

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Grants and Training for Comments on a New Information Collection Request (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants Program); Submission for Review; New Information Collection Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Grants and Training, Staffing for the Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants Programs.

**ACTION:** Notice; 30-day notice of information collections under review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has submitted 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: 1670\_NEW. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 2006 pages Volume 71, Number 205, Page 62273, allowing for OMB review and a 60-day public comment period. No comments have been received by DHS. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 22, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

*Comments:* Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security/ Grants and Training, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

(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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528; and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974 (this is not a toll free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Analysis**

*Agency:* National Protection and Programs Directorate, Office of Grants and Training, Assistance to the Firefighters Program Office, Department of Homeland Security.

*Title:* Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants program (SAFER).

*OMB No.:* 1670-NEW.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,500-5,000 respondents.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour per response.

*Total Burden Hours:* 70,000.

*Total Burden Cost:* (capital/startup): None.

*Total Burden Cost:* (operating/maintaining): None.

*Description:* Information sought under this submission will comprise the grant application for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. This submission is necessary in order for DHS to effectively implement a competitive grant program. The SAFER program provides for \$110,000,000 in grant funding to be distributed directly to individual fire departments on a competitive basis. The law allows DHS to provide funds to pay the salaries and benefits of newly hired firefighters with decreasing Federal contributions over the span of five years. The law also allows DHS to provide funding to volunteer and combination fire departments to create or expand a recruitment and retention program for volunteer firefighters. The funding is available for up to four years depending on the original proposal

submitted by the grantee. The information collected through the program's application is the minimum necessary to evaluate grant applications authorized under the SAFER grant program or is necessary for DHS to comply with mandates delineated in the law. The Assistance to Firefighters Program Office has created an online tutorial and drafted program guidance which will be available prior to the application period at [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com).

Dated: July 17, 2007.

**Fawn Pettigrew,**

*Director of Operations, National Programs and Protection Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****National Protection and Programs Directorate, National Communications System Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Shared Resources High Frequency Radio Station Data Form**

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate, National Communications System.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) invites comments from the general public and other federal agencies on an information collection requirement that will be submitted to OMB as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104-106).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 21, 2007 to be assured consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Manager, NCS, Attn: Larry Hazzard, 701 South Courthouse Road, Arlington VA 22204 or e-mail [larry.hazzard@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:larry.hazzard@hq.dhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of the Manager, NCS, Attn: Larry Hazzard, 701 South Courthouse Road, Arlington VA 22204, e-mail, [larry.hazzard@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:larry.hazzard@hq.dhs.gov), or telephone, 703-607-4865 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Direct all written comments to the Department of Homeland Security at the above address. A copy of this Information Collection Request, with applicable

supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the contact listed above. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

(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

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#### Analysis

*Agency:* National Protection and Programs Directorate, National Communications System.

*Title:* Shared Resources High Frequency Radio Program (SHARES) Station Data Form.

*OMB No.:* 1670—New.

*Frequency:* 1,430 times per year.

*Affected Public:* Private Citizens.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,430 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes per response.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,860 hours.

*Total Burden Cost:* (capital/startup): None.

*Total Burden Cost:* (operating/maintaining): None.

*Description:* The purpose of the SHARES program is to provide a single, interagency emergency message handling system by bringing together existing High Frequency (HF) radio resources of Federal, state and private organizations when normal communications are destroyed or unavailable for the transmission of national security and emergency preparedness information. SHARES is available on a 24-hour basis to provide an emergency communications link to support intra- or interagency mission requirements. Potential HR radio resources exist in every state and overseas. Radio Operators or other radio operating entities may request to be a part of the SHARES program by submitting appropriate information to DHS on a SHARES Station Data Form.

The form will also be used when a station requests to be removed from the program and when providing updated station information. The form will contain information such as station address, station telephone numbers, call signs, address codes, frequencies, technical station capabilities, hours of operation, and point of contact information. SHARES implements Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," dated April 3, 1984 (amended by Executive Order 13286, dated February 28, 2003).

Dated: July 17, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2006-26298]

#### Homeporting of Four National Security Cutters at Alameda, CA; Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard (USCG) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Commissioning and Homeporting of four National Security Cutters (NSCs) at Coast Guard Island (CGI), Alameda, California. The EA tiers from the USCG's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Integrated Deepwater System (IDS) Program. The purpose of the proposed action is to replace the four existing 378-foot High Endurance Cutters (WHECs), currently homeported at CGI, with the NSCs. The USCG proposes to replace the WHECs on a one-for-one replacement schedule starting in 2007/2008 and continuing one per year until 2010/2011.

*Availability:* Electronic copies of the Final EA and FONSI are available from the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Web site at <http://dms.dot.gov> using the Coast Guard's docket number USCG-2006-26298.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this notice, the Final EA or the FONSI, contact CDR Paul Boinay, Coast Guard, telephone 571-218-3382 or by e-mail at [Paul.Boinay@dwicgs.com](mailto:Paul.Boinay@dwicgs.com). If you have questions on viewing material on the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-493-0402.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Proposed Action

To continue to meet America's 21st century maritime threats and challenges, the USCG initiated the Integrated Deepwater System Program, the largest and most innovative acquisition in the Coast Guard's history. The IDS will contribute to the Coast Guard's maritime domain awareness, as well as the improved ability to intercept, engage, and deter those activities that pose a direct challenge/threat to U.S. sovereignty and security. The IDS will provide the means to extend our layered maritime defenses from our ports and coastal areas to hundreds of miles out to sea.

As part of the IDS program, the USCG proposes a NSC home-porting plan that entails home porting four NSCs, some pier improvements, and a new administrative building at CGI in Alameda, California. The four NSCs would replace, on a one-for-one basis, the four aging 378-foot WHECs currently stationed in Alameda.

To accommodate the vessels and crew, in addition to the proposed home porting, improvements to the existing waterfront pier and construction of a new administration building would be required at the existing base to provide adequate shore-side support.

##### Environmental Assessment

We prepared an Environmental Assessment to identify and examine the reasonable alternatives and assess their potential environmental impact. The EA evaluated the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts associated with the NSC homeporting plan on natural, cultural and human resources. The EA tiers from the USCG's Final PEIS for the IDS Program (see notice of availability, 67 FR 15275, Mar. 29, 2002).

Our preferred alternative is to commission and home port the four NSCs into an area where the necessary shore-side infrastructure and port environment already exists to support this class and number of vessels. The existing base on CGI provides the shore support necessary to meet the logistical requirements of the four NSCs. This existing support includes secure facilities, easy access for Coast Guard