DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Federal Advisory Committee meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) will take place. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: Tuesday, September 13, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; Wednesday, September 14, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Alexandria—Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Bowling or DACOWITS Staff at 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 403, Alexandria, Virginia 22350–9000; robert.d.bowling1 civ@mail.mil; telephone (703) 607–2122, fax (703) 614–6233. Any updates to the agenda or any additional information can be found at http://dacowits.defense.gov/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and section 10(a), Public Law 92–463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the DACOWITS.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to receive briefings and updates relating to their current work. The Committee will start the meeting with the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) giving a status update on the Committee’s requests for information. There will then be a panel discussion with the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps to discuss the Curriculum Standards for Infantry Officer School. This will be followed by a panel discussion with the Military Services on their Gender Neutral Occupational Standards. This will be followed with a public comment period. Day one will end with a panel discussion with the Military Services on their Maternity Uniforms. On the second day the Committee will receive a briefing from the Joint Advertising Market Research & Studies (JAMRS) Office on the Nation’s Recruitable Population, which will then be followed by a panel discussion with the Military Services on the same topic. Lastly, the Committee will propose and vote on their 2016 Recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DACOWITS. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the point of contact listed at the address in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2016. If a written statement is not received by Tuesday, September 6, 2016, prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the DACOWITS until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timelyle submissions with the DACOWITS Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the Committee. If members of the public are interested in making an oral statement, a written statement should be submitted. After reviewing the written comments, the Chair and the DFO will determine who of the requesting persons will be able to make an oral presentation during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140(d), determination of who will be making an oral presentation is at the sole discretion of the Committee Chair and the DFO, and will depend on time available and if the topics are relevant to the Committee’s activities. Five minutes will be allotted to persons desiring to make an oral presentation. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. in front of the full Committee. The number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 13, 2016, From 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

—Welcome, Introductions, Announcements
—Request for Information Status Update
—Panel Discussion—Curriculum Standards for Infantry Officer School
—Panel Discussion—Gender Neutral Occupational Standards
—Public Comment Period
—Panel Discussion—Maternity Uniforms

Wednesday, September 14, 2016, From 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

—Welcome and Announcements
—Briefing—The Nation’s Recruitable Population
—Panel Discussion—The Nation’s Recruitable Population
—Committee Proposes and Votes on 2016 Recommendations

Dated: August 19, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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 (DON) announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that may result from implementing alternative desert tortoise translocation plans at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms (hereinafter “the Combat Center”). The Supplemental EIS is a supplement to the Final EIS for “Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment to Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground Task Force Live Fire and Maneuver Training” dated July 2012 (hereinafter “2012 Final EIS”) (77 FR 44234).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 40 CFR 1502.9(c), a Supplemental EIS is being prepared to evaluate new information relevant to environmental concerns associated with translocation of tortoises from specific training areas on newly acquired lands. Translocation was deemed necessary to mitigate the moderate to high levels of impact on the tortoise population from the Marine Expeditionary Brigade training activities assessed in the 2012 Final EIS. Since the 2012 Final EIS, the Marine Corps has conducted additional detailed studies and worked cooperatively with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on alternative translocation plans for the desert tortoise, as required in a 2012 Biological Opinion (BO) issued by the USFWS. In light of new information gained from these efforts, the DON has elected to undertake measures to minimize the “take” of desert tortoises including: • Establishment of new Special Use Areas (tortoises habitat areas where military training and Off-Highway Vehicle use will be prohibited); • Translocation Program; • Desert Tortoise Headstarting and Population Augmentation; and • Monitoring.

While the 2012 Final EIS and associated BO committed the Marine Corps to accomplish the following goals in support of the project that was described in the 2012 Final EIS, selected in the 2013 Record of Decision (ROD) (78 FR 11632), and authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

The Marine Corps needs to implement the proposed action to satisfy requirements identified in the 2012 Final EIS and associated 2012 BO. The 2012 BO concluded that the implementation of the Preferred Alternative in the 2012 Final EIS would likely result in the “take” of desert tortoises associated with military training, tortoise translocation efforts, and authorized and unauthorized Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use by recreationists displaced from former areas of the Johnson Valley OHV Area. The 2013 ROD and associated BO committed the Marine Corps to undertake measures to minimize the “take” of desert tortoises including: • Establishment of new Special Use Areas (tortoises habitat areas where military training and Off-Highway Vehicle use will be prohibited); • Translocation Program; • Desert Tortoise Headstarting and Population Augmentation; and • Monitoring.

The 2013 ROD and associated BO analyzed two potential action alternatives and a No-Action Alternative for the translocation of desert tortoise from training impact areas. Each alternative will identify recipient sites (to which tortoises would be translocated), and control sites (where the resident tortoise populations will be studied to provide comparative data on survival, threats to survival, habitat stability and changes, and health and disease relative to the translocated tortoise populations at the recipient sites). Each alternative will also include details of the proposed tortoise translocation, including specific handling procedures, fencing, clearance surveys, 30 years of post-translocation monitoring, and other research activities.

The Combat Center identified and applied screening criteria from the 2011 USFWS revised recovery plan for the Mojave population of the desert tortoise and the 2011 USFWS guidance for translocation of desert tortoises to evaluate and select the proposed recipient sites/areas under each alternative. These criteria relate to land use, habitat quality, population levels, disease prevalence, and distance from collection. The Combat Center also screened for research and monitoring feasibility.

Under the No-Action Alternative, the Marine Corps would conduct translocation of desert tortoises in accordance with the General Translocation Plan (GTP) described in the 2012 BO. Alternatives 1 and 2 primarily parallel the No-Action Alternative in the selection of proposed recipient and control areas and in the distribution of desert tortoises at each release site. Compared to the No Action Alternative, Alternatives 1 and 2 would also include additional research studies and reflect updated information obtained from the 3-year program of surveys conducted since the 2012 Final EIS. Alternative 2 differs from Alternative 1 in that: (1) One less recipient site would be used; (2) the pairing of control sites to recipient sites would be different; (3) the Bullion control site would be located on the Combat Center instead of within the Cleghorn Lakes Wilderness Area; and (4) translocation densities would be different.

The Supplemental EIS will analyze environmental effects associated primarily with biological resources, land use, air quality, and cultural resources. The Supplemental EIS analysis will evaluate direct, indirect, short-term and long-term impacts, as well as cumulative impacts from other relevant activities. Additionally, the DON will undertake any consultations required by all applicable laws or regulations.

BLM has been invited to be a Cooperating Agency on the preparation of the Supplemental EIS since many of the lands to which tortoises would be relocated are managed by BLM. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4), the DON will prepare, circulate, and file the Supplemental EIS in the same fashion (exclusive of scoping) as it did the draft and 2012 Final EIS. This will include providing a Draft Supplemental EIS for a 45-day public review period in October 2016, during which three (3) public information meetings will be held in the communities of Joshua Tree, Palm Springs, and Barstow. A Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental EIS and Notice of Public Meetings will be published in the Federal Register, in area newspapers, and on the Supplemental EIS Web site at http://LADTT.com in advance of the release of the Draft Supplemental EIS and the public meetings. Those notices will identify further details about the public meetings and the specific opportunities and methods for the public to provide comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS.

The mailing list for the Supplemental EIS is based on the 2012 Final EIS. Those on this list will receive notices and documents related to Supplemental EIS preparation. This list includes local, state, and federal agencies with jurisdiction or other interests in the alternatives. In addition, the mailing list includes adjacent property owners, affected municipalities, and other interested parties such as conservation
and off-highway vehicle organizations. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list may request to be added by contacting the Supplemental EIS project manager at the address below.

No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the Supplemental EIS process is completed and a ROD is signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) or designee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
NEPA Program Manager (Attn: Mr. Scott Kerr), Bldg. 1418, MAGFTFC/ MCAGCC, Twentynine Palms, CA 92278–8104; phone: 760–830–8190; email: Scott.Kerr@usmc.mil.

Dated: August 18, 2016.

C. Pan, Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2016–ICCD–0093]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; 2012/17 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study: (BPS:12/17)

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 24, 2016.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the Docket ID number ED–2016–ICCD–0093. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E–349, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact NCES Information Collections at NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: 2012/17 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study: (BPS:12/17).

OMB Control Number: 1850–0631.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals.
Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 39,399.
Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 55,002.

Abstract: The 2012/17 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS:12/17) is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education (ED). BPS is designed to follow a cohort of students who enroll in postsecondary education for the first time during the same academic year, irrespective of the date of high school completion. The study collects data on students’ persistence in and completion of postsecondary education programs; their transition to employment; demographic characteristics; and changes over time in their goals, marital status, income, and debt, among other indicators. Data from BPS are used to help researchers and policymakers better understand how financial aid influences persistence and completion, what percentages of students complete various degree programs, what are the early employment and wage outcomes for certificate and degree attainers, and why students leave school. This request is to conduct the BPS:12/17 full-scale data collection, including a student interview, file matching to various administrative data sources, and collection of corresponding postsecondary education transcripts and student records.

Dated: August 19, 2016.

Tomakie Washington, Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Reopening the Fiscal Year 2016 Competition for Certain Eligible Applicants; Investing in Innovation Fund—Development Grants Full Application

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.411C]

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 25, 2016, we published in the Federal Register (81 FR 24070) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2016 for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund Development competition. The Department reopens the FY 2016 i3 Development Grants competition for, and will accept applications from, certain prospective eligible applicants affected by the severe storms and flooding beginning on August 11, 2016, and continuing, in Louisiana. We are reopening this competition in order to help affected eligible applicants compete fairly with other eligible applicants under this competition.