NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED FORT BELVOIR NORTH AREA DISTRIBUTION CENTER FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir hereby gives Notice of the Availability (NOA) for the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed construction of a distribution center on Fort Belvoir's North Area (FBNA) in Fairfax County, Virginia. The purpose of this project is to construct and operate an approximately 525,000 square foot warehouse and administrative building with associated parking and covered storage at FBNA for approximately 600 personnel. This facility would support the delivery and receipt of materials within and across the Washington Metropolitan Area, requiring close proximity within the National Capital Region to achieve distribution efficiencies. The action would also provide compliance with the federal Office of Management and Budget guidance that encourages "good stewardship of taxpayer resources" and increasing joint site usage.

The Draft EA has been prepared in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Army's NEPA Implementing Regulations (32 CFR Part 651, *Environmental Analysis of Army Actions*). The Draft EA is available to view in printed form at the Fort Belvoir Library; at the Richard Byrd Branch, Kingstowne Branch, and Sherwood Regional Branch of the Fairfax County Public Library system; or for view/download electronically at the project website https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/FBNA/ or at the Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works-

Environmental Division website:

https://home.army.mil/belvoir/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-division. To access the Draft EA, click "Programs & Documents" tab and scroll down to "NEPA Program" on the list. Once that is clicked, a drop down will appear with all of the NEPA documents available to the public. Search on Fort Belvoir North Area Distribution Center Draft EA.

Comments or questions on the Draft EA may be submitted by email to: FBNA@usace.army.mil, by mail to Fort Belvoir Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, or by phone to the Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works-Environmental Division at (703) 806-3193 or (703) 806-0020. Comments are requested to be received no later than 30 days after publication of this NOA. The publication date of this NOA is June 30, 2022, and the comment period closes on July 29, 2022.