

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Proposed Lone Star Flight Museum Relocation
Harris and Galveston Counties, Texas**

On September 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike struck the Texas Gulf Coast, causing extensive damage. The Lone Star Flight Museum (LSFM) in Galveston, Texas, was severely damaged by hurricane force winds, driving rain, and a 7-foot storm surge, which flooded the complex. Interested persons are hereby notified that the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame has applied to FEMA for assistance with the proposed relocation of the LSFM to a new location in Houston, Texas.

The LSFM is currently located at 2002 Terminal Drive in Galveston, Galveston County, Texas (Latitude: 29.270579, Longitude: -94.853776), adjacent to Galveston Island's Scholes International Airport. The proposed project would relocate the LSFM to a 13.85-acre parcel at Ellington Field (Latitude: 29.604707, Longitude: -95.174521), a joint use civil/military airport in Houston, Harris County, Texas. The Texas Aviation Hall of Fame proposes to lease a 13.85-acre vacant site owned by the City of Houston to construct a new museum complex. The new LSFM complex would be comprised of an approximately 125,000-square-foot building that would include hangar space for aircraft display and storage, an auditorium, exhibit hall, library, gift shop, and cafeteria. The project would be constructed in the center of the property encompassing approximately 10 acres of the 13.85-acre site. This project includes the eventual full-site build out of the 13.85-acre site because the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame is also evaluating additional hangars, buildings, and parking spaces within the site boundaries. The proposed project would remove the LSFM from an area that is susceptible to significant flood impacts from major storm events.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for review and comment at the Lone Star Flight Museum located at 2002 Terminal Drive, Galveston, Texas during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Daily and the Clear Lake City - County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, Texas during the hours of 10:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Tuesday and Friday, 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm Thursday, and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday. Electronic copies can be accessed on the FEMA website at <https://edit.fema.gov/environmental-planning-and-historic-preservation-program/environmental-documents-public-notices-2> or by request from Alan Hermely, Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6 at Alan.Hermely@fema.dhs.gov.

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of October 20, 2013. Written comments regarding this proposed project can be mailed to Alan Hermely, Environmental Specialist, FEMA Region 6, 909 N. Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209. Electronic comments can also be submitted to Alan.Hermely@fema.dhs.gov. If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.