The SEIS will also consider the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the DoN would continue to implement the September 2010 ROD. The decision to construct and operate the live-fire training range complex would remain deferred, and DoN would establish a main cantonment area for approximately 8,600 Marines and approximately 9,000 dependents on DoD-controlled lands at NCTS Finegayan and South Finegayan and by acquiring land known as the former FAA parcel. Although the No Action Alternative assumes the present course of action identified in the September 2010 ROD, for purposes of assessing the environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives in the SEIS, the DoN will compare the impacts of the proposed action to the baseline conditions identified in the July 2010 Final EIS. Baseline conditions will be updated in the SEIS, as appropriate, if new information is made available. The No Action Alternative is not a reasonable alternative. Foremost, it is inconsistent with the new force posture adopted by the DoD in accordance with the SCC’s April 27, 2012 adjustments to the Roadmap, which provide for a materially smaller relocated force on Guam. Furthermore, the No Action Alternative neither satisfies the need for training requirements for the relocated Marines as mandated in Section 5063 of Title 10 the U.S. Code, nor the individual live-fire training requirements as described in the Final EIS and ROD.

The SEIS will evaluate environmental effects associated with: Geology and soils; water resources, which may include surface and ground water, floodplains, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers; terrestrial biology; threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitat (if applicable); air quality; noise; airspace; cultural resources; socioeconomics; environmental justice (minority and low income populations and children); land use and coastal zone management; federal consistency; utilities; transportation; hazardous materials; hazardous waste/installation restoration; public health and safety; and other environmental concerns as identified through scoping. The analysis will include an evaluation of direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities in the area of Guam. Additionally, the DoN will undertake any consultations required by all applicable laws or regulations.

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

By publishing this Notice, the DoN is initiating a scoping process to identify community concerns and issues that should be addressed in the SEIS. Federal, Territorial, and local agencies, and interested parties and persons are encouraged to provide comments on the proposed action that clearly describe specific issues or topics of environmental concern that the commenter believes the DoN should consider. Additional information will be posted on the project website as it becomes available.

Comments may be submitted in writing at one of the public scoping meetings, through the project website at: http://guambuildupeis.us, or may be mailed to: Joint Guam Program Office Forward, P.O. Box 153246, Santa Rita, Guam, 96915.

To ensure consideration, all written comments on the scope of the SEIS must be submitted or postmarked by December 10, 2012, ChST.


C.K. Chiappetta,
Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Shepherd, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division, 110 Vernon Ave., Panama City, FL 32407–7001.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Annual Public Meeting of the Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The annual public meeting of the Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling (ISCMEM) will convene to discuss the latest developments in environmental modeling applications, tools and frameworks as well as new operational initiatives for FY 2013 among the participating agencies. The meeting will be hosted by the U.S. Geological Survey, one of the participants in the ISCMEM, at its headquarters facility in Reston, VA. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties may attend.

DATES: November 7 and 8, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EST and November 9, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, EST.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pre-registration may be accomplished through the ISCMEM public Web site: http://iemhub.org/topics/iscmem. Instructions for registration through the Web site may be requested by email to Whelan.Gene@epamail.epa.gov. Other inquiries and notice of intent to attend the meeting may be faxed or emailed to: Dr. Ming Zhu, ISCMEM Chair, U.S.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: In 2001 six Federal agencies began formal cooperation under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the research and development of multimedia (i.e., air, soil, water) environmental models. This MOU established the Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling (ISCMEM). The MOU was revised and renewed in 2006 and 2011. The MOU establishes a framework for facilitating cooperation and coordination among research organizations in the participating agencies. So far, six agencies have signed the current renewal of the MOU: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Engineer Research and Development Center); the U.S. Department of Energy (Office of Environmental Management); the U.S. Department of Interior (U.S. Geological Survey); the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Office of Research and Development); the U.S. National Science Foundation (Geosciences Directorate); and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research). Other agencies are still reviewing the revised MOU.

In ISCMEM, agencies work to cooperate and coordinate in the research and development of all aspects of multimedia environmental modeling. This includes development and enhancements of software, databases, and interoperability. It includes applications and assessment of site specific, generic, and process-oriented multimedia environmental models as they pertain to human and environmental health risk assessment. Multimedia environmental model development and simulation supports interagency interests in risk assessment, uncertainty analyses, and management of geologic, hydrologic, atmospheric, terrestrial, and ecological resources. The topics to be discussed this year focus on: (1) Development of frameworks and platforms; (2) subsurface biogeochemical studies; (3) cyber-water research program; and (4) integration modeling for national weather services, water resources management, and surface water and ecological systems.

Purpose of the Public Meeting: The annual public meeting provides an opportunity for the scientific community, ISCMEM members and other Federal and State agencies, and the public to discuss ISCMEM activities and their initiatives for the upcoming year, and to discuss technological advancements in multimedia environmental modeling.

Proposed Agenda: The ISCMEM Chair will open the meeting with a brief overview of the goals of the MOU and an update on current activities and future plans of ISCMEM. This introduction will be followed by a series of invited technical presentations for the remainder of the first day and for the entire second day, focusing on topics of mutual interest to ISCMEM participants. The steering committee will hold an open business session on the morning of the third day. A detailed agenda with presentation titles and speakers will be posted on the ISCMEM public Web site: http://iemhub.org/topics/iscmem. The agenda and instructions for registration will also be available through the list of public meetings on the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings.html.

Meeting Access: The meeting facility at the U.S. Geological Survey Headquarters is located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA, near the Washington Dulles International Airport. Directions to the U.S. Geological Survey Headquarters can be found on its Web site at http://www.usgs.gov/visitors/directions.asp. The most convenient transportation to the meeting venue is via automobile. There is free visitor parking at the U.S. Geological Survey facility. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Please allow time to register with building security and bring two photo ID’s. Direct access to the meeting facility is available on the same level and near the visitor security check-in. Please pre-register through the Web site listed above under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT or via the agency contact information. Please follow signs for the ISCMEM public meeting.

Ming Zhu,
Chair, Federal Interagency Steering Committee on Multimedia Environmental Modeling.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice 2012–0526]

Application for Final Commitment for a Long-term Loan or Financial Guarantee in Excess of $100 Million; 25 Day Comment Period

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the U.S.
ACTION: Notice of 25 day comment period regarding an application for final commitment for a long-term loan or financial guarantee in excess of $100 million.

Reason for Notice: This Notice is to inform the public, in accordance with Section 3(c)(10) of the Charter of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (“Ex-Im Bank”), that Ex-Im Bank has received an application for final commitment for a long-term loan or financial guarantee in excess of $100 million (as calculated in accordance with Section 3(c)(10) of the Charter). Comments received within the comment period specified below will be presented to the Ex-Im Bank Board of Directors prior to final action on this Transaction.

Reference: AP086383XX.

Purpose and Use

Brief description of the purpose of the transaction:

To support the export of U.S. services and equipment for setting up of new gasification plant and the expansion and improvement of petrochemical manufacturing facilities in India.

Brief non-proprietary description of the anticipated use of the items being exported:

To be used for the expansion and improvement of petrochemical manufacturing facilities and setting up of new gasification plant in India. To the extent that Ex-Im Bank is reasonably aware, the item(s) being exported may be used to produce exports or provide services in competition with the exportation of goods or provision of services by a United States industry.

Parties

Principal Supplier: Fluor Enterprises, Inc.
Obligor: Reliance Industries Limited.
Guarantor(s): N/A.

Description of Items Being Exported

Gas turbines, compressors, centrifuges, technology licenses, engineering services and related equipment.

Information on Decision: Information on the final decision for this transaction