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Subpart A—General

§ 643.1 Purpose.

(a) This regulation sets forth the authority, policy, responsibility, and procedure for making military real estate, under the control of the Department of the Army, available for use by other military departments, Federal agencies, State and local governmental agencies, private organizations or individuals.

(b) This regulation implements Department of Defense Directives and Instructions (4165 series), which include policies and procedures concerning use of military real estate.

§ 643.2 Applicability.

This regulation is applicable to Army military real estate, which includes land and improvements thereon and is also referred to as real property.

§ 643.3 Authority to grant use of real estate.

(a) The United States Constitution (Article IV, Section 3), provides that the Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States.

(b) One of the principal authorities for the use of military real estate for commercial purposes is title 10 U.S.C., section 2667, which authorizes the Secretary of the Army (SA), whenever it is

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considered to be advantageous to the United States, to lease such real or personal property under Army control, which is not for the time needed for public use, upon such terms and conditions as the SA considers will promote the national defense or be in the public interest.

(c) Grants under statutory authorities cited in this regulation of real property pertaining to river and harbor, water resource development and flood control projects, will be under the policies and general guidelines set forth in this regulation.

(d) The SA may, under the general administrative powers vested in the office, authorize the use of real estate in the absence of statutory authority, in unusual circumstances, provided the property is not for the time being required for public use, the grant conveys no interest in the real estate and the proposed use will be of a direct benefit to the United States. Under this authority, the right to use real estate may also be granted to other military departments or Federal agencies.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, an interest in real estate will not be granted unless authorized by law.

(f) Other laws authorizing grants for non-Army use of real estate for various purposes and Table of Related Army Regulations are set forth in appendixes A and B, respectively.

§ 643.4 Responsibilities of the Chief of Engineers (COE).

(a) After it is determined that real estate located in the United States, Puerto Rico, American Virgin Islands and the Panama Canal Zone, is available for non-Army use, the COE, except as otherwise provided in this regulation, is charged with responsibility for arranging for the use of real estate within the scope of this regulation. In the performance of this function, the COE is authorized to obtain such technical assistance from the using service as may be deemed necessary.

(b) COE has staff responsibility over real estate matters in Guam, American Samoa, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), and in foreign countries.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, determinations that real estate is available for non-Army use must be approved by the COE.

(d) The authority of the COE to grant use of real estate will be delegated, to the extent feasible, to U.S. Army Division and District Engineers (DE).

(e) The COE is responsible for the granting of temporary use of real estate reported excess to the General Services Administration (GSA), to the extent authorized by regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 471, *et seq.*), and as provided in title 10 U.S.C., section 2667(f). The COE is also responsible for supervision and the issuance of instructions covering the granting of use of real estate within the scope of this regulation. Where Army or installation commanders are authorized to grant use of real estate, they are authorized to obtain technical assistance from the appropriate DE.

(f) In reviewing Army requirements for real estate (AR 405-10), the COE will consider the availability and adequacy of other military or federally-owned real estate to satisfy Army requirements before leasing privately-owned real estate, or renewing existing leases.

§ 643.5 Responsibilities of major commands (MACOMS) and special staff agencies.

Except as otherwise provided herein, determinations of availability will be approved by the COE or higher authority. MACOMS and special staff agencies are responsible for determining the real estate which can be made available for non-Army use, specifying the authorized uses of the property which will not be incompatible with military requirements for the property, the length of the term and any restrictions to be imposed on the grantee's use. Upon approval of the determination of availability, the real estate grant will be issued by the DE or as otherwise provided in this regulation.

§ 643.6 Responsibilities of overseas commanders.

Overseas commanders are charged with responsibility for the granting of use of real estate in overseas areas

(Puerto Rico, Guam, the American Virgin Islands, American Samoa, TTPI, and the Canal Zone), and in foreign countries, for non-Army use under the policy and guidance expressed in this regulation, provided such use is consistent with the Status of Forces Agreements, Treaties, or the Agreements under which the Army controls such real estate.

§ 643.7 Preparation of report of availability.

A report of availability will be prepared by the installation commander or head of the special staff agency, when it is determined that for the time being the real estate is not required for Army use and can be made available, either concurrently with the Army, or exclusively, for use by another military department, by other Federal agencies, by State or local governmental agencies, private organizations or individuals. The installation commander's recommendation will be made as far in advance as possible so as to minimize the time lapse between the determination of availability and the date of use of the property by the grantee. Where real estate suitable for agricultural or grazing purposes is involved, the normal season for planting and grazing should be taken into consideration so that the property may be advertised in a timely manner. A copy of each report will be furnished to the appropriate DE for information. The report of availability will contain the information outlined in appendix C.

§ 643.8 Approval of report of availability.

The recommendation that real estate is determined available for non-Army use will be submitted by the installation commander to the major commander for approval, through the echelon of command. The major commander will approve such recommendation and submit it to the appropriate DE for action, except recommendations involving the following actions will be forwarded to the COE:

(a) A lease or license, including licenses to States for National Guard purposes, if the estimated annual rental value exceeds \$50,000.