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The Bureau of Prisons proposes to construct and operate either a high security United States Penitentiary or a medium security Federal Correctional Institution, both with an adjacent minimum security satellite camp, in the Northern Panhandle region of West Virginia. The high security facility would have a rated capacity of approximately 1,000 inmates. The medium security facility would be designed to have a rated capacity of approximately 1,200 inmates, and the minimum security component would house approximately 150–300. Sites currently under consideration are located in Ohio County and Tyler County, West Virginia. The potential site also would be used for road access, administration, programs and services, parking, and support facilities.

In the process of evaluating potential sites, several aspects will receive a detailed examination including utilities, traffic patterns, noise levels, visual intrusions, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, and socio-economic impacts.

Alternatives. In developing the DEIS, the options of "no action" and "alternative sites" for the proposed facility will be fully and thoroughly examined.

Scoping Process. Informal discussions and meetings with local economic development staff have already been held on the proposed project, and during the preparation of the DEIS, there will be numerous other opportunities for public involvement. The public scoping meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at the Northern West Virginia Community College (B & O Auditorium) located at 1704 Market Street, Wheeling, West Virginia. The meeting has been well publicized and is scheduled at a time that will make the meeting possible for the public and interested agencies or organizations to attend.

DEIS Preparation. Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

ADDRESSES: Questions concerning the proposed action and the DEIS can be answered by: David J. Dorworth, Chief, Site Selection & Environmental Review Branch, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20534, Telephone: (202) 514–6470,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Prisons

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Construction of a Federal Correctional Facility in Northeastern West Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY:

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The Bureau of Prisons proposes to construct and operate either a high security United States Penitentiary or a medium security Federal Correctional Institution, both with an adjacent minimum security satellite camp, in Northeastern West Virginia. The high security facility would have a rated capacity of approximately 1,000 inmates. The medium security facility would be designed to have a rated capacity of approximately 1,200 inmates, and the minimum security component would house approximately 150–300. Sites currently under consideration are located in Preston County, West Virginia. The potential site also would be used for road access, administration, programs and services, parking, and support facilities.

In the process of evaluating potential sites, several aspects will receive a detailed examination including utilities, traffic patterns, noise levels, visual intrusions, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, and socio-economic impacts.

Alternatives: In developing the DEIS, the options of "no action" and "alternative sites" for the proposed facility will be fully and thoroughly examined.

Scoping Process: Informal discussions and meetings with local economic development staff have already been

held on the proposed project, and during the preparation of the DEIS, there will be numerous other opportunities for public involvement. The public scoping meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 1998, at the Masontown Volunteer Fire Department building located on West Virginia Route 7 in Masontown, West Virginia. The meeting has been well publicized and is scheduled at a time that will make the meeting possible for the public and interested agencies or organizations to attend.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional

statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Supersedeas Decisions to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of the decisions being superseded and their date of notice in the **Federal Register** are listed with each State. Supersedeas decision numbers are in parentheses following the number of decisions being superseded.

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General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts". This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 10th day of February 1998.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 98-019]

Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability of inventions for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and are available for licensing.

DATE: February 17, 1998.

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NASA Case No. MSC-22419-2: Porous Article with Surface Functionality and Method for Preparing Same;

NASA Case No. MSC-22864-1-CU: Compact Room Temperature Mid-Infrared Laser Sensor for Trace Gas Detection;

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NASA Case No. MSC-22419-4: Distributed Pore Chemistry in Porous Organic Polymers;

NASA Case No. MSC-22419-3: Distributed Pore Chemistry in Porous Organic Polymers;

NASA Case No. MSC-22569-2: Micromechanical Oscillating Mass Balance;

NASA Case No. MSC-22638-1: Method for Rapid Detection of GC Rich Nucleic Acid Polymers;

NASA Case No. MSC-22757-1: Automatic Propellant Blending;

NASA Case No. MSC-22743-1: Proximate Object Locating and Tracking System;

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; National Council on the Arts 133rd Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Council on the Arts will be held on February 27, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in Room M-09 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506.

The meeting will be open to the public on a space available basis. Topics tentatively will include: Swearing in of new Council members, Congressional update, budget update, application review, Guidelines (FY 1999 Partnership Agreements, FY 2000 National Heritage and Jazz Masters Fellowships, and FY 1998 ArtsREACH: Expanding Cultural Opportunities through Community Planning), an update on Millennium Initiatives and general discussion.

If, in the course of discussion, it becomes necessary for the Council to discuss non-public commercial or financial information of intrinsic value, the Council will go into closed session pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b. Additionally, discussion concerning purely personal information about individuals, submitted with grant applications, such as personal biographical and salary data or medical information, may be conducted by the Council in closed session in accordance with subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Any interested persons may attend, as observers, Council discussions and reviews which are open to the public. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 202/682-5532, TTY-TDD 202/682-5429, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from the Office of Communications, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, at 202/682-5570.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation, National Science Board.

DATE AND TIME:

February 26, 1998, 9:00 a.m., Closed Session

February 26, 1998, 9:45 a.m., Open Session

February 27, 1998, 8:30 a.m., Closed Session

February 27, 1998, 9:00 a.m., Open Session

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1225, Arlington, VA 22230.

STATUS: Part of this meeting will be open to the public. Part of this meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Thursday, February 26, 1998

Closed Session (9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.)

—Minutes, November 1997 Meeting

—Vannevar Bush Award

—Alan T. Waterman Award

—Chairman's Items

—Director's Items

—Awards and Agreements

Thursday, February 26, 1998

Open Session (9:45 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)

—Minutes, October 1997

—Minutes, November 1997

—Closed Session Agenda Items for May 1998

—Chairman's Report

—Director's Report

—Director's Merit Review Report

—Reports from Committees

—NSB Report on Graduate Education
—NSB Occasional Paper: Industry Reliance on Publicly-Funded Research

—NSF Long Range Planning

Friday, February 27, 1998

Closed Session (8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.)

—NSF Budget and Planning

Friday, February 27, 1998

Open Session (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

—NSF Long Range Planning (continued)
Issues for Operating in Constrained Fiscal Environments

—Other Business