



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency - Working Animal Support Building Fort Belvoir, North Area 7500 GEOINT Drive Springfield, VA	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7737
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Defense Department of the Army	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 2205.10(38.00)44269
	ACTION TAKEN Approve as requested
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) proposes to construct a Working Animal Support Building (WASB) at its Headquarters facility located at Fort Belvoir, North Area, Springfield Virginia. The WASB will be constructed at the location of the NGA's existing Remote Inspection Facility (RIF), which is approximately 2,500 feet southwest from the NGA Headquarters building.

The WASB is needed to maintain the NGA's K-9 explosive detection capability at the installation. NGA has one handler for each of its explosive detection dogs. Each handler takes their dog home at night. While at work, the dogs must be groomed and exercised daily, receive general and skill-specific training, and be given food, water, and rest breaks. In addition, the dogs must receive veterinary care. The WASB will also allow the handlers to maintain their qualifications in law enforcement and physical security by allowing the dogs to be left in the facility while they attend meetings and conduct collateral security duties. The dogs will continue to be housed with their trainers at night.

The WASB will be approximately 688 square feet in size. It will be constructed primarily of concrete blocks and a metal roof, and the exterior design of the building will complement the adjacent RIF. Utilities will be tied into those of the RIF. An existing yard adjacent to the RIF will be fenced-in and used for dog training, and new sidewalks will be placed on the site for access to the WASB. The WASB is located so as to not disturb existing trees or shrubbery. The facility will not employ additional workers at the installation, and no new parking is proposed for the project.

Pursuant to its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Army completed a Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) for the project on August 2, 2012. The REC documented that the project was determined to be categorically excluded under the provisions of CX (C)(1), AR 200-2, 32 CFR part 651, Appendix B, Section II. A General Conformity Record of Non-Applicability was developed for the project. No coordination was made with local governments and the Council of Governments as the project is consistent with the current Master Plan update for Fort Belvoir, which shows the site for a Canine Care Facility (CCF) located near the RIF. The CCF will not be built. Instead, the smaller WASB will be constructed and some of the functions originally planned for the CCF will be performed in the reconfigured areas of the

existing RIF. NCPC does not have an independent NEPA review responsibility for federal projects outside the District of Columbia.

To meet the requirements of review under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Army determined that no historic properties will be affected by the construction of the project. On July 13, 2012, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources concurred with the Army's determination of no historic properties affected. NCPC does not have an independent NHPA responsibility for federal projects outside the District of Columbia.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the final site and building plans for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Working Animal Support Building, at Fort Belvoir, North Area, in Springfield, Virginia.

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

Date