

# FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECURITY TRAINING CENTER [FASTC]

An American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project



## NEPA PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### PARTICIPATE TODAY

- Your comments are an important part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) processes and will contribute to the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- There are three ways to comment on the Supplemental Draft EIS until February 23, 2015:
  1. Provide written comments at tonight's meeting
  2. Submit comments electronically to [FASTC.info@gsa.gov](mailto:FASTC.info@gsa.gov)
  3. Mail your comments to:

Ms. Abigail Low, Project Manager  
U.S. General Services Administration  
20 N 8th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

### HOW WILL MY COMMENTS BE CONSIDERED?

- Comments received during the Supplemental Draft EIS review and comment period (January 9 - February 23, 2015) will be considered and addressed in the Final EIS
- No final decision about moving forward with the project will be made until after completion of the Final EIS
- Your input helps GSA identify key environmental concerns and arrive at the best possible decision
- The final decision will be announced in a Record of Decision



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**Comment Form  
FASTC Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has prepared a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed U.S. Department of State FASTC in Nottoway County. The Supplemental Draft EIS is available at local libraries and on the project website: [www.state.gov/recovery/fastc](http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc). Please submit your comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS no later than February 23, 2015 by:

- Filling out this form and dropping it in the comment box at the public information meeting.
- Submitting comments electronically via email to: [FASTC.info@gsa.gov](mailto:FASTC.info@gsa.gov)
- Mailing your comment form to: Ms. Abigail Low, GSA Project Manager, 20 N 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Please provide comments no later than February 23, 2015 to ensure they are considered during preparation of the Final Supplemental EIS.

**Please Note:** The information and comments provided are published in the Final Supplemental EIS and become part of the administrative record associated with the proposed action.

Please check here if you would **NOT** like to be on the Email/Mailing list: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you would **like** your name and Email/Mailing address kept private (i.e., not published in the Final Supplemental EIS documents): \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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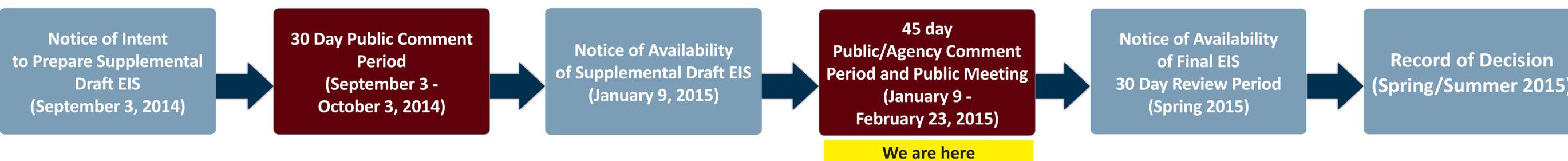
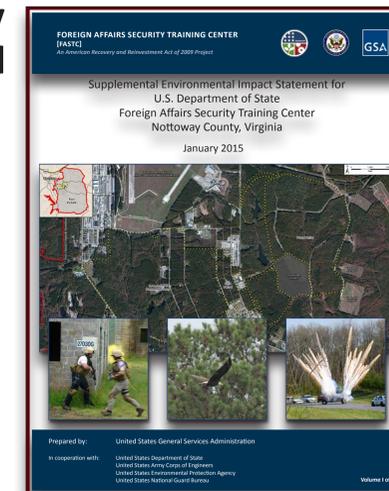
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### SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIS AVAILABILITY

- Printed copies of the Supplemental Draft EIS can be reviewed at the following locations:
  - Nottoway County – Louis Spencer Epes Memorial Library
  - Amelia County – James L. Hamner Public Library
  - Brunswick County – Brunswick County Library
  - Dinwiddie County – Dinwiddie Library
  - Lunenburg County – Ripberger Library
  - Prince Edward County – Prince Edward Community Library
  - Chesterfield County – Central Library
  - Mecklenburg County – Southside Regional Library
- A downloadable version of the Supplemental Draft EIS is available at the project website: [www.state.gov/recovery/fastc](http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc)



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## PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE - BUILD ALTERNATIVE 3



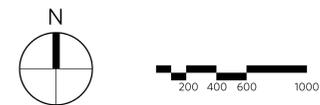
**LEGEND**

**VENUE LIST**

- A01 Administrative Office & Classroom Building
- A08 Fitness Center
- A09/I01 Central Warehouse & Public Works Building
  
- D02-1/2/3 High-Speed Driving Tracks
- D02a Classroom Building (West)
- D02b Classroom Building (Center)
- D02c Classroom Building (East)
- D03 Mock-Urban Driving Track
- D03a/D04a/D05a Classroom Building
- D04 Unimproved Road Driving Course
- D05 Off-Road Driving Course
- D06 Vehicle Maintenance Shop
- D06a Parking Garage
  
- E02 Explosives Demonstration Range
- E02a Classroom Building
- E03 Post-Blast Training Range
- E03a Classroom Building
- E04 Explosives Simulation Alley for IED Recognition
- E04a Classroom Building
- E04b Explosives Simulation Alley Building Structures
- E04c Technical Workshop
- E05 Explosives Breaching Range
- E05a Classroom Building
  
- R02/R04 25m Indoor / 100m Outdoor Firing Range
- R03b Live-Fire Shoot-House
- R03c/R05a/R07 Armory and Classroom Building
- R08 Central Ammunition & Explosives Storage
  
- T01 Tactical Training Building
- T02-2a Mock-Urban Tactical Training Area (MOUT)
- T02-2b Mock Embassy
- T03 Rappel Tower
- T04 Tactical Maze
- T05 Smoke House

**LANDSCAPE CONDITIONS**

- Wetland Zone
- Wetland Buffer
- Forested Area
- Grassland
- Clearing



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

### Resources Studied

- Climate
- Topography, Geology, and Soils
- Water Resources
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Land Use and Zoning
- Socioeconomics
- Traffic and Transportation
- Recreation
- Utilities and Infrastructure
- Public Health and Safety
- Aesthetic and Visual Resources
- Hazardous Substances



### Impact Analysis

- Effects may be beneficial or adverse
- Impacts are evaluated for significance based on:
  - Setting - Where effects occur
  - Quality - How much of an effect
  - Time - How often the effect occurs

### Build Alternative 3

- Beneficial socioeconomic effects in study area - includes Nottoway County, Chesterfield County, and six adjacent counties
- Combined economic effects of construction and operations:
  - 1,633 temporary jobs during peak construction in 2016
  - 783 permanent direct and indirect jobs by 2020 and beyond
  - Long term operations output: \$100 million annually
  - Net positive fiscal revenues for Nottoway, Chesterfield, and other counties
  - Induced business growth could be accommodated in existing commercial and business zones

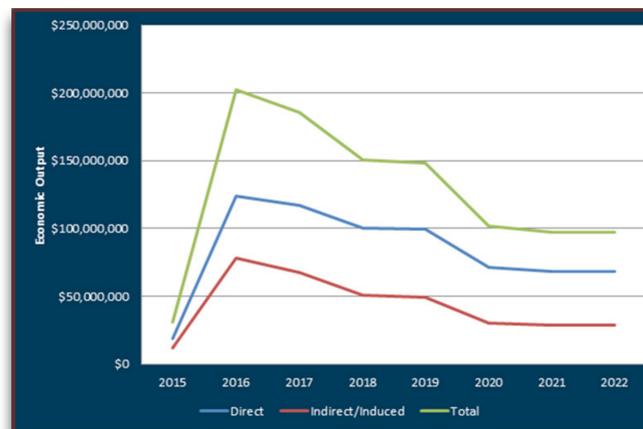


Table 4.2-15. Estimated FTE Employment from Combined Construction and Operations 2015-2021

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Direct	160	1,103	1,000	847	837	597	574
Indirect/Induced	94	608	522	382	370	223	209
Total	254	1,711	1,522	1,229	1,207	820	783

Note: \* Estimate for 2020 represents steady-state operations but some construction activity would also generate impacts. As such, 2021 represents the steady-state for combined impacts.

### Build Alternative 3

- Direct and indirect adverse impacts to wetlands, streams, and forest
  - Not significant because of avoidance efforts and planning design measures to minimize and mitigate impacts
  - Ongoing consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the effects to northern long-eared bat
- No adverse effects on historic properties - cultural resources
- Temporary air quality impacts from construction; long-term minor air emissions increases from operations
- Minor noise impacts northwest of Fort Pickett boundary from the increase in peak explosive noise events
- Traffic impacts not significant; additional study of potential turning lane improvements by VDOT warranted
- Adverse impact to recreational hunting not significant
- Moderate impact on utilities; potential cumulative effect to wastewater treatment capacity

