

has indicated to the Department of Labor that an on-site sewage treatment and disposal system will be required for the proposed Job Corps Center. The sewage treatment and disposal system for the Job Corps Center will be constructed in accordance with all applicable RIDEM design, permitting, and modeling requirements. The sewage treatment and disposal system will be designed and constructed to minimize impacts to the local ground water overlay district. The EDC has indicated that the abandoned off-site sewage digester will be de-commissioned as necessary to comply with all applicable State and Federal regulations.

Storm water runoff from parking lots, sidewalks, and other structures will be managed in accordance with the requirements of the RIDEM Office of Water Resources/Permitting and the EPA program, and is not anticipated to adversely impact area surface-water quality. Currently, the proposed site is minimally equipped with storm sewers and catch basins. The majority of the site is composed of a natural surface (unpaved) which does not contribute significant run-off to the nearby jurisdictional wetlands. Additional storm sewers will be built as necessary to manage storm water flow from the Job Corps Center.

The State of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Inc. jointly operate the State Central Landfill. The State of Rhode Island is in the process of closing the smaller local landfills and centralizing all solid waste to the Central Landfill location. Representatives of the RIDEM Solid Waste Program reported that the Central Landfill has no specific estimated remaining life due to phased expansions of the landfill. Each city, such as the City of Exeter, has transfer stations where private citizens must bring all solid waste. Private transporters can be hired to transport waste to these stations or the Central Landfill. The majority of commercial operations hire private transporters and this will be the case for the proposed Job Corps facility.

The State of Rhode Island has a current recycling program called the "OSCAR" or "Blue-Basket" Program. Statewide participation in the recycling program is mandatory. The above-mentioned private transporters will also transport recyclable materials. The Job Corps Center will participate in all mandated recycling programs.

Narragansett Electric provides electric service to the project area. Providence Gas Company provides natural gas to the area, and Diamond State Telephone Company provides telephone service. All of these utilities have facilities in

the vicinity, which are adequate to provide the required service. The proposed demands on the building utilities are not expected to have a significant adverse affect on the environment.

This portion of Washington County has a variety of transportation resources. Three interstate highways, U.S. Interstate-95, U.S. Interstate-4, and U.S. Interstate-1, and a system of state highways serve the subject property area. The West Kingston Amtrak Station is located approximately three (3) miles from the subject property. Commercial air service is found at the T. F. Green Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island, which is approximately twelve (12) miles from the subject property. The Rhode Island Public Transit (RIPT) which operates a bus system statewide provides public transportation. Seven days a week service is provided on one of the routes running along Route 2, which is a state route with a boarding point approximately 0.7-miles from the proposed center.

The proposed project will have no significant adverse affects on the local medical, emergency, fire and police services. The primary medical provider located closest to the subject property is South County Hospital. This facility is located approximately ten (10) miles from the subject property. Security services at the Exeter Job Corps will be provided by the center's staff with two (2) personnel on the day shift, three (3) on evening shift, and two (2) on the night shift. The proposed Center will be between the cities of Exeter and Fisherville, Rhode Island. The police department providing police services to the proposed subject property is the Rhode Island State Police, which is located approximately five (5) miles from the subject property.

The closest fire station to the project site is Station #1, located approximately one (1) mile south of the subject property on State Route 2. The Exeter Fire Department is a full time emergency response agency providing 24-hour service. The Exeter area utilizes the 911 emergency call system for all emergencies including fire and police. All emergency services are adequate for the project.

The alternatives considered in the preparation of the EA were as follows: (1) No Action; (2) Construction at an Alternate Site; and (3) Continue Construction as Proposed. The "No Action" alternative was not selected. The "Alternate Site" alternative was not selected. The U. S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) solicited proposals for alternative properties on

March 10, 1998, and received five proposals. Of the five proposed sites evaluated by the Department of Labor, the subject property off of Schoolland Woods Road was the only site within the state of Rhode Island. Due to the adaptability of the existing structures on the site, the lack of alternative construction sites, and the absence of any identified adverse environmental impacts from locating a Job Corps Center at the subject property, the "Continue Construction as Proposed" alternative was selected.

Based on the information gathered during the preparation of the EA, no environmental liabilities, current or historical, were found to exist on the proposed Job Corps Center site. The construction of a Job Corps Center on the undeveloped parcel located off of Schoolland Woods Road in Exeter, Rhode Island will not create any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 6th day of October, 1999.

**Mary Silva,**

*Director of Job Corps.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### **Job Corps: Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the New Job Corps Center Located off of Overlook Terrace within the Charter Oak Business Park in Hartford, CT**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the New Job Corps Center to be located off of Overlook Terrace within the Charter Oak Business Park in Hartford, Connecticut.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulation (40 CFR part 1500-08) implementing procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Job Corps, in accordance with 29 CFR 11.11(d), gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and the proposed plans for a new Job Corps Center will have no significant environmental impact. This Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be made available

for public review and comment for a period of 30 days.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by November 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Any comment(s) are to be submitted to Michael O'Malley, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-4659, Washington, DC, 20210, (202) 219-5468 ext. 115 (this is not a toll-free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the EA and additional information are available to interested parties by contacting Marcus Gray, Regional Director, Region I (One) Office of Job Corps, JFK Federal Building, Room E-350, Boston, MA 02203, (617) 565-2179 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject property is within the Charter Oak Business Park in Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut. The subject property can be accessed via Overlook Terrace, a paved roadway. The EA indicates the subject property consists of an approximately 12-acre parcel of land, identified by the Hartford County Property Identification Number 0299, located in Map 105, Block 002, Lot 001. The subject property is undeveloped, recently cleared land (former public housing). The vicinity (one eight mile) around the subject property has undeveloped parcels (demolished public housing) of land as well as land developed with commercial, industrial, and residential properties.

The proposed site of the Hartford Job Corps Center is located in an area characterized by a suburban setting southwest of downtown Hartford. The site lies on the former location of the Charter Oak Terrace public housing project, which was built in 1941-1942. The public housing project has recently been demolished. The site is currently undeveloped and consists of sparsely scattered evergreen and deciduous clusters.

The proposed Hartford Job Corps Center will be a totally new facility utilizing a campus setting. The facility will consist of several buildings which will support 200 Non-resident Students. Classroom space will be provided in an education building. There will also be a vocational education building, a cafeteria/culinary arts building, a recreation building, an administration and medical/dental building, and a maintenance/warehouse building. The gross area of the facility will be 60,160 square feet (This square footage does not include the proposed outdoor recreation areas). The developed site will be

approximately twelve (12) acres of land purchased by the Department of Labor from the State of Connecticut.

The construction of the Job Corps Center on this undeveloped parcel would be a positive asset to the area in terms of environmental and socioeconomic improvements, and long-term productivity. The proposed Job Corps Center will be a source of employment opportunity for people in the Hartford, Connecticut area. The Job Corps program provides basic education, vocational skills training, work experience, counseling, health care and related support services. This program is designed to graduate students who are ready to participate in the local economy.

The proposed project will not have any significant adverse impact on any natural system or resource. Construction and development activities will not impact jurisdictional wetlands. There are no "historically significant" buildings on the site and no areas of archaeological significance. No state or federal, proposed or listed, threatened or endangered species have been located on the subject property.

Air quality and noise levels should not be affected by the proposed development project in Hartford, Connecticut., except possibly temporarily during construction of the facility. If air and noise pollution permits are required, all pollution sources will be permitted in compliance with applicable pollution control requirements. The proposed Job Corps Center will not significantly increase vehicle traffic in the vicinity.

The proposed project will not have any significant adverse impact on the surrounding water infrastructure, represented by water, sanitary sewer, and storm water systems. The Metropolitan District Committee will provide a new eight-inch water main. The new water main will have a flow/pressure of 100 pounds per square inch (psi). The new water main and distribution systems will be designed to meet the needs of the Job Corps Facility and future developments that may arise in the vicinity.

The new southwest sanitary sewer interceptor (57-inch gravity sewer line) lies east of the site and will provide sewer service for the proposed Job Corps Center. This line continues approximately two miles north until it reaches the Pope Park Highway #4 siphon structure. At this point, the line merges with the Jefferson Street interceptor (54-inch gravity sewer line). This line merges with the Connecticut River interceptor (78-inch gravity sewer line) and continues to the Hartford

Water Pollution Control Plant. The Hartford Water Pollution Control Plant has sufficient excess capacity to handle the wastewater flow from the proposed center.

The capacity of the existing storm drainage distribution system at the site is considered adequate for the proposed use. There are no retention/detention requirements for this property, and there are adequate storm water outfalls. No impact to downstream properties or surface waters is expected from storm water run-off from this site. Storm water runoff from parking lots, sidewalks, and other structures on the proposed Job Corps Center will be managed in accordance with the requirements of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CDEP), Bureau of Water Management.

The City of Hartford Resource Recovery Authority operates the Hartford Landfill. The estimated life remaining at the landfill is 3-5 years for by-pass waste, and 10-12 years for ash from the waste energy plant. The Resource Recovery Authority operates the waste energy plant to reduce solid waste entering the landfill. The City of Hartford collects residential solid waste, and private transporters collect commercial solid waste. All solid waste generated during construction and operation of the center will be disposed of in accordance with applicable waste management regulations.

Connecticut Light and Power provides electric service services to the project area. Natural gas is provided to the area by Connecticut Natural Gas, and telephone service is provided by Southern New England Telephone. All of the utilities have facilities and infrastructure which are adequate to provide the required service. The proposed increased demand on the building utilities is not expected to have a significant adverse affect on the environment.

The Hartford area has a variety of transportation resources. Five interstate highways, U.S. Interstate-84, U.S. Interstate-91, U.S. Interstate-2, I-3 and U.S. Interstate-5; several major federal routes; and a system of state highways serve the Hartford area. Passenger rail service is provided by Amtrak, which has a station located approximately 3-miles from the subject property at Church Street and Union Street. Commercial air service is found at Rentschler Airport, which is approximately 4.5 miles from the subject property. The Connecticut Transit Authority (CTA) operates a bus system providing public transportation in Hartford. Daily service is provided on one of the routes running along Flatbush

Avenue and Newfield Avenue to downtown Hartford. The nearest boarding point is on Flatbush Avenue approximately 800 feet from the subject property. The proposed project will have no significant adverse impacts on transportation services in the community.

There will be no significant increase in demand for local medical, emergency, fire and police services from the proposed project. The primary care facility located closest to the subject property is the St. Francis Memorial Hospital. There are also private medical facilities located throughout the Hartford area. Security services at the Hartford Job Corps will be provided by the center's staff, with two personnel on the day shift, three on evening shift, and two on the night shift. Police services to the proposed subject property will be provided by the Hartford Police Department, which is located approximately six (6) miles from the subject property. The state police assist the city police and county sheriff as necessary.

The City of Hartford will provide fire protection. The closest fire station to the project site is the Hartford Fire Department Station located at Pearl Street, which is approximately 0.25 miles from the project site. Backup assistance will be provided by the fire station at 611 Liberty Street. The Hartford Fire Department is a full time emergency response agency providing 24-hour service. The Hartford area utilizes the 911 emergency call system for all emergencies including fire and police. All emergency services in the area are adequate to meet the needs of the proposed Job Corps Center.

The proposed project will not have a significant adverse sociological effect on the City of Hartford community. The area is characterized by a fairly diverse ethnicity, and offers numerous educational and recreational opportunities. Similarly, the proposed project will not have a significant adverse affect on demographic and

socioeconomic characteristics of the area.

The alternatives considered in the preparation of this EA were as follows: (1) No Action; (2) Construction at an Alternate Site; and (3) Continue Construction as Proposed. The "No Action" alternative was not selected. The "Alternate Site" alternative was not selected. The U. S. Department of Labor solicited proposals for new Job Corps Center sites on March 10, 1998, and received five proposals. Of the five site proposals, the only site within the State of Connecticut was the subject property on Overlook Terrace. Due to the suburban location, the lack of alternative construction sites, and the absence of any identified adverse environmental impacts from locating a Job Corps Center at the subject property, the "Continue Construction as Proposed" alternative was selected.

Based on the information gathered during the preparation of the EA, no environmental liabilities, current or historical, were found to exist on the proposed Job Corps Center site. The construction of a Job Corps Center on the undeveloped parcel located off of Overlook Terrace within the Charter Oak Business Park in Hartford, Connecticut, will not create any significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 6th day of October, 1999.

**Mary Silva,**

*Director of Job Corps.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

Petitions for transitional adjustment assistance under the North American

Free Trade Agreement—Transitional Adjustment Assistance Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182), hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), have been filed with State Governors under Section 250(b)(1) of Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, are identified in the Appendix to this Notice. Upon notice from a Governor that a NAFTA-TAA petition has been received, the Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance (OTAA), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), announces the filing of the petition and takes action pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 250 of the Trade Act.

The purpose of the Governor's actions and the Labor Department's investigations are to determine whether the workers separated from employment on or after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of Pub. L. 103-182) are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Subchapter D of the Trade Act because of increased imports from or the shift in production to Mexico or Canada.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing with the Director of OTAA at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in Washington, D.C. provided such request if filed in writing with the Director of OTAA not later than October 25, 1999.

Also, interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the petitions to the Director of OTAA at the address shown below not later than October 25, 1999.

Petitions filed with the Governors are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, OTAA, ETA, DOL, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 4th day of October, 1999.

**Grant D. Beale,**

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**Appendix**

Subject firm	Location	Date received at Governor's Office	Petition No.	Articles produced
Blount (Co.) .....	Spencer, WI .....	08/16/1999	NAFTA-3,362	Hydraulic cylidners.
Amron L.L.C. (Wkrs) .....	Waukesha, WI .....	08/16/1999	NAFTA-3,363	Air bags
Dura Automotive Systems (Co.) .....	Spring Lake, MI .....	08/11/1999	NAFTA-3,364	Spare Tire Carriers.
Wellman (UNITE) .....	Johnsonville, SC .....	08/11/1999	NAFTA-3,365	Wool.
Tandycrafts (Co.) .....	Ft. Worth, TX .....	08/20/1999	NAFTA-3,366	Leather goods.
Jennings Manufacturing (Co.) ....	Jennings, LA .....	08/17/1999	NAFTA-3,367	Men's dress slacks.
American Meter (IUE) .....	Erie, PA .....	08/19/1999	NAFTA-3,368	Machining of parts for meters.
Superior Essex—Essex Group (USA).	Pauline, KS .....	08/19/1999	NAFTA-3,369	Finished copper rod.