Public Notice

Proposed Construction of the Access Control Point Main Entry Pre-Check Facility
D.C. Army National Guard, D.C. Armory
2001 E Capitol St SE, Washington, DC 20003

All Interested Parties: The DC Army National Guard (DC Guard or DCNG) is proposing to construct a new access control facility outside the main entrance to the DC Armory. The DC Armory, opened in 1941, has been the historic location of the Joint Force Headquarter District of Columbia National Guard, and serves as a key location for the DCNG. The proposed undertaking will include the construction of a new security Access Control Point (ACP) stand-alone building outside the Armory to comply with the latest Antiterrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) requirements.

The primary pedestrian or visitors entrance to the building is on the north side of the building, as designed on East Capitol Street SE. Presently, pedestrians or visitors are screened for access to the building at an ACP located inside the building, adjacent to the main building lobby. Safety concerns have been identified for the building with the present limitations. The new security ACP will be a stand-alone building outside the DCNG Armory to allow pedestrians or visitors to be screened prior to entering the building. The building will provide a pedestrian or visitor path to the building after they are screened. Pedestrians or visitors will enter the new security ACP, proceed through security, and enter the building through a fenced off secure pedestrian or visitor zone. This building will be in an area north of the Armory and will provide ADA-compliant queuing space and entry pathway outside of the building.

The DC Armory is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and is a 'historic property.' In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, the DC Guard has considered how the proposed project could affect this historic property. In consultation with D.C. State Historic Preservation Office (D.C. SHPO), the DC Guard has determined that the introduction of the ACP in front of the primary façade of the DC Armory will result in an adverse viewshed effect on the building. To mitigate the effect on the historic property, the D.C. Guard is working with the D.C. SHPO and other consulting parties to determine what mitigation actions would be appropriate. The mitigations agreed to will be recorded in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that the D.C Guard and the D.C. SHPO shall sign.

This Public Notice is being sent out to organizations and individuals that could have an interest in consulting on this undertaking. Please submit comments and/or questions within 30 days of the date of this notice to: Ms. Sharonda Pruden at sharonda.e.pruden.nfg@army.mil or via phone at (202) 685-9675.