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Public Comment Period for Memphis Depot Property now available for Transfer to the City

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – May 31, 2001. The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and the Department of the Army will hold a 30-day public comment period from June 1 to June 30, 2001, for one Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST #2) for surplus property on the Main Installation at the former Memphis Depot.

In 1995, real property and facilities at the former Memphis Depot were selected for closure under the Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990. DLA has since undertaken the investigation and cleanup of certain environmental conditions associated with the property and has determined that the former administrative areas, including Building 144 and surrounding parking areas, are suitable for transfer to the City for purposes of community redevelopment. This determination was made in accordance with requirements of Section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 "CERCLA" (42 U. S. C. Sec. 9620[h]).

The property consists of 15.55 acres, which includes eight (8) parcels. Within these parcels are seven (7) buildings, open land areas surrounding Building 144 and two paved parking lots. The property is intended to be transferred for industrial reuse and is consistent with the intended reuse of the property as set forth in the Depot Redevelopment Corporation's *Memphis Depot Redevelopment Plan*. "This is a significant milestone for the Defense Logistics Agency. The transfer of this parcel of land to the Depot Redevelopment Corporation will allow the Memphis Police Department to build a new Southeast Precinct on the property; a positive impact for our community," said Clyde E. Hunt, Jr., Remedial Program Manager at the Depot.

The following environmental orders/agreements are applicable to the property: Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) among the Defense Logistics Agency, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV and the Main Installation Record of Decision. The deed will include a provision reserving the government's right to conduct remediation activities.

The public is invited to review the FOST #2 for a period of 30 days, June 1 to June 30, 2001. A copy of the document is available for review in the Information Repositories at the following locations:

The Memphis Depot Business Park Community Outreach Room 2163 Airways Blvd., Bldg. 144 (901) 544-0613

Memphis/Shelby County Health Department Pollution Control Division 814 Jefferson Avenue Memphis, TN (901) 544-7775 Memphis/Shelby County Public Library Cherokee Branch 3300 Sharpe Avenue 9901) 743-3655

Hillview Village Neighborhood Network Systems 2119 Alcy Road Memphis, TN (901) 743-0500

Written comments can be provided to Mr. Clyde Hunt, Jr., Remedial Program Manager, Memphis Depot Caretaker Division, 2163 Airways Blvd., Building 144, Memphis, TN 38114-5210. The public can also provide verbal comments on the Memphis Depot Environmental Information Line at (901) 544-0618. All comments must be received by June 30, 2001.

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