

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of this proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Director, Office of Family Assistance, the following authority vested in me by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in a memorandum dated September 16, 1997.

(a) Authority Delegated.

Authority to administer the provisions of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Amendments of 1996, 42 U.S.C. 9801 note, under Sections 601-615 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C.

1305 note, 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq., and as amended now and hereafter.

(b) Limitations and Conditions.

1. This delegation shall be exercised under the Department's existing policies on delegations and regulations.

2. This delegation shall be exercised under financial and administrative requirements applicable to all Administration for Children and Families authorities.

3. Any redelegation shall be in writing and prompt notification must be provided to all affected managers, supervisors, and other personnel.

(c) Effect on Existing Delegations.

This delegation supersedes any previous delegation of authority pertaining to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) and officials within ACYF.

(d) Effective Date.

This delegation was effective on July 24, 2006.

I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the Director, Office of Family Assistance, which involved the exercise of the authority delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation.

Dated: August 7, 2006.

Wade F. Horn,

Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Director, Office of Head Start, the following authority vested in me by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in a memorandum dated August 20, 1991.

(a) Authority Delegated.

Authority to administer the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, authorized by the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. 9801 et seq., including authority to conduct reviews of Head Start and Early Head Start grantees pursuant to sections 641A(c) and 645A(b)(9) of the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. 9836A and 9840A, and to determine the existence of deficiencies, as defined in 45 CFR 1304.3(a)(6), and other instances of noncompliance, to make determinations of whether deficiencies and other instances of noncompliance have been corrected by grantees pursuant to

sections 641A(d) and 645A(b)(9) of the Head Start Act, and 45 CFR part 1304 and to terminate or suspend funding or deny refunding to Head Start and Early Head Start grantees pursuant to Section 646 of the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. 9841, and 45 CFR parts 1303 and 1304.

(b) Limitations and Conditions.

1. This delegation shall be exercised under the Department's existing policies on delegations and regulations.

2. This delegation shall be exercised under financial and administrative requirements applicable to all Administration for Children and Families authorities. The approval or disapproval of grant applications, the making of grant awards, the waiver of the non-Federal share under 42 U.S.C. 9835(b), the waiver of fifteen percent administrative cost limitation under 42 U.S.C. 9839(b), and the approval of interim grantees under 42 U.S.C. 9836(e) require concurrence of the grants officer. The approval or disapproval of contract applications and awards are subject to contracting officer processes in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations.

3. Any redelegation shall be in writing and prompt notification must be provided to all affected managers, supervisors, and other personnel.

(c) Effect on Existing Delegations.

This delegation supersedes all previous delegations of authority involving the Head Start Act to officials within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

(d) Effective Date.

This delegation was effective on July 24, 2006.

I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the Director, Office of Head Start, which involved the exercise of the authority delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation.

Dated: August 7, 2006.

Wade F. Horn,

Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology Program ("US-VISIT"); Notice to Aliens Subject to US-VISIT Screening

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies the port of entry of Fresno, California, the sea

port of entry of New Orleans, Louisiana, and the pre-flight inspection location of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, as locations at which the Department of Homeland Security will begin biometric screening of arriving aliens using the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology Program.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This notice is effective August 15, 2006 for Fresno, California, on or before October 1, 2006, for Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and October 15, 2006, for New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Rouse or Craig Howie, Senior Policy Advisors, US-VISIT, Department of Homeland Security, 1616 Fort Myer Drive, 18th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22209, (202) 298-5200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 5, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) Program in accordance with several statutory mandates that collectively require DHS to create an integrated, automated biometric entry and exit system that records the arrival and departure of aliens; verifies the identities of aliens; and authenticates travel documents presented by such aliens through the comparison of biometric identifiers. Aliens subject to US-VISIT may be required to provide fingerprints, photographs, or other biometric identifiers upon arrival in, or departure from, the United States. See 69 FR 468 (Jan. 5, 2004) and 69 FR 53318 (Aug. 31, 2004) for information on the background, legal mandates, and legal requirements of the US-VISIT Program. Additional information on US-VISIT and the most up-to-date list of ports of entry where US-VISIT is operational can be found on the Internet at <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=91>.

DHS regulations at 8 CFR 235.1(d)(1)(ii) note that DHS will designate by notice in the **Federal Register** ports of entry where aliens will be required to provide fingerprints, photograph(s), or other specified biometric identifiers during the inspection process when applying for entry or admission into the United States. This notice fulfills the requirements of 8 CFR 235.1(d)(1)(ii).

This Notice makes no changes to existing US-VISIT requirements, processes, or classifications of aliens subject to or exempt from US-VISIT biometric screening. This Notice merely identifies additional ports of entry and a pre-flight inspection location that will be using US-VISIT biometric screening.

US-VISIT biometric screening will begin at Fresno, Halifax, and New Orleans as follows:

Fresno, California (Fresno-Yosemite International Airport), which will begin biometric screening on August 15, 2006.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (Halifax International Airport, Pre-Flight Inspection), which will begin biometric screening on or before October 1, 2006. Halifax is the eighth pre-flight screening location in Canada to use US-VISIT biometric screening.

New Orleans, Louisiana (Erato Street Cruise Terminal), which will begin biometric screening on October 15, 2006.

DHS notes the date of October 1, 2006, for Halifax is an estimate. It is possible that the pre-flight inspection facilities in Halifax will be ready prior to October 1, 2006. Should Halifax pre-flight inspection be ready before October 1, 2006, or if the opening of this pre-flight inspection facility is delayed beyond October 1, 2006, a revised estimated start date will be posted on the US-VISIT Internet site at the address noted above. Further, DHS will communicate the exact date Halifax will begin US-VISIT biometric screening directly to local area news media, civic organizations, and the transportation and travel industry once that date has been established.

Dated: August 7, 2006.

Michael Chertoff,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). NOSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters affecting the offshore industry.

DATES: Application forms should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 30, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-PSO-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW.,

Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-372-1414; or by faxing 202-372-1926. A copy of the application form is also available from the Coast Guard's Advisory Committee Web page at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/index.htm>. Send your application in written form to the above street address. A copy of the application, along with this notice, is also available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander John M. Cushing, Executive Director of NOSAC, or James M. Magill, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202 372-1414, fax 202-372-1926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOSAC is a Federal advisory committee established under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended). It consists of 15 regular members who have particular knowledge and experience regarding offshore technology, equipment, safety and training, as well as environmental expertise in the exploration or recovery of offshore mineral resources. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Prevention regarding safety, security and rulemaking matters relating to the offshore mineral and energy industries. This advice assists the Coast Guard in developing policy and regulations and formulating the positions of the United States in advance of meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

NOSAC meets approximately twice a year, with one of these meetings being held at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

We will consider applications for three positions. These positions will begin in January 2007. Applications should reach us by September 30, 2006, but we will consider applications received later if they arrive within a reasonable time before we make our recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security.

To be eligible, applicants should have experience in one of the following categories: (1) Offshore operations, (2) diving services associated with offshore activities, or (3) pipelaying services. Please state on the application form which of the three categories you are applying for. Each member normally serves a term of 3 years or until a replacement is appointed. A few