



GSA National Capital Region

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

Dear Interested Party:

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. GSA will serve as the lead agency for NEPA and DOS is a cooperating agency for NEPA.

The Master Plan Update will document the physical requirements and architectural and engineering intent for improvements to this campus for classroom training and distance learning for DOS. 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. World events and maintenance of U.S. diplomatic leadership place increasing demands on U.S. diplomatic professionals. 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 a Federal agency to 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.

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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:

Ms. Alexis Gray
NEPA Compliance Specialist
Office of Planning and Design Quality
Public Buildings Service
National Capital Region
U.S. General Services Administration
301 7th Street, SW - Room 4004
Washington, DC 20407

Comments can 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.

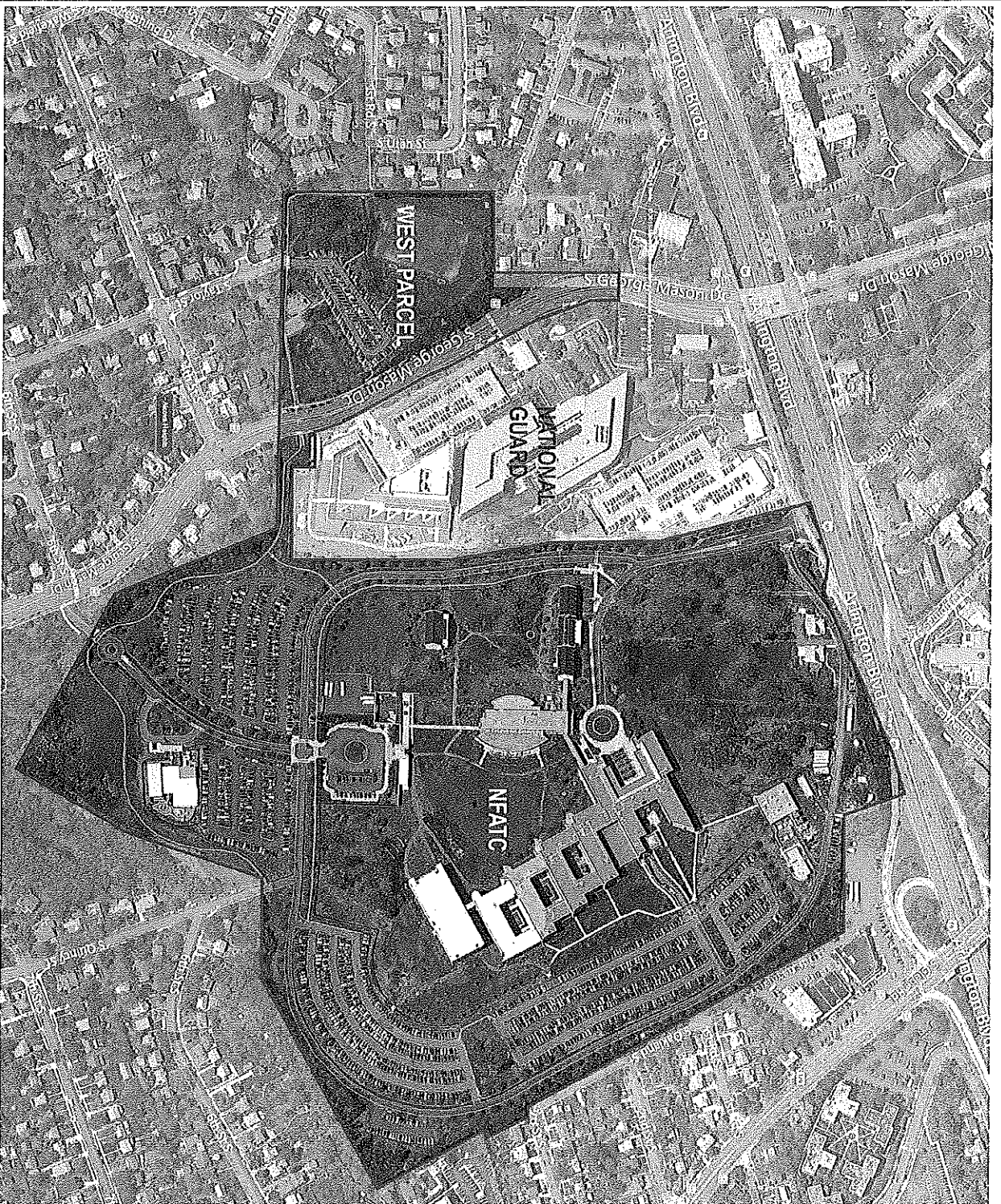
If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 708-5891, or Alexis Gray, NEPA Compliance Specialist, at (202) 260-6895.

Sincerely,



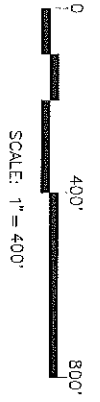
Mary D. Gibert
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Public Buildings Service

Enclosure: Project Location Map



NORTH ARROW

SCALE:



SCALE: 1" = 400'

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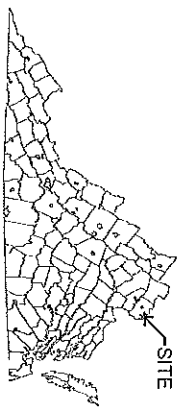
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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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JUNE 17, 2015

PROJECT LOCATION



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