NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Child Development Center United States Army Garrison Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York NEPA ID EAXX-007-21-001-1736758141

The United States Department of the Army (Army) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] §§ 1500-1508), and Army Regulations 200-2 "Environmental Analysis of Army Actions" as promulgated by 32 CFR Part 651.

The EA was prepared to evaluate the impacts from the construction and operation of a new Child Development Center facility (Proposed Action) at United States Army Garrison Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. The mission of the Child Development Center is to offer a consistent, safe, and nurturing environment for children between six weeks and five years of age. The Child Development Center is currently operated out of an outdated building. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to build a newer and larger Child Development Center facility to better meet the Installation's need for childcare services. The Proposed Action would increase the Child Development Center's capacity from 76 to 126 children. The EA analyzes two alternatives including the No Action Alternative.

The Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available for review at the Brooklyn Public Library, Fort Hamilton Branch, 9424 4th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209, and the Environmental Library of the Directorate of Public Works, located at 129 Wainwright Dr., Fort Hamilton, NY 11252. The Draft EA and Draft FONSI are also available online at:

https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Assessment/Fort-Hamilton-CDC/.

Written comments on the Draft EA and Draft FONSI are invited and should be sent no later than 30 calendar days from the publication date of this Notice of Availability. Comments should be sent by email to <u>FortHamiltonCDC-EA@usace.army.mil</u> or by mail to the Fort Hamilton Public Affairs Office, Building 113, Schum Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11252.