Final Environmental Assessment

For the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC)
2017 Master Plan Update

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The U.S. General Services Administration

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APPENDICES

A. SCOPING LETTERS AND DISTRIBUTION LISTS
The Honorable Terry McAuliffe  
Governor of Virginia  
Richmond, VA 23219  

Dear Governor McAuliffe:

Re: Scoping for an Environmental Assessment for the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center 2016 Master Plan Update

Please be advised that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the update of the U.S. Department of State’s (DOS) Master Plan for the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC), at Arlington Hall in Arlington, Virginia (see enclosed vicinity map). NFATC is the headquarters for the Foreign Service Institute (FSI). The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to evaluate the potential impacts that proposed actions may have on the human and natural environment. GSA and DOS will act as co-lead agencies for the NFATC Master Plan Update and associated Section 106 compliance. Further, GSA will serve as the lead agency for NEPA and DOS will act as a cooperating agency for NEPA.

The Master Plan Update will document the physical requirements as well as the architectural and engineering intent for improvements to this campus for classroom training and distance learning for DOS. As world events and maintenance of U.S. diplomatic leadership place increasing demands on U.S. diplomatic professionals, the programs and support offered through NFATC equip DOS professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to carry out the Department’s diplomatic mission throughout the world. The Master Plan Update lays the groundwork for phased improvements to this essential facility needed to accommodate its evolving training mission, as well as its expanding population (on-site and distance learners) over the next decade.

The EA is being prepared in accordance with Section 102 of the NEPA and is being coordinated with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in accordance with 36CFR, Part 800.8. NEPA requires that a Federal agency provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the process of analyzing the impact of Federal actions on the human environment. The purpose of this letter is to notify members of the community and other stakeholders of an opportunity to assist GSA and DOS in identifying potential impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed Federal action.
An open-house style public meeting will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on July, 19, 2016, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204.

Scoping is an early and open public involvement process aimed at determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the EA, and identifying significant issues related to a proposed Federal action. The purpose of scoping is to allow members of the community, interested agencies, and the general public an opportunity to assist GSA in identifying issues and potential impacts associated with the NFATC Master Plan. Your participation in this process is greatly appreciated.

Agencies and members of the public are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to, or in lieu of, giving their comments at the public meeting. Comments received during the scoping period will be considered in the analyses to be conducted for the EA. Written comments regarding the EA must be postmarked no later than August 11, 2016, and sent to the following address:

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National Capital Region  
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Comments may also be sent by email to alexis.gray@gsa.gov; email subject line: NFATC Scoping Comments. All emails must be received by 11:59 p.m., August 11, 2016.

The EA will analyze the impacts of each of the alternatives on the human environment. Pursuant to NEPA regulations, a No Action Alternative will also be analyzed.

Thank you for your interest in this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 708-8100. Please direct staff inquiries to Alexis Gray at (202) 260-6895.

Sincerely,

Julia E. Hudson  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Project Location Map
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Re: Initiation of Section 106 Review and NEPA Project Scoping

Environmental Assessment for the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC) Master Plan Update, Arlington County, Virginia

Dear Ms. Haire:

We are writing to invite the Catawba Indian Nation to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 consultation for a proposed update to the Master Plan for the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC) at Arlington Hall in Arlington, Virginia (Figure 1). NFATC is the headquarters for the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State (DOS). The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and DOS are co-lead agencies for this undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In addition, GSA, as the federal agency with jurisdiction of the site, is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. DOS is a cooperating agency. NEPA requires federal agencies to evaluate the potential impacts that proposed actions may have on the human and natural environment.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8, GSA will coordinate the Section 106 review process with the NEPA process for this undertaking. The Area of Potential Effect for archaeology is the current boundary of the NFATC, which also comprises the boundary of the Arlington Hall Station Historic District.

As the attached figures indicate, the NFATC is comprised of two major parcels: a 65-acre main academic campus and a 7-acre west parcel used by DOS for satellite parking and (by memorandum of agreement) with Arlington County as a public park (Figure 2). The area of building on the NFATC campus now totals approximately 623,500 gross square feet (Figure 3). The DOS anticipates the Master Plan update will require phased construction of several new buildings and phased expansions of existing buildings within the historic district campus.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has informed GSA that further identification efforts (a Phase I archaeological survey) are warranted in four areas of potential new development prior to any ground disturbing activities. These areas are the Meadow Test Area, the Visitor's Center Test Area, the northwest portion of the West Parcel Test Area, and the Gymnasium Test Area (Figure 4).

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We invite the Catawba Indian Nation’s comments or concerns regarding the proposed efforts. Your participation in consultation on our analysis is appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Alexis Gray, NEPA Compliance Specialist, alexis.gray@gsa.gov, or Gary Porter, Historic Preservation Specialist, gary.porter@gsa.gov, by email or at the mailing address on the first page of this letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: John J. Bernard, Jr., DOS

Attachments, Figures 1-4
Figure 1: Project location shown on the Alexandria, Virginia 7.5-minute quadrangle (USGS 2013).