

Title: Air Force Research Laboratory Market Research Survey.

Needs and Uses: Air Force Research Laboratory has taken on a major effort to improve laboratory service to its strategic partners in industry, academia and government, as well as readership of its quarterly magazine, *AFRL Technology Horizons*®. As such, it is imperative the Research Laboratory understands customers' current perceptions of the laboratory and the magazine. With this information, the Air Force Research Laboratory will be better able to develop communication strategies for the Air Force Research Laboratory to employ with its strategic partners.

Affected Public: Subscribers to *AFRL Technology Horizons* magazine, and government, industry and academia partners and potential partners in technology transfer, dual use science and technology, small business, small business innovation research, and independent research and development.

Annual Burden Hours: 125.

Number of Respondents: Estimate 1,000 voluntary responses through web-based surveys.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: At two-year intervals.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This survey will serve multiple purposes. It will gauge government, industry and academia's awareness of, familiarity with, attitudes about and feelings toward the Air Force Research Laboratory. It will also gauge what the *AFRL Technology Horizons* readership thinks of the magazine and the Air Force Research Laboratory. The survey asks what they currently know about the laboratory and their experiences with various outreach programs such as technology transfer, small business innovation research, independent research and analysis, and dual use science and technology. The survey also asks magazine readers to identify strengths and weaknesses of the magazine to guide the Air Force Research Laboratory in future changes to the magazine to better meet readers' needs. The survey will allow for comparisons of data to better target communication efforts to effectively communicate Air Force Research Laboratory information to the public. Findings from these surveys of the civilian population also will be compared with similar data to be gathered from the internal Air Force Research Laboratory leadership at approximately the same time, providing

a valuable head-to-head comparison of civilians' and Air Force Research Laboratory's leadership perceptions of how well the Air Force Research Laboratory does its job.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) at U.S. Army Alaska

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The DEIS analyzes the environmental impacts of transforming the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to an SBCT at U.S. Army Alaska. The proposed action would affect changes to force structure and changes to ranges, facilities, and infrastructure designed to meet objectives of Army transformation in Alaska. Proposed locations for changes include Fort Wainwright (FWA), Fort Richardson (FRA), and outlying training areas (e.g., Gerstle River Training Area and Black Rapids Training Site). Proposed areas of activity changes on FWA would include cantonment areas, Tanana Flats Training Area, Yukon Training Area, and Donnelly Training Area (formerly Fort Greely). The proposed action would alter various activities on military and training lands in Alaska. The range of proposed activities include: (1) Stationing of forces within USARAK to achieve mission requirements; (2) construction, renovation, and demolition activities; (3) training to achieve and maintain readiness to perform assigned missions; (4) fielding of weapons systems and equipment (to include the Stryker, a light armored vehicle, and the Shadow, an unmanned aerial vehicle); (5) deployment of forces and equipment and specific deployment training activities; and (6) institutional matters to include entire range of day-to-day management and operational activities not otherwise accounted for in other activity categories.

DATES: The comment period for the DEIS will end 60 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the DEIS, ask questions, or submit written comments, contact Mr. Kevin Gardner, Directorate of Public Works, 730 Quartermaster Road, Attention: APVR-RPW-EV (Gardner), Fort Richardson, AK 99505-6500; or Mr. Calvin Bagley, Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML), Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1490.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS analyzes three alternative courses of action with respect to the transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) (172nd SIB) into an SBCT at USARAK: (1) The no action alternative, under which no transformation activities would occur and the existing 172nd SIB mission would continue; (2) the transformation of the 172nd SIB with new infrastructure alternative, under which the 172nd SIB, except for the 1-501st Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR), would transform into an SBCT and the construction of five new SBCT-required facilities; and (3) the transformation of the 172nd SIB with new infrastructure and an Airborne Task Force alternative, under which the 172nd SIB, except for the 1-501st PIR, would transform into an SBCT and the construction of five new SBCT-required facilities. Under this alternative, the 1-501st PIR would be assigned to USARAK and would expand to an Airborne Task Force.

Comments on the DEIS received during the 60-day public comment period will be considered in preparing the USARAK's Final EIS. Public meetings will be held during the comment period and will be announced in the local news media.

Copies of the DEIS are available for review at the following libraries: Z.J. Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska; Chugiak/Eagle River Public Library, 12400 Old Glenn Highway, Eagle River, Alaska; Noel Wien Public Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska; and the Delta Junction Public Library, Deborah Street, Delta Junction, Alaska. The DEIS is also available for review at the following Web site: www.cemml.colostate.edu/alaskaeis.