

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C), Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with 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 February 2, 2015. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to DHS/NPPD/CS&C/OEC, 245 Murray Lane, Mail Stop 0615, Washington, DC 20598-0615. Emailed requests should go to Deborah Bea, deborah.bea@hq.dhs.gov. Comments must be identified by DHS-2014-0008 and may also be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- *Email:* deborah.bea@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the TSP System is to provide a legal basis for telecommunications vendors to provide priority provisioning and restoration of telecommunications services supporting national security and emergency preparedness functions. The information gathered via the TSP System forms is the minimum necessary for DHS's Office of Emergency Communications to effectively manage the TSP System.

OMB 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. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, Office of Emergency Communications.

Title: Telecommunications Service Priority System.

OMB Number: 1670-0005.

Frequency: Information is required when an organization decides they want TSP priority on their critical circuits. These requests are situational and made at the discretion of the telecommunications user therefore the program office is not able to determine when or how often such requests will occur.

Affected Public: Business (private sector organizations that support critical infrastructure) and Federal, state, local, or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 28,161 respondents.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 3 hours, 17 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 7,727.42 annual burden hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$243,259.17.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.00.

Dated: November 24, 2014.

David Epperson,

Chief Information Officer, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2014-0687]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee.

The Towing Safety Advisory Committee advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. Applicants selected for service on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee via this solicitation will not begin their respective terms until September 30, 2015.

DATES: Completed applications should reach the Coast Guard February 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send your application via one of the following methods:

- *By Email:* William.J.Abernathy@USCG.mil.

- *By Fax:* 202-372-8382.

- *By Mail:* Commandant (CG-OES-2) ATTN: Towing Safety Advisory Committee, U.S. Coast Guard, Stop 7509, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20593-7509.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William J. Abernathy, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee; telephone 202-372-1363; Fax 202-372-8382; or email at: William.J.Abernathy@USCG.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee is a Federal advisory committee which operates under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, Title 5 United States Code Appendix. It was established under authority of the Act to establish a Towing Safety Advisory Committee in the Department of Transportation, (Pub. L. 96-380), which was most recently amended by section 621 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, (Pub. L. 111-281). The Committee advises the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. This advice also assists the Coast Guard in formulating the position of the United States regarding the towing industry in advance of International Maritime Organization meetings.

It is expected the Committee will meet twice per year either in the Washington, DC, area or in cities with large towing centers of commerce and populated by high concentrations of towing industry and related businesses. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Subcommittees of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee may conduct intercessional telephonic meetings, when necessary, in response to specific U.S. Coast Guard tasking. The Coast Guard is currently considering applications for six

positions that will become vacant on September 30, 2015:

- Two members representing the barge and towing industry;
- One member representing the offshore mineral and oil supply vessel industry;
- One member representing the holders of active licensed Masters of towing vessels in offshore service;
- One member representing shippers engaged in the shipment of oil or hazardous materials by barge; and,
- One member drawn from the general public.

To be eligible, applicants should have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding shallow- draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

Registered lobbyists are not eligible to serve on federal advisory committees in their individual capacity. See guidance notice (79 FR 47482, August 13, 2014). The position we list for a member drawn from the general public would be someone appointed in their individual capacity and would be designated as a Special Government Employee as defined in 202(a) of Title 18, United States Code. Registered lobbyists are lobbyists required to comply with provisions contained in the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–65, as amended by Title II of Pub. L. 110–81).

Each member serves for a term of up to three (3) years. Members may be considered to serve a maximum of three consecutive terms. All members serve without compensation from the Federal Government; however, upon request, members may receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

In an effort to maintain a geographic balance of membership, we are encouraging representatives from tug and barge companies operating on the Western Rivers to apply for representation on the Committee.

The Department of Homeland Security does not discriminate in selection of Committee members on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factors. The Department of Homeland Security strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all of its recruitment selections.

If you are selected as a non-representative member, or as a member drawn from the general public, you will be appointed and serve as a Special Government Employee as defined in section 202(a) of Title 18, United States

Code. As a candidate for appointment as a Special Government Employee, applicants are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). The Coast Guard may not release the reports or the information in them to the public except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Applicants can obtain this form by going to the Web site of the Office of Government Ethics (www.oge.gov), or by contacting the individual listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Applications for a member drawn from the general public which are not accompanied by a completed OGE Form 450 will not be considered.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Committee, send a cover letter and résumé to William J. Abernathy, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee by email, fax, or mail according to the instructions in the **ADDRESSES** section by the deadline in the **DATES** section of this notice. Indicate the specific position you request to be considered for and specify your area of expertise, knowledge, and experience that qualifies you to serve on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee. Note that during the vetting process applicants may be asked to provide date of birth and social security number. All email, fax, and mail submittals will receive email receipt confirmation.

Dated: November 6, 2014.

J.G. Lantz,

Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards, United States Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5761–N–03]

60-Day Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Standardized Form for Collecting Information Regarding Race and Ethnic Data

AGENCY: Office of Strategic Planning and Management, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested

parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* February 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2535–0113) and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; Telephone (202) 402–4300, (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov; for a copy of the proposed form and other available information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorthera Yorkshire, Grants Management and Oversight Division, Office of Strategic Planning and Management Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 3156, Washington, DC 20410; email: Dorthera.Yorkshire@hud.gov; telephone (202) 402–4336; Fax (202) 708–0531 (this is not a toll-free number) for other available information. If you are a hearing-or-speech-impaired person, you may reach the above telephone numbers through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (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; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information: