NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT NAVY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER RELOCATION

The U.S. Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Columbus, Georgia and Directorate of Public Works, Fort Benning, Georgia, hereby announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed U.S. Navy Operational Support Center Relocation to Fort Benning, Georgia. These documents address how Fort Benning plans to complete the Stationing Action for the Navy and provide approximately 21,000 square feet of building space and 36,000 square feet of paved parking in accordance with the NOSC's requirements under the Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) and the Department of Defense Directive 4270.5 for Military Construction.

The EA and Draft FNSI have been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (NEPA; 42 USC 4321 et seq), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the Army NEPA Regulation (Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, Final Rule, 32 CFR Part 651). Publication of this notice begins a 30-day public review period. The public is invited to review and comment on the EA and Draft FNSI from August 6 -September 8, 2015. Copies of the EA and Draft FNSI may be viewed at the following locations:

- 1. Columbus Public Library
- 2. Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library
- 3. Sayers Memorial Library (Fort Benning Main Post Library)
- 4. Phenix City -Russell County Library

In addition, the EA and Draft FNSI are also posted on Fort Benning's website at http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/DPW/EMD/legal.htm. Written comments concerning this Final EA and Draft FNSI are invited; the comments must be received by September 8, 2015 to ensure consideration prior to reaching any FNSI.

Written public comments should be addressed to:

Fort Benning Environmental Management Division, IMBE-PWE-P, C/0 NEPA Program Manager, 6650 Meloy Drive, Building 6, Room 309, Fort Benning, GA 31905-5122

For further information or to request a copy of the documents, please contact the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Programs Management Branch (Attention: Mr. John E. Brown, NEPA Program Manager) or call (706) 545-7549.

Sincerely,

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