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In response to inquiries made by elected officials and property owners concerning the Connecticut State Police Firearms Training Facility Relocation Project, the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) will hold a series of informational community meetings in the towns of Voluntown, Griswold, and Canterbury during the month of March. Property owners in each town have expressed interest in selling to the State for purposes of developing this critical state facility.

These meetings will allow state officials to meet with town residents to discuss the project and for residents to express their level of interest in hosting the proposed facility. This is outside of the CEPA process (public scoping). While these will be public meetings and the general public is welcomed, the goal is to speak directly with each town's residents. The format will be informal and will allow for questions and answers.

Information will be presented concerning the potential sites that have been offered in each town, including the project description with concept layout, town-wide map showing the location of the potential sites, and individual aerial maps of the potential sites.

Written comments will be accepted up to one week later for anyone unable to attend or who wish to comment outside the meeting itself.

For each meeting, the doors will open at 6:30 pm and the public may inspect graphic information that will be provided, with the meetings commencing at 7:00 pm. There will be remarks by officials from the State Police and DAS, as well as local elected officials.

There will be a discussion covering the history of the project, the project description and the State's process to making a final decision on a site for the facility. Finally there will be a question and answer period during which the public may share their opinion on hosting the facility within their town.

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The meetings will be held:

Canterbury: March 14 Canterbury Elementary School at 67 Kitt Road in Canterbury

Voluntown: March 15 at Voluntown Elementary School, 195 Main Street, Voluntown

Griswold: March 16 in Griswold at Griswold Middle School, Auditorium, 211 Slater Ave., Jewett City, CT

If there are any other interested towns or property owners, DAS will entertain additional inquiries if received on or before March 15, 2016.

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