

93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants; 93.701, ARRA Related Biomedical Research and Research Support Awards, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of Refugee Resettlement

#### Notice To Announce the Award of an Urgent Single-Source Grant to Survivors of Torture International (SOTI) in San Diego, CA

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** The Office of Refugee Resettlement announces the award of an urgent single-source grant to Survivors of Torture International (SOTI) to provide comprehensive rehabilitative services to survivors of torture.

*CFDA Number:* 93.604

*Statutory Authority:* Awards announced in this notice are authorized by Section 412(c)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)(8 U.S.C. 1522(c)(1)(A), as amended, and the Refugee Assistance Extension Act of 1986, Public Law 99-605, Nov 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3449.

*Amount of Award:* \$271,000.

*Project Period:* July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

*Summary:* Notice is hereby given that an urgent single-source grant is awarded to Survivors of Torture, International (SOTI), San Diego, CA. The grant will support direct services to persons who have experienced trauma or torture prior to their arrival in the United States. The grant will serve San Diego County, which is the area that has received the greatest number of Iraqi refugee arrivals, as well as a high percentage of other refugees and asylum-seekers. The grantee, SOTI, will provide comprehensive rehabilitative services to Iraqi and other survivors of torture, who are in need of specialized services that will enable these survivors to regain their health and independence and rebuild productive lives. In addition to provision of direct services, SOTI will train other area service providers to more effectively serve this population. SOTI will also focus on

sustaining collaborations among providers serving this population.

According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in FY 2009, twenty-eight percent of the country's asylum-seekers came to California for resettlement. In 2010, a total of 3,663 refugees were resettled in San Diego. At least 159,550 refugees, asylees, and asylum-seekers in San Diego have come from areas where torture may be practiced. San Diego's numbers include an influx in Iraqi refugees, as one in four Iraqi refugees has resettled in California, with the vast majority resettling in San Diego.

SOTI is the only program in San Diego County that provides medical affidavits for torture survivors to use in claiming asylum. They have also reported an 84 percent increase in client intakes during fiscal years (FYs) 2009 and 2010. As a result, an urgent need exists for specialized services for individuals in San Diego who have suffered torture prior to their arrival in the United States.

SOTI is well positioned to provide medical, psychological, social, and legal services to Iraqis who have suffered torture and are relocated in the San Diego area. SOTI has developed a large network of pro bono service providers and possesses the clinical and programmatic expertise to serve survivors of torture.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2011-0705]

#### Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will meet on October 6, 2011 and October 7, 2011 in Washington, DC to discuss various issues related to the

training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** MERPAC working groups will meet on October 6, 2011, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and the full committee will meet on October 7, 2011, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. This meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Written comments to be distributed to committee members and placed on MERPAC's website are due September 23, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee will meet in Room 2501 of Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593. To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee and working groups. Written comments must be identified by Docket No. USCG-2011-0705 and submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments (preferred method to avoid delays in processing).
- *Fax:* 202-372-1918.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Any requests to make oral presentations should be made in advance using one of the methods highlighted above. This notice may be viewed in our online docket, USCG-2011-0705, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. We request that members of the public who plan to attend this meeting notify Mr. Rogers Henderson at 202-372-1408 no later than October 3, 2011, so that he may notify building security officials.