

under items 5402.49.9005 and 5404.10.8005 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in apparel articles, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. It requests quota- and duty-free treatment under the AGOA and the CBTPA for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn in one or more AGOA or CBTPA beneficiary countries from such yarns or from U.S.-formed fabrics containing such yarns.

Essential characteristics of the yarn in question are:

1. Created from a synthetic polymer, with low but significant crystallinity, composed of at least 99 percent by weight of ethylene and at least one other olefin unit.
2. Heat resistance to temperatures up to and greater than 220 degrees Celsius.
3. Exhibits substantial elasticity.
4. Chemical resistance to the most stringent chemicals used in textile processing today.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether these yarns can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Also relevant is whether other yarns that are supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner are substitutable for these yarns for purposes of the intended use. Comments must be received no later than March 18, 2003. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such comments or information to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that these yarns can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner, CITA will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of the yarns stating that it produces the yarns that are the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

CITA will protect any business confidential information that is marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. CITA will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request and non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request in room 3100 in the Herbert Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-

confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

Philip J. Martello,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Purchasing Land and Establishing a Naval Special Warfare Riverine and Jungle Training Range in the Easement Buffer of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration's John C. Stennis Space Center, Hancock County, MS, and to Announce Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section (102)(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of purchasing 5,200 acres of privately owned property located within the northwestern acoustic buffer zone at the National Aeronautical and Space Administration's John C. Stennis Space Center (Stennis Space Center) in Hancock County, Mississippi, and using the acquired acreage as a Naval Special Warfare Riverine and Jungle Training Range. Live-fire training on the range would use small arms Short Range Training Ammunition (SRTA) that has a plastic, non-lead, non-explosive projectile, and a limited flight profile.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Public scoping meetings will be held in Hancock County, MS and St. Tammany Parish, LA to receive oral and written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Public scoping open houses will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Hancock High School, 7084 Stennis Airport Dr., Kiln, MS and Thursday, March 20, 2003, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Slidell City Auditorium, 2056 2nd St., Slidell, LA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Davis, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, PO

Box 190010, North Charleston, SC 29419-9010, telephone (843) 820-5589, facsimile (843) 820-7472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action will provide Special Operations Forces with reliable and priority access to a training range characterized by a permanent riverine and jungle environment and where live-fire exercises using SRTA can be conducted adjacent to the Stennis Space Center. Establishment of this range would meet the need of Special Operations Forces to train under realistic combat scenarios, thereby increasing their readiness to support national defense objectives and reducing combat casualties. It would also provide a range where Special Operations Forces could deploy the maritime unmanned aerial vehicle and conduct exercises using helicopters, boats, and vehicles.

Alternatives to be considered in the EIS address the type and tempo of training to be conducted on the range. The basic range alternative includes small arms training with SRTA along the reaches of the Pearl and Mikes River. Enhanced training alternatives will also be analyzed, which will also provide for the additional use of maritime unmanned aerial vehicles and helicopter insertions and extractions at variable tempos (tentatively either 36 or 60 events annually). A discussion of preliminary range locations will be included and the alternative of no action will also be addressed. In addition, the EIS may also consider other alternatives should they be defined during the public scoping process and meet established training criteria.

The EIS will evaluate the environmental effects associated with identified alternatives. Issues to be addressed will include, but not be limited to: Geology; biotic communities, including threatened and endangered species; water resources; noise; air quality; non-military land uses and access; cultural resources; transportation and waterway navigation; and water and land contaminants. The analysis will include an evaluation of the direct, indirect, short-term, and cumulative impacts. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the NEPA process is completed.

The Navy is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that should be addressed in the EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments to the Navy to identify specific issues or topics of

environmental concern that should be addressed in the EIS. Written comments must be postmarked by April 21, 2003, and should be mailed to: Special Warfare Training Range EIS, c/o Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010, Attn: Code ES12/RD (Richard A. Davis), telephone (843) 820-5589, facsimile (843) 820-7472, e-mail: DavisRA@efdsouth.navy.mil.

Dated: February 25, 2003.

R.E. Vincent II,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Advisors (BOA) to the President, U.S. Naval War College (NWC)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The BOA to the President, U.S. NWC, will meet to discuss educational, doctrinal, and research policies and programs at the NWC. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday, March 21, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Conolly Hall, U.S. NWC, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard R. Menard, Office of the Provost, U.S. NWC, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI 02841-1207, telephone number (401) 841-3589.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The purpose of the Board of Advisors meeting is to elicit advice on educational, doctrinal, and research policies and programs. The agenda will consist of presentations and discussions on the curriculum, programs and plans of the College since the last meeting of the BOA on 15 and 16 August 2000.

Dated: February 26, 2003.

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Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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DOE Expression of Program Interest Regarding Hydrogen Production and Delivery Research

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Issuance of Expression of Program Interest (EOPI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies, as part of the President's FreedomCAR and Fuel Initiative, is requesting information through this Expression of Program Interest (EOPI) from interested parties regarding topics for research and development in the hydrogen production and delivery technologies areas. DOE may use this information in preparation of a solicitation and is seeking input from the hydrogen community to ensure topics covered in the solicitation encompass promising technology areas.

DATES: The EOPI is currently open and will close on March 14, 2003. It is anticipated that a solicitation will be issued later in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the EOPI, interested parties should access the DOE Golden Field Office Web site at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>, click on "Solicitations", and then access the solicitation link. The link will provide direct access to the EOPI (listed as DE-PS36-03GO93007) on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site. Instructions for using the IIPS Web site are provided at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>.

The EOPI can also be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing for existing business opportunities and then browsing "Opportunities by Program Office" for those actions issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue paper copies of the EOPI.

Any future solicitation resulting from this EOPI will be assigned the same Number (DE-PS36-03GO93007) and will be accessible via the Golden Field Office Web site or IIPS Web site as described above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The EOPI submissions and any questions should be sent via e-mail to: hydrogen_interest@nrel.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies, as part of the President's FreedomCAR and Fuel Initiative, is requesting information from interested parties regarding topics for research and development in the hydrogen production and delivery technologies areas. DOE is preparing to issue a solicitation and is seeking input from the hydrogen community to ensure topics covered in the solicitation encompass promising technology areas. A framework for submissions is provided in the EOPI, including objective, types information to be submitted, format requirements, and eligibility. Please note that submissions to DOE under this EOPI are provided for information only and will not result in any type of award or financial assistance from DOE to the submitter. Also, DOE will not reimburse any costs associated with submissions under this EOPI.

It is anticipated that a solicitation will be issued later in FY 2003, with DOE financial assistance awards made in FY 2004. A separate announcement will be made by DOE for the issuance of the solicitation.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on February 19, 2003.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Inventions and Innovation Program

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, is funding a competitive grant program entitled the Inventions and Innovation (I&I) Program. The goals of the I&I Program are to improve energy efficiency through the promotion of innovative ideas and inventions that have a significant, potential energy impact and a potential, future commercial market. The following EERE offices and programs are of particular