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U.S. General Services Administration Invites You to a Public Scoping Meeting on the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center Environmental Impact Statement

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations [40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508]) and the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR PART 800). The EIS will analyze and assess the environmental impacts of site acquisition and development of the U.S. Department of State (DOS), Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) on two adjacent parcels at the Virginia Army National Guard's Maneuver Training Center at Fort Pickett and Nottoway County's Pickett Park in Nottoway County, Virginia. The impact analysis has not yet started, and no decisions about the proposal have been made. Possible alternative site layouts for the program and taking no action on the proposal will be evaluated in the EIS. The proposed FASTC is expected to train 8,000-10,000 students per year and includes driving tracks, firing ranges, mock urban environments, explosives ranges, classrooms, simulation labs, a fitness center, administrative offices, dormitories, a dining hall, and emergency response facilities.

GSA is initiating a scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that will be addressed in the EIS. As part of the public participation process, GSA plans to hold a **public scoping meeting** to obtain input from the public on what should be studied in the EIS. The meeting will be conducted using an open house format with informational displays and materials available for public review. There will be no formal presentations. GSA and DOS staff will be present at the open house to answer general questions on the FASTC proposal and the EIS process, and to listen to your concerns. Please attend at your convenience **anytime between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

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More information on the FASTC program is available at <http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc>. During the 30-day scoping period from October 4, 2011 through November 3, 2011, the public can provide comments in three ways: 1) provide written comments at the scoping meeting, 2) submit comments via email to FASTC.info@gsa.gov, or 3) mail comments to: Ms. Abigail Low, GSA Project Manager, 20 N 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. **Please submit all comments by November 3, 2011** to ensure they are considered during preparation of the Draft EIS.