

## Invitation for Public Comment

Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCBQ) is proposing to mount Range Position Location Information (RPLI) equipment on five (5) existing communication towers, two (2) existing water towers, and one (1) building that is under construction. These structures are located throughout the west side (Guadalcanal area or Westside) of the installation, which is west of Interstate (I)-95 in Fauquier, Prince William, and Stafford counties. As part of this proposed project, a processing cabinet would be installed at Building 24157 at The Basic School (TBS), and cables would be run from this Range Control building to Facility Number 24153, which is the first of the five (5) communication towers. Antennas and electronics would be installed on the structures at all eight (8) sites using existing electrical utilities. Brush clearing would also likely occur at three (3) communication tower sites, and solar panel subsystems would be installed at two (2) of the communications tower sites. Finally, six (6) utility poles would be replaced within an existing utility corridor at Range 8. Two (2) structures that are 50 years old or older and have not been evaluated for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) are directly involved in the project – Facility Numbers 26147 and 27203, which are both water towers that were built in the early 1950s. The purpose of this undertaking is to install a system that will improve the ability of MCBQ's Range Control to view active aircraft operating within MCBQ's restricted airspace, thus greatly improving the safety of manned and unmanned aircraft operating concurrently within this area. Parties wishing to comment on this project should contact Dr. Katie Burnett at [katherine.burnett@usmc.mil](mailto:katherine.burnett@usmc.mil) or 703-432-6781.