

instructions (hereinafter "Forms Package") designed to collect proposal information from small businesses through the SBIR Web site. This notice and request for comments is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 9, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number [DHS-2007-0067], by *one* of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* ken.rogers@dhs.gov. Include docket number [DHS-2007-0067] in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Science and Technology Directorate, ATTN: OCIO/Kenneth D. Rogers, 245 Murray Drive, Bldg 410, Washington, DC 20528.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth D. Rogers (202) 254-6185 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This request for comment was previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2007, for a 60-day public comment period ending August 14, 2007. No comments were received by DHS during the 60-day comment period. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. This notice and request for comments is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DHS invites the general public to comment on the new information collection forms, as described below.

Interested parties can obtain copies of the Forms Package by calling or writing the point of contact listed above.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program established under the Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-219) is responsible for collecting information used by the DHS SBIR/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program Office to: 1. Identify members of the public who qualify for, and are interested in participating in, the DHS SBIR/STTR Program; 2. Facilitate SBIR/STTR outreach to the public; 3. Provide the DHS SBIR/STTR Program Office necessary and sufficient information to determine that proposals submitted by the public to the DHS SBIR/STTR Program meet criteria for consideration under the program.

Please note that the Forms Package includes nine forms for collecting proposal information from small businesses. As explained herein, these separate forms are intended to reduce burden and improve records management by (1) allowing offerors to submit identifying information only once and then to reference that previously submitted identifying information in the submittal of proposals, (2) eliminating the cost and delay associated with the submission of proposals via non-electronic means, (3) facilitating timely review of proposals, and (4) improving the accuracy of records management for proposals. The Department is committed to improving its SBIR processes and urges all interested parties to suggest how these materials can further reduce burden while seeking necessary information under the Act.

DHS is particularly interested in comments that:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- (3) Suggest ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (4) Suggest ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

- (1) *Type of Information Collection:* New information collection.

- (2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Company Registration Form, Research Topic Recommendation Form, Ask a Question Form, Collaboration Opportunity Form, Reviewer Opportunity Form, E-mail Mailing List Signup Form, E-mail Mailing List Removal Form, Proposal Coversheet Form, Cost Proposal Form.

- (3) *Agency Form Number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Company Registration Form (DHS FORM 10022), Research Topic Recommendation Form (DHS FORM 10018), Ask a Question

Form (DHS FORM 10020), Collaboration Opportunity Form (DHS FORM 10021), Reviewer Opportunity Form (DHS FORM 10019), E-mail Mailing List Signup Form (DHS FORM 10016), E-mail Mailing List Removal Form (DHS FORM 10024), Proposal Coversheet Form (DHS FORM 10017), Cost Proposal Form (DHS FORM 10023).

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Business or other for-profit; the data collected through the SBIR Forms Package will be used to collect and review proposals from small businesses.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Company Registration Form—400 respondents annually/15 minutes per respondent, Research Topic Recommendation Form—120 respondents annually/15 minutes per respondent, Ask a Question Form—150 respondents annually/10 minutes per respondent, Collaboration Opportunity Form—100 respondents annually/15 minutes per respondent, Reviewer Opportunity Form—100 respondents annually/15 minutes per respondent, E-mail Mailing List Signup Form—300 respondents annually/10 minutes per respondent, E-mail Mailing List Removal Form—180 respondents annually/10 minutes per respondent, Proposal Coversheet Form—460 respondents annually/30 minutes per respondent, Cost Proposal Form—370 respondents annually/1 hour per respondent.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 885 burden hours.

Dated: August 29, 2007.

Kenneth D. Rogers,

Chief Information Officer, Science and Technology Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2007-28745]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, July 24, 2007, the Coast Guard published its intent to hold meetings of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee. This

supplemental notice makes an addition to the previous one.

Agendas of Meetings

Agenda of Meeting on September 11, 2007 Originally Published at 72 FR 40321

In addition to addressing the Task Statements listed in the July 24, 2007, notice, a working group will address a new Task Statement concerning "A Review of the Draft Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) Concerning Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials." The working group will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meeting. No action will be taken on their report on this date.

Agenda of Meeting on September 12, 2007 Originally Published at 72 FR 40321

In addition to the agenda published in the July 24, 2007, notice, the committee may consider and vote on any recommendations from the working group deliberating the new Task Statement concerning "Review of the Draft NVIC Concerning Medical and Physical Evaluation Guidelines for Merchant Mariner Credentials."

Dated: August 24, 2007.

J. G. Lantz,

Director of National and International Standards, Assistant Commandant for Prevention—Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2007-29141]

National Maritime Security Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting via Teleconference.

SUMMARY: The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC) will conduct a meeting by teleconference on Thursday, September 20, 2007, for the purpose of discussing the committee's comments, recommendations, and responses to a questionnaire designed to inform the development of a preliminary draft of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Biometric Reader Requirements Notice

of Proposed Rulemaking. The teleconference will be open to the public.

DATES: The teleconference will take place Thursday, September 20, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. e.s.t. This teleconference may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 13, 2007. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The NMSAC teleconference will be held in room 5222, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St., SW., Washington, DC 20593. Public participation is limited to monitoring the teleconference only, except at the time allotted by the chairperson for public comment; special note, the number of teleconference lines is limited and available on a first-come, first served basis. For call-in information contact Commander Mark Hammond using the contact information below. Requests to have topic related written material distributed to each member of the committee prior to the meeting should reach the contact person at the address below by September 13, 2007. Send written material by mail or electronic mail per instructions below. This notice is available in our online docket, USCG-2007-29141, at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Mark Hammond, CG-3PCP-1/NMSAC, Room 5302, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC, 20593, telephone number 202-372-1107, e-mail mark.e.hammond@uscg.mil and fax number 202-372-1905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463).

On September 20, 2007 the committee will meet via teleconference for the purpose of discussing the committee's comments, recommendations, and responses to a questionnaire designed to inform the development of a preliminary draft of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Biometric Reader Requirements Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The committee will discuss the above issues from approximately 1 p.m. e.s.t. to 4 p.m. e.s.t. The chairperson of the NMSAC shall conduct the teleconference meeting in a way that will, in their judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Please note that the teleconference may end early if all business is completed.

Agenda of Teleconference

(1) September 20, 2007 teleconference meeting:

a. Discuss the committee's comments, recommendations, to inform the development of a preliminary draft of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Biometric Reader Requirements Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

b. The Chairperson will announce the time allotted for public comments and discussion.

Procedural

The teleconference is open to the public, either by calling in on one of the public lines, or by attending at the Coast Guard headquarters address listed in **ADDRESSES** above. Please note that the teleconference may end early if all business is finished. Security requires that any member of the public who wishes to attend the teleconference in person at Coast Guard Headquarters provide his or her name and date of birth no later than 4 p.m. e.s.t., Friday, September 14, 2007 to Commander Mark Hammond at NMSAC@uscg.mil, or via phone at (202) 372-1107. Please list the docket number and NMSAC Teleconference in the subject line on all email messages. Photo identification will be required for entry into the building.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Commander Mark Hammond as soon as possible.

Dated: August 28, 2007.

M. P. O'Malley,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, , Office of Port & Facility Activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted the following information