

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agriculture Research Service (ARS) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to build a Research Laboratory at 6383 Mahan Drive; Tallahassee, FL. This project involves the demolition of four portable laboratory buildings and the new construction of a permanent structure of equal total square footage as a replacement at the same location.

An EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and USDA-ARS regulations. The EA provides information necessary to determine whether an environmental impact statement (EIS) should be prepared or if a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) decision can be made.

Consideration of the activities involved in the proposed construction at 6383 Mahan Drive; Tallahassee, FL has been determined to have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment or on local natural resources. As a result of this EA, it is determined that an EIS is not required for the Proposed Action; therefore, a FONSI is recommended.

The EA and the FONSI are available for viewing at the following website: [Southeast Area : USDA ARS](#). Please contact Shelia Parker, Safety and Occupational Health Manager, via email at shelia.parker@usda.gov for additional information or questions.