activities taking place for each species), seasonal importance if relevant, and citations to any relevant published literature for the area. The listing of OBAs is provided in the current Final Rule (50 CFR 216.184).

Federal, state and local agencies, interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate in the scoping process for the SEIS/SOIS. All scoping comments must be postmarked within 45 days from the publication of this notice in the Federal Register and submitted to: Chief of Naval Operations, Code N872A, c/o SURTASS LFA Sonar SEIS/SOIS Program Manager, 4100 Fairfax Drive, Suite 730, Arlington, Virginia 22203; or e-mail: eisteam@mindspring.com.

Additional information concerning SURTASS LFA Sonar and pertinent environmental documents is available at: <http://www.surtass-lfa-eis.com>.

Dated: January 8, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 23, 2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information

collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 13, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,
Leader, Information Collections Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Title 34 CFR Part 602 The Secretary's Recognition of Accrediting Agencies.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 73.

Burden Hours: 1,241.

Abstract: In compliance with Title 34 CFR Part 602, this information is required to determine if an accrediting agency complies with the Secretary of Education's Criteria for Recognition. Only postsecondary institutions accredited by such a Recognized-accrediting agency may obtain Title IV funding for its students.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3931. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Overview Information Indian Education—Demonstration Grants for Indian Children; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.299A.

DATES:

Applications Available: January 21, 2009.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 6, 2009.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 5, 2009.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children program is to provide financial assistance to projects that develop, test, and demonstrate the effectiveness of services and programs to improve the educational opportunities and achievement of preschool, elementary, and secondary Indian students.

Priorities: This competition contains two absolute priorities and two competitive preference priorities. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), the absolute priorities are from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 263.21(c)(1) and (3)). In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), the competitive